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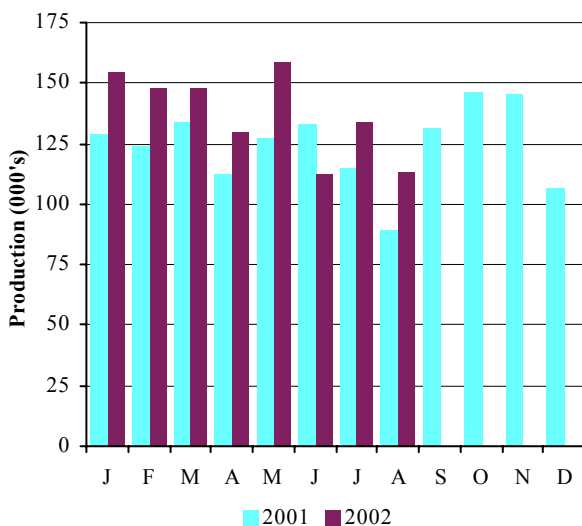
▲ Car production in YTD 2002

rose by 13.9 per cent

Car Production

	Aug 2001	Aug 2002	% chg.	YTD 2001	YTD 2002	% chg.
Total	89,350	112,803	26.2%	963,723	1,097,620	13.9%
Home	43,810	45,771	4.5%	398,263	409,162	2.7%
% of total	49.0%	40.6%		41.3%	37.3%	
Export	45,540	67,032	47.2%	565,460	688,458	21.8%
% of total	51.0%	59.4%		58.7%	62.7%	

Monthly Car Production 2001-2002



- Following a 19.5 per cent rise in car production in August 2001, output rose by 26.2 per cent in August 2002, reaching 112,803 units. From January to August this year total UK car output has risen 13.9 per cent to 1,097,620 units.
- Export volumes were up 47.2 per cent last month, the highest August figure ever. Home market production rose by 4.5 per cent.

Commenting on car production in August, SMMT chief executive Christopher Macgowan said, 'This has been a year of record-breaking new car sales and booming car production. We've never had so many new models in UK showrooms, nor as many British-built cars destined for international markets. So it is fitting that the industry is less than one month away from its biggest event, the British International Motor Show, a massive showcase that reflects the public appetite for new models and celebrates the UK's position as a global centre of car production.'

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Sustained growth in CV production

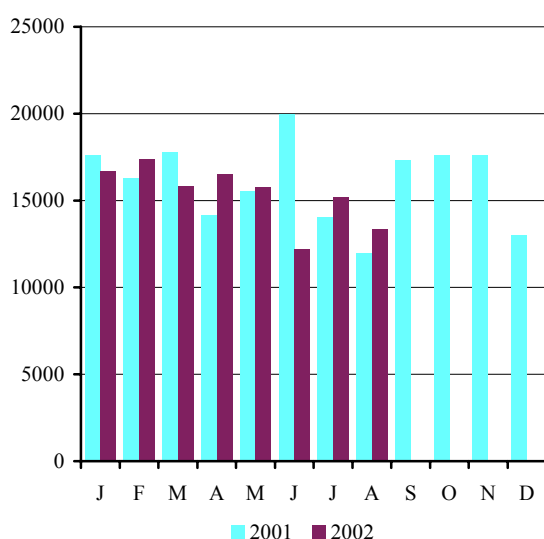
Production figures released today by the Office for National Statistics show that:

- ▲ CV production in August 2002 rose by 11.4 per cent
- ▼ Total output from January to August dipped 3.4 per cent

Commercial Vehicle Production

	Aug 2001	Aug 2002	% chg.	YTD 2001	YTD 2002	% chg.
Total	11,960	13,322	11.4%	127,313	122,983	-3.4%
Home	5,994	5,603	-6.5%	70,809	51,782	-26.9%
% of total	50.1%	42.1%		55.6%	42.1%	
Export	5,966	7,719	29.4%	56,504	71,201	26.0%
% of total	49.9%	57.9%		44.4%	57.9%	

Monthly CV Production 2001-2002



- CV production was up 11.4 per cent in August 2002, reaching 13,322 units. The year to date total, at 122,983, was just 3.4 per cent down on last year.
- The positive trend in export volumes continued last month, up by 29.4 per cent on last year. The recent downward trend in home market output eased to 6.5 per cent, compared to 17.2 per cent in July.

Commenting on the CV figures, SMMT chief executive Christopher Macgowan said, 'This is further encouraging news for vehicle production, with positive results in the CV sector.' He added, 'August's output bettered last year, which itself was very strong. The figures bode well for the year as a whole and reflect positive aspects of restructuring in the sector.'

