

SMMT UK new car and LCV registrations outlook to 2021 – January 2020

Background and context to panel survey

The outlook is revised on a quarterly basis in January, April, July and October. The latest survey of participants' own views was conducted during January 2020.

Please note that results in January were collected ahead of the UK's planned departure from the European Union on 31 January 2020. This is the first SMMT outlook to include a view specifically on hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs).

UK new car and light vehicle registrations (January 2020) outlook

<i>thousands</i>	All cars	Diesel cars	BEV cars	PHEV cars	HEV cars	LCVs
2007 – 2016[^]	2,260	1,061		-	-	288
2016	2,693	1,285	10	27	50	376
2017	2,541	1,066	14	36	68	362
2018	2,367	750	15	44	82	357
2019	2,311	616	38	35	98	366
2020(f)	2,252	579	67	55	121	348
2021(f)	2,270	515	100	86	148	342

[^] = annual average for 2007 to 2016. LCVs = light commercial vehicles to 3.5t gvw

Diesel include mild hybrids, BEV = Battery electric vehicle, PHEV = Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, HEV = Hybrid electric vehicles.

Note: there were 15 returns from a current panel of 16 – the survey is voluntary.

SMMT outlook for 2020 and 2021 – as at January 2020

2020

- Cars registrations at 2.252 million, down 2.6% on the 2019 total.
- Diesel car volume of 0.579 million, down 6.0% on 2019 and taking a 25.7% market share.
- BEV registrations to rise 77.7%, pushing market share up to 3.0%.
- PHEV registrations to rise 58.5%, pushing market share up to 2.5%.
- HEV registrations to increase 23.9%, with market share of 5.4%.
- LCV registrations at 0.348 million, down 4.8% on the 2019 total.

2021

- Cars registrations at 2.270 million, up 0.8% on the 2020 outlook level.
- Diesel car volume of 0.531 million, down 8.3% on 2020 and taking a 23.4% market share.
- BEV registrations to rise 49.4% on 2020 outlook, increasing market share to 4.4%.
- PHEV registrations to rise 55.9% on 2020 outlook, pushing market share up to 3.8%.
- HEV registrations to increase 22.5% on 2020 outlook, with market share of 6.5%.
- LCV registrations at 0.342 million, down 1.9% on the outlook for 2020.

Notes: car forecasts rounded to nearest 10,000 and LCV to 1,000 unit.

Reasonable care has been taken in preparing this information. It is not an exclusive aid for market analysis, other sources and market intelligence should be reviewed.

Next revision and contact

The outlook is scheduled to be next revised in April 2020 and result will be posted by end of the month.

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