SMMT UK new car and LCV registrations outlook to 2020 – April 2019

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 April 2019. SMMT’s outlook is an average of data received from participating market analysts (panel). Each outlook received is given equal weight and is anonymised.

2018:

New car registrations: 2.367 million units, -6.8% on 2017’s 2.541 million and -12.1% on 2016’s peak.

Diesel registrations at 0.751 million, down 16.9% on 2017 and over 0.5 million from 2016. Share down to 31.7%.

Light commercial vehicles (LCV, to 3.5t gvw) at 0.357 million was modest 1.3% down on 2017.

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| **UK new light vehicle registrations and (April 2019) outlook**   |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | *thousands* | All cars | Diesel cars | AFV cars | Plug-in cars | LCVs | | 2007 – 2016^ | 2,260 | 1,061 | - | - | 288 | | 2016 | 2,693 | 1,285 | 89 | 39 | 376 | | 2017 | 2,541 | 1,066 | 120 | 49 | 362 | | 2018 | 2,367 | 751 | 141 | 60 | 357 | | 2019F | 2,330 | 621 | 160 | 77 | 359 | | 2020F | 2,307 | 554 | 212 | 117 | 337 |   *^ = annual average for 2007 to 2016. LCVs = light commercial vehicles to 3.5t gvw*  *AFV = alternatively fuelled vehicles, Plug-in = battery electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles*  *Note: there were 16 returns from a current panel of 16 – the survey is voluntary* |

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| SMMT outlook for 2019 and 2020 – as at April 2019  2019   * Cars registrations at 2.330 million, down 1.6% on the 2018 level. * Diesel car volume of 0.621 million, down 17.2% on 2018 and reducing market share to 26.6%. * AFVs registrations to rise 13.6% and plug-ins up 27.7%, taking market shares to 6.9% and 3.3% * LCV registrations at 0.357m, up 0.2% on the 2018 level.   2020   * Cars registrations at 2.307 million, down 1.0% on the 2019 outlook level. * Diesel car volume of 0.554 million, down 10.8% on 2019 and taking 23.2% market share. * AFVs registrations to rise 32.4% and plug-ins 52.4%, pushing market shares to 9.2% and 5.1% * LCV registrations at 0.337 million, down 5.9% on the outlook for 2019.   *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 July 2019 and result will be posted by end of the month.

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