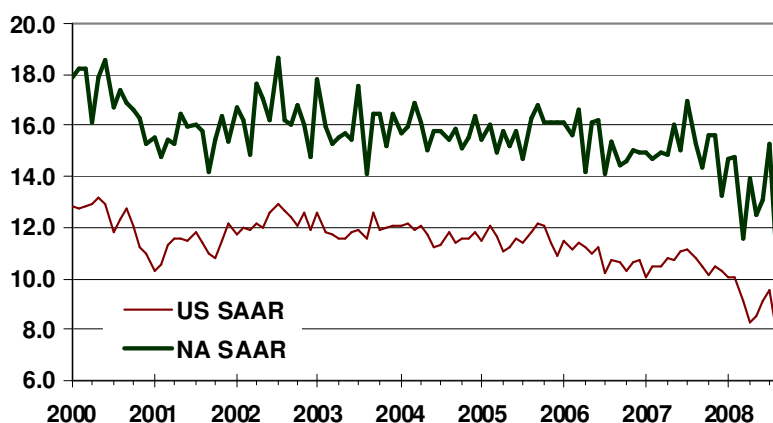


## CSM Automotive Production Barometer (APB)

CSM Worldwide, the leading provider of market intelligence and forecasting to the automotive industry, announces the September 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 32.50% in August 2008 from year ago levels to 7.99 million units on a SAAR basis with truck output down 43.70% from a year ago.
- North American light vehicle production in August 2008 fell 26.50% from year ago levels to 11.24 million units produced on a SAAR basis, the lowest build rate in over 17 years.
- Year-to-date production is down 2.06 million units or 13.50% versus 2007. The auto sector continues to experience weakness amid economic uncertainty.
- Despite declining oil prices over the past several months, the potential for gains in auto production remain minimal with overall market demand dampened by negative economic conditions.

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- Record fuel prices driving segmental shifts from trucks to car and crossovers.
- Sharp slowdowns in truck output to correct for inventory root cause of low build rate.
- Continued truck weakness expected in coming months as manufacturers adjust inventory levels to lower demand.
- Increasing car production not enough to offset massive truck losses.

Light Vehicle Production (units in millions)	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	YTD	2007	2006
US Total (SAAR)	9.07	9.50	7.99	9.04	10.54	10.86
Autos	3.76	4.59	4.14	3.89	3.71	4.14
Light Trucks	5.30	4.92	3.85	5.15	6.84	6.72
US (NSA)	0.80	0.56	0.67	6.03	10.54	10.86
North America (SAAR)	13.03	15.28	11.24	13.21	15.10	15.36

Light Vehicle Production (Y/Y %)	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	YTD	2007	2006
US Total (SAAR)	-17.80%	-14.70%	-26.10%	-15.20%	-2.90%	-6.10%
Autos	-5.90%	10.90%	4.30%	-1.20%	-10.50%	-2.60%
Light Trucks	-24.60%	-29.80%	-43.70%	-23.40%	1.80%	-8.20%
US (NSA)	-18.00%	-10.80%	-32.50%	-16.30%	-2.90%	-6.10%
North America (SAAR)	-13.10%	-9.70%	-26.50%	-13.50%	-1.80%	-2.70%