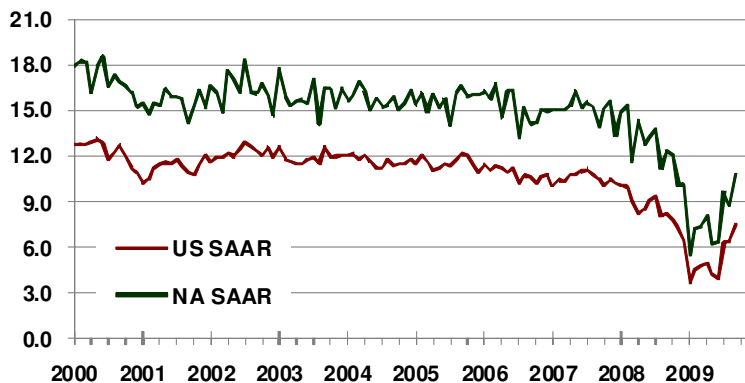


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CSM Worldwide, the leading provider of market intelligence and forecasting to the automotive industry, announces the September 2009 CSM Automotive Production Barometer™. Released in advance of existing sources of information, this service provides 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 in September ended down 8.80% from year ago levels to 7.53m units produced on a SAAR basis.
- North American light vehicle production in September 2009 is down 12.20% from year ago levels to 10.82 million units produced on a SAAR basis, 96% higher than the January 2009 production rate.
- September 2009 production rates in the US and North America reached the highest level since October 2008 as the financial crisis began.
- Concern surrounds increased build schedules over the coming months as demand levels are expected to fall to pre-CARS levels resulting in a need to reduce output by late 4Q 2009 and into 1Q 2010.

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



- Supply chain could be stressed to fulfill sharp production increases in 2H 2009.
- CARS program exhausts vehicle inventory levels necessitating stronger output.
- Increased build plans across automakers are planned in the coming months.
- Demand expected to fall to pre-CARS level, possible inventory issue in late-4Q.

Light Vehicle Production (units in millions)	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	YTD	2008	2007
US Total (SAAR)	6.38	6.41	7.53	5.13	8.55	10.56
Autos	2.33	2.64	3.05	2.04	3.78	3.92
Light Trucks	4.05	3.77	4.47	3.09	4.76	6.63
US (NSA)	0.37	0.54	0.65	3.83	8.50	10.55
North America (SAAR)	9.67	8.77	10.82	7.75	12.64	15.10

Light Vehicle Production (Y/Y %)	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	YTD	2008	2007
US Total (SAAR)	-32.00%	-20.10%	-8.80%	-42.70%	-19.00%	-3.20%
Autos	-48.00%	-35.40%	-24.40%	-47.80%	-3.60%	-10.30%
Light Trucks	-17.50%	-4.30%	6.10%	-38.70%	-28.20%	1.60%
US (NSA)	-32.40%	-19.60%	-10.20%	-43.20%	-19.40%	-2.80%
North America (SAAR)	-29.70%	-21.90%	-12.20%	-41.30%	-16.30%	-1.80%