

Automotive Industry Fast Facts



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This paper looks to identify the latest statistics from the motor industry. The data sourced for this report are based on secondary information sources gathered from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) a number of sources were used to assimilate the findings including:

- Labour Force Survey
- Annual Business Survey *Formally the Annual Business Inquiry*
- Work Force Jobs Survey
- Inter Departmental Business Register
- Business Register and Employment Survey

In addition to National Statistics data has also been collected from the SSA 2010, the SMMT, and the Automotive Council. Every effort has gone in to insure that the statistics are as accurate and up to date as possible.

- **Number of people employed in the wholesale and retail trade; repair of vehicles sector.**
 - Sector growth indicates that there are approximately **4,782,000** people employed in the sector. Employment rates seem to be steadily increasing from 2012 data which indicated a slight dip.
 - Removing general retail from the data series and investigating macro level data indicates an interesting employment picture. Currently there are **759,000** full -time staff working in and around the motor industry (**See Table 1 in appendix for a breakdown of the roles**).
 - **543,700** employees according to the Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES, 2011) are employed in **Great Britain** in the automotive retail sector.
- **Number of businesses in the sector**
 - Inter Departmental Business Register (IDBR) 2013, provides national and regional analysis of business. The report comprises of enterprise and unit level data (**see Notes for details**)
 - There are **71,395** automotive retail business enterprises in the UK
 - Of those business enterprises there are **82,880** automotive retail business units in the UK. These range in size from single manned organisations to multinational garages.
 - Number of enterprises in the three nations:

* Wales	4,185
* Scotland	5,530
* Northern Ireland	2,780
 - These enterprises represent:
 - * **4,860** business units in Wales
 - * **6,890** business units in Scotland; And
 - * **3,170** business units in Northern Ireland



- **Business branches by employment size:**

Table 2, Number of business in the sector by size according to UK Business Activity, Size and Location

Wholesale and retail trade; Repair of Motor vehicles	Employment size							
	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 49	50 - 99	100 - 249	250 +	TOTAL
4511	15,570	2,065	890	530	205	145	110	19,515
4519	720	140	65	60	15	20	5	1,025
4520	26,195	7,505	2,065	710	130	55	30	36,690
4531	3,000	945	475	230	85	65	25	4,825
4532	2,355	590	260	120	35	25	10	3,395
4540	1,615	330	140	45	15	0	0	2,145
7711	2,325	340	165	90	25	15	15	2,975
7712	615	80	75	35	10	5	5	825
Total	52,395	11,995	4,135	1,820	520	330	200	71,395

- The Sector contributes a staggering **£21.9bn aGVA**

- The national breakdown

- * **England** contributes **£19.4bn aGVA**
 - * **Wales** contributes **£789m aGVA**
 - * **Scotland** contributes **£1.28bn aGVA**
 - * **Northern Ireland** contributes **£463m aGVA**

- Total UK Turnover **£141,579m**

- **Sector Apprenticeship start figures:**

- Scotland registered Apprenticeships: **1070**
 - England Registered Apprenticeships (2012/13): **13,120**
 - Wales registered Apprenticeships (2012/13): **695**

- **Sector Apprenticeship Achievements:**

Nations	2013/14
Wales	1230
England	12394
Scotland	1319



- **Other interesting automotive stats:**

- There are **22,464 active MOT test** centres in the UK
- Over **28 million MOT tests** were carried out in 2013/14
- **40 per cent** of private cars have a female registered keeper.
- During 2013, **4,359 new ultra-low emission vehicles** were registered for the first time, up 25 per cent on 2012.
- There are currently **11, 623 ultra-low emission vehicles** cars registered

Salaries in the sector:

- The **average automotive service technician** salary according to employment agency *Reed* is **£18,2339**
- The average **maintenance mechanic** salary is **£17,960**; And
- The average **Automotive Technician** salary is **£20,605**
- Average apprenticeship salary is **£7,000 per year averaging around £3.65p/h**
- **Average weekly earnings** within the Engineering and manufacturing technologies which include vehicle maintenance and repair, Vehicle fitting, and vehicle parts:
 - **East Midlands** **£142.3 p/w**
 - **East of England** **£146.3 p/w**
 - **London** **£159.5 p/w**
 - **North-east of England** **£126.9 p/w**
 - **North-west of England** **£132.4 p/w**
 - **South – East of England** **£174.7 p/w**
 - **South-west of England** **£152.0 p/w**
 - **West Midlands** **£145.5 p/w**

Car Registrations:

- At the end of 2013 there were 35.0 million vehicles licensed for use on the road in Great Britain.
- At the end of 2013, the most common car in Great Britain was the Ford Focus (1.5 million), followed by the Ford Fiesta (1.3 million).
- Vehicles on UK roads:
 - **164,500 Buses** in the UK, only 5.3% are less than a year old 43% are aged between 6yrs and 13yrs.
 - **468,900 HGV** (over 3.5 tonnes) vehicles on Great British Roads
 - **3,353,900 Light Goods Vehicles** On British Roads
 - **1,219,400 Motorcycles**
 - **29,140,900 Cars**

- **How are they powered?**

The table below indicates the growth Hybrid and electric vehicles:

Number of cars by fuel type (000's)				
Year	Petrol	Diesel	Hybrid Electric	Electric
2011	19,548.5	8,763.5	102.3	2.6
2012	19,158.8	9,385.1	125.3	4.1
2013	18,870.3	10,064.2	153.6	6.3

- 85% of all GB vehicles are registered in England

Licensed cars, top 12 makes, GB: Q1 2014

