

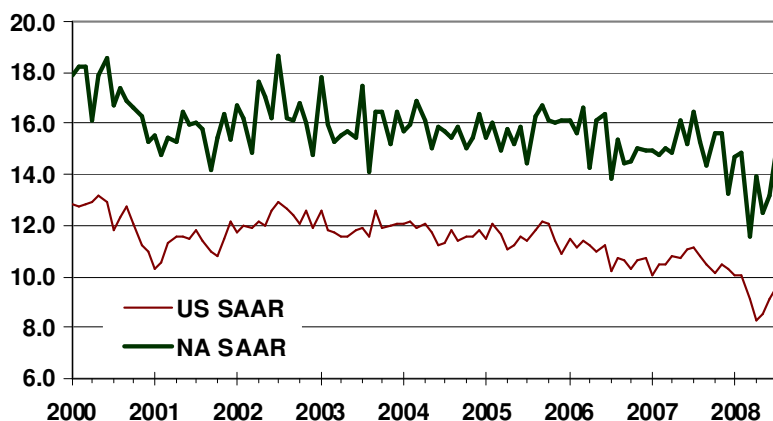


CSM Automotive Production Barometer (APB)

CSM Worldwide, the leading provider of market intelligence and forecasting to the automotive industry, announces the August 2008 CSM Automotive Production Barometer™. Released in advance of existing sources of information, this service provides an accurate record of light vehicle production for the previous month to assist automotive economists and financial analysts in their ongoing industry evaluations.

- US light vehicle production declined 14.80% in July 2008 from year ago levels to 9.50 million units on a SAAR basis, the sixth lowest output month over the past 10 years.
- North American light vehicle production in July 2008 fell 9.80% from year ago levels to 14.87 million units produced on a SAAR basis, the best month since November 2007.
- Year-to-date production is down 1.73 million units or 11.30% versus 2007. Economic uncertainty and skyrocketing oil prices continues to weigh on the auto sector with continued weakness expected.
- Despite declining oil prices over the past month the potential for gains in auto production remain minimal due to a manufacturing footprint skewed towards trucks.

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- Record fuel prices driving segmental shifts from trucks to car and crossovers.
- Car and crossover build not enough to offset massive truck losses.
- Widespread production cuts focused on trucks are planned for the coming months to adjust inventory levels to the lower demand.
- Despite July's strength, lower production levels are forecast for the rest of 2008.

Light Vehicle Production (units in millions)	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	YTD	2007	2006
US Total (SAAR)	8.55	9.07	9.50	9.19	10.54	10.86
Autos	3.66	3.76	4.60	3.86	3.71	4.14
Light Trucks	4.89	5.30	4.89	5.34	6.84	6.72
US (NSA)	0.75	0.80	0.56	5.36	10.54	10.86
North America (SAAR)	12.49	13.18	14.87	13.53	15.10	15.36

Light Vehicle Production (Y/Y %)	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	YTD	2007	2006
US Total (SAAR)	-20.40%	-17.80%	-14.80%	-13.60%	-2.90%	-6.10%
Autos	-3.50%	-5.90%	11.30%	-2.00%	-10.50%	-2.60%
Light Trucks	-29.60%	-24.60%	-30.20%	-20.50%	1.80%	-8.20%
US (NSA)	-25.80%	-18.00%	-10.80%	-13.70%	-2.90%	-6.10%
North America (SAAR)	-22.30%	-13.10%	-9.80%	-11.30%	-1.80%	-2.70%