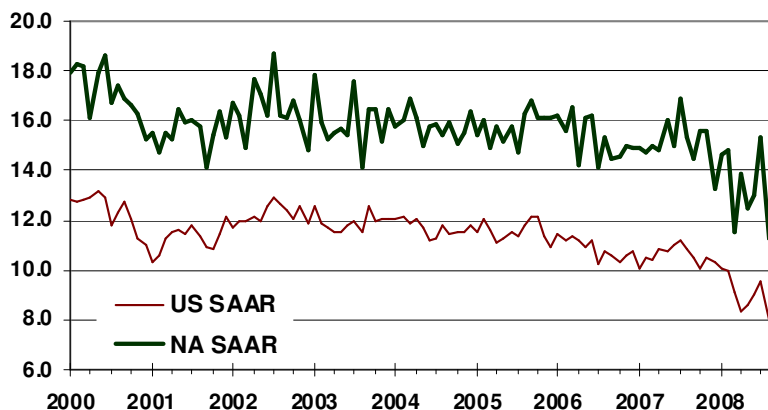


CSM Automotive Production Barometer (APB)

CSM Worldwide, the leading provider of market intelligence and forecasting to the automotive industry, announces the October 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 21.50% in September 2008 from year ago levels to 8.23 million units on a SAAR basis with truck output down 37.30% from a year ago.
- North American light vehicle production in September 2008 fell 10.00% from year ago levels to 12.99 million units produced on a SAAR basis, up slightly from last months 17 year low.
- Year-to-date production is down 1.98 million units or 13.10% versus 2007. The auto sector continues to experience weakness amid economic uncertainty and the financial market collapse.
- Recent turmoil in the financial markets and the impending economic fallout compound an already weak auto sector with demand and local production expected to decline sharply next year.

CSM Automotive Production Barometer (US and NA SAAR, units in millions)



- Uncertainty in the financial markets stifling credit and consumer demand.
- Demand weakness to impact all automakers at some level.
- Strong demand for small- and mid-size car and crossovers being adversely impacted.
- Despite sharp declines in oil, high volatility remains and consumers attitudes changed.

Light Vehicle Production (units in millions)	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	YTD	2007	2006
US Total (SAAR)	9.50	8.00	8.23	8.95	10.54	10.86
Autos	4.59	4.14	4.06	3.91	3.71	4.14
Light Trucks	4.92	3.86	4.17	5.04	6.84	6.72
US (NSA)	0.56	0.67	0.72	6.76	10.54	10.86
North America (SAAR)	15.30	11.29	12.99	13.18	15.10	15.36

Light Vehicle Production (Y/Y %)	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	YTD	2007	2006
US Total (SAAR)	-14.70%	-26.00%	-21.50%	-16.00%	-2.90%	-6.10%
Autos	10.90%	4.30%	5.70%	-0.50%	-10.50%	-2.60%
Light Trucks	-29.80%	-43.60%	-37.30%	-25.00%	1.80%	-8.20%
US (NSA)	-10.80%	-32.40%	-12.80%	-15.90%	-2.90%	-6.10%
North America (SAAR)	-9.60%	-26.40%	-10.00%	-13.10%	-1.80%	-2.70%