

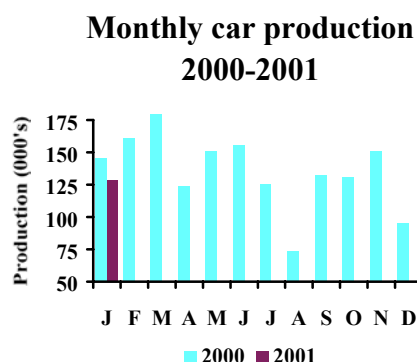
Car production down but truck output soars in January

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

- **CV production in January 2001** rose by **22.3 per cent**
- **Car production in January 2001** fell **11.8 per cent**

Car Production - January 2001

	Jan 2000	Jan 2001	% change
Total	145,732	128,598	-11.8
Home	50,605	50,652	0.1
<i>% Total</i>	<i>34.7%</i>	<i>39.4%</i>	
Export	95,127	77,946	-18.1
<i>% Total</i>	<i>65.3%</i>	<i>60.6%</i>	



- Car production fell by 11.8 per cent in January 2001 to 128,598 units.
- Production for the home market rose slightly, but total volumes were checked by an 18.1 per cent drop in output allocated for export markets.

'Although January's figures show a fall in car output as many plants continue to restructure, the long-term future for production in the UK is extremely positive,' said SMMT Chief Executive Christopher Macgowan.

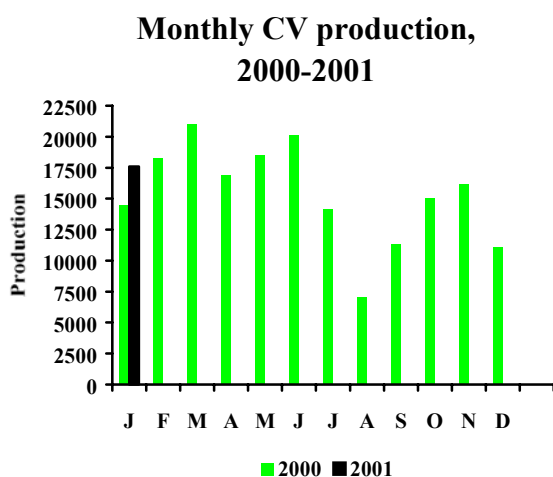
'New models from Jaguar and BMW are gearing up for launch this year and output is expected to rise. By the end of the year production should hit 1.6 million units and with recent announcements from volume producers including Vauxhall, Nissan, Toyota, Honda and MG Rover, 2002 promises even better things', he added.

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Commercial Vehicle Production - January 2001

	Jan 2000	Jan 2001	% change
Total	14,468	17,693	22.3
Home	6,234	11,407	83.0
<i>% Total</i>	<i>43.1%</i>	<i>64.5%</i>	
Export	8,234	6,286	-23.7
<i>% Total</i>	<i>56.9%</i>	<i>35.5%</i>	



- Provisional estimates show that total CV production rose by 22.3 per cent this month, to 17,693 vehicles compared to 14,468 in January 2000.
- Exports were down by 23.7 per cent. However production for the home market increased by 83 per cent.

'January CV production figures give a very good start to the year, up 22 per cent on last year and 60 per cent on last month,' said Christopher Macgowan. 'There is an encouraging increase in UK output and importantly, we may be seeing a turning point from the downward trend in the CV market of the last few years.'

The SMMT expects CV output for 2001 to grow by around two per cent. This estimate is based on the expectation that medium and heavy van sales will do well and the growing popularity of purpose-built over car-derived vans will boost performance in this sector.

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Car and commercial vehicle production - January 2001

	PASSENGER CARS			COMMERCIAL VEHICLES		
	Total	For Home Market	For Export	Total	For Home Market	For Export
	GKAJ		GKAK	GKDF		GKDG
1981	954 650	649 972	304 678	229 555	115 693	113 862
1982	887 679	661 814	225 865	268 798	176 288	92 510
1983	1 044 597	807 221	237 376	244 514	181 713	62 801
1984	908 906	716 693	192 213	224 825	175 017	49 808
1985	1 047 973	840 302	207 671	265 973	200 217	65 756
1986	1 018 962	831 406	187 556	228 685	178 909	49 776
1987	1 142 683	916 486	226 197	246 728	185 992	60 736
1988 a	1 226 835	1 012 965	213 870	317 343	232 896	84 447
1989	1 299 082	1 018 353	280 729	326 590	231 087	95 503
1990	1 295 610	889 841	405 769	270 346	174 638	95 708
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	1 629 609	576 950	1 052 659	184 165	96 805	87 360
1999 Q1	460 496	167 581	292 915	53 369	30 894	22 475
1999 Q2	448 932	155 973	292 959	50 546	30 556	19 990
1999 Q3	407 787	177 606	230 181	36 198	22 962	13 236
1999 Q4	469 408	146 986	322 422	45 792	26 571	19 221
2000 Q1	490 464	179 070	311 394	53 803	24 981	28 822
2000 Q2	429 742	140 333	289 409	55 519	27 524	27 995
2000 Q3	331 778	144 800	186 978	32 535	19 296	13 239
2000 Q4	377 625	112 747	264 878	42 308	25 004	17 304
2000 Jan	145 732	50 605	95 127	14 468	6 234	8 234
2000 Feb	161 010	66 495	94 515	18 320	8 630	9 690
2000 Mar	183 722	61 970	121 752	21 015	10 117	10 898
2000 Apr	123 852	37 963	85 889	16 880	7 804	9 076
2000 May	150 627	46 841	103 786	18 516	8 197	10 319
2000 Jun	155 263	55 529	99 734	20 123	11 523	8 600
2000 Jul	125 552	55 627	69 925	14 162	8 508	5 654
2000 Aug	73 566	32 633	40 933	7 068	3 942	3 126
2000 Sep	132 660	56 540	76 120	11 305	6 846	4 459
2000 Oct	130 452	38 555	91 897	15 040	8 716	6 324
2000 Nov	150 666	47 072	103 594	16 173	9 589	6 584
2000 Dec	96 507	27 120	69 387	11 095	6 699	4 396
2001 Jan	128 598	50 652	77 946	17 693	11 407	6 286

Percentage change latest six months on:

i. Previous six months	-20.8	-22.1	-20.1	-28.1	-13.8	-42.5
ii. Same six months a year ago	-19.0	-18.2	-19.4	-6.0	0.4	-14.4

a 5 week month or 14 week quarter or 53 week year

Source: Office for National Statistics