

SMMT UK new car and LCV registrations outlook to 2020 – July 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 July 2019. SMMT's outlook is <u>an average</u> 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.

UK new light vehicle registrations and (July 2019) outlook					
thousands	All cars	Diesel cars	BEV cars	PHEV cars	LCVs
2007 – 2016^	2,260	1,061	-	-	288
2016	2,693	1,285	10	29	376
2017	2,541	1,066	14	36	362
2018	2,367	751	15	44	357
2019F	2,316	625	26	33	363
2020F	2,288	588	51	52	339

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

AFV = alternatively fuelled vehicles, BEV = battery electric vehicle, PHEV = plug-in hybrid electric vehicles Note: there were 16 returns from a current panel of 16 – the survey is voluntary

SMMT outlook for 2019 and 2020 – as at July 2019

2019

- Cars registrations at 2.316 million, down 2.2% on the 2018 level.
- Diesel car volume of 0.625 million, down 16.6% on 2018 and reducing market share to 27%.
- BEV registrations to rise 68.5%, taking market share to 1.1%, from 0.7% in 2018
- PHEV registrations to fall by 26.4%, taking market share from 1.9% in 2018 to 1.4%
- LCV registrations at 0.363 million, up 1.4% on the 2018 level.

2020

- Cars registrations at 2.288 million, down 1.2% on the 2019 outlook level.
- Diesel car volume of 0.588 million, down 6% on 2019 and taking 25.7% market share.
- BEV registrations to rise 94.4%, pushing market share to 2.2%
- PHEV registrations to rise 60%, pushing market share to 2.3%
- LCV registrations at 0.339 million, down 6.4% 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 October 2019 and result will be posted by end of the month. The project work is managed by SMMT's Economics team, PPVL Department – e-mail <u>econoweb@smmt.co.uk</u>