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	PASSENGER CARS			COMMERCIAL VEHICLES		
	Total	For Home	For Export	Total	For Home	For Export
1991	1 236 900	631 515	605 385	217 141	106 424	110 717
1992	1 291 880	702 590	589 290	248 453	118 140	130 313
1993 a	1 375 524	842 648	532 876	193 467	102 320	91 147
1994	1 466 823	848 142	618 681	227 815	132 270	95 545
1995	1 532 084	787 473	744 611	233 011	140 634	92 377
1996	1 686 134	777 922	908 212	238 314	125 830	112 484
1997	1 698 001	736 090	961 911	237 706	134 304	103 402
1998	1 748 258	727 531	1 020 727	227 379	124 538	102 841
1999	1 786 623	648 146	1 138 477	185 905	110 983	74 922
2000	1 641 452	578 462	1 062 990	172 442	96 261	76 181
2001	1 492 365	598 111	894 254	192 873	96 654	96 219
2000 Q1	494 311	179 401	314 910	49 972	24 666	25 306
2000 Q2	433 240	140 548	292 692	52 061	27 345	24 716
2000 Q3	335 106	145 558	189 548	29 249	18 588	10 661
2000 Q4	378 795	112 955	265 840	41 160	25 662	15 498
2001 Q1	387 100	160 646	226 454	51 623	31 952	19 671
2001 Q2	372 395	142 864	229 531	49 675	26 436	23 239
2001 Q3	335 790	152 753	183 037	43 347	21 032	22 315
2001 Q4	397 080	141 848	255 232	48 228	17 234	30 994
2002 Q1	449 755	194 579	255 176	49 940	24 630	25 310
2002 Q2	400 529	119 143	281 386	44 501	16 223	28 278
2000 Jan	146 990	50 747	96 243	13 222	6 104	7 118
2000 Feb	162 164	66 591	95 573	17 166	8 534	8 632
2000 Mar	185 157	62 063	123 094	19 584	10 028	9 556
2000 Apr	124 971	38 011	86 960	15 766	7 763	8 003
2000 May	152 008	46 917	105 091	17 170	8 151	9 019
2000 Jun	156 261	55 620	100 641	19 125	11 431	7 694
2000 Jul	126 372	55 823	70 549	13 372	8 342	5 030
2000 Aug	74 761	32 965	41 796	5 885	3 628	2 257
2000 Sep	133 973	56 770	77 203	9 992	6 618	3 374
2000 Oct	131 522	38 712	92 810	13 872	8 565	5 307
2000 Nov	150 716	47 115	103 601	16 189	10 418	5 771
2000 Dec	96 557	27 128	69 429	11 099	6 679	4 420
2001 Jan	128 921	50 675	78 246	17 580	11 315	6 265
2001 Feb	124 163	55 434	68 729	16 290	10 085	6 205
2001 Mar	134 016	54 537	79 479	17 753	10 552	7 201
2001 Apr	112 547	45 865	66 682	14 172	8 097	6 075
2001 May	127 176	46 614	80 562	15 563	8 418	7 145
2001 Jun	132 672	50 385	82 287	19 940	9 921	10 019
2001 Jul	114 878	50 943	63 935	14 055	6 427	7 628
2001 Aug	89 350	43 180	45 540	11 960	5 994	5 966
2001 Sep	131 562	58 000	73 562	17 332	8 611	8 721
2001 Oct	145 984	53 206	92 778	17 607	6 697	10 910
2001 Nov	144 989	51 841	93 148	17 588	6 051	11 537
2001 Dec	106 107	36 801	69 306	13 033	4 486	8 547
2002 Jan	154 368	69 454	84 914	16 697	8 280	8 417
2002 Feb	147 552	65 707	81 845	17 389	10 016	7 373
2002 Mar	147 835	59 418	88 417	15 854	6 334	9 520
2002 Apr	129 541	36 069	93 472	16 534	5 451	11 083
2002 May	158 236	49 232	109 004	15 752	5 820	9 932
2002 Jun	112 752	33 842	78 910	12 218	4 952	7 263
2002 Jul	134 533	49 669	84 864	15 217	5 323	9 894
2002 Aug	112 803	45 771	67 032	13 322	5 603	7 719

Percentage change for latest three months on:

Previous three months	-17.3	-10.7	-20.7	-15.3	-9.8	-18.5
Same period last year	6.9	-10.9	20.4	-11.3	-28.9	5.3