

SMMT UK New Car and LCV Registrations Outlook to 2023 at July 2022

Background and context to panel survey

The latest market outlook was set against the ongoing global supply chain issues, predominantly the lack of semiconductors, exacerbated by Covid lockdowns in key manufacturing and logistics centres and the war in Ukraine, which restricted production output and thus supply into the UK new car market. In addition, there are increased economic headwinds, largely around the cost of living crisis. The outlook is revised quarterly in January, April, July and October.

UK new car and light vehicle registrations outlook – July 2022

<i>thousands</i>	All cars	Diesel cars	BEV cars	PHEV cars	HEV cars	LCVs	BEV LCVs
2016	2,693	1,285	10	29	50	376	1
2019	2,311	616	38	35	98	366	3
2020	1,631	323	108	67	110	293	5
2021	1,647	235	191	115	147	355	13
2022(f)	1,601	152	252	110	183	307	20
2023(f)	1,888	137	374	152	217	357	33

[^] = 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 replies received, 15 views for cars and 8 for vans. The survey is voluntary.

SMMT outlook for 2022 and 2023 – as at July 2022

2022

- New car registrations outlook at 1.601 million, represents a fall of -2.8% on the 2021 total.
- BEV registrations are expected to rise by 32% to 252,000 units, with market share of 15.7%.
- PHEV registrations are expected to fall by -3.8% with market share of 6.9%.
- HEV registrations are predicted to rise by 24.1%, with market share of 11.4%.
- Diesel registrations are expected to fall -35.2% on 2021 with market share of 9.5%.
- LCV registrations at 307,000 units, are expected to fall by -13.7% on the 2021 total.
- BEV share of LCV market is expected to be at 6.4%, at 20,000 units (a 53.1% volume rise).

2023

- Cars registrations at 1.888 million, are predicted to increase by 17.9% on the 2022 outlook.
- BEV registrations predicted to rise by 48.4% on the 2022 outlook, with market share at 19.8%.
- PHEV registrations envisaged to rise by 37.7% on the 2022 outlook, taking market share to 8%.
- HEV registrations predicted to increase by 18.5% on the 2022 outlook, with market share of 11.5%.
- Diesel registrations expected to slide -9.7% with market share falling to 7.3%.
- LCV registrations at 357,000 units, are expected to rise by 16.4% on the 2022 outlook.
- LCV BEV volumes are expected to rise 68.8% on the 2022 view and take a 9.2% market share.

Notes: outlooks rounded to nearest 1,000 units.

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 October 2022 and result will be posted by 4 November. The project work is managed by SMMT's Economics team econoweb@smmt.co.uk