

# EU-UK AUTOMOBILE TRADE: FACTS AND FIGURES

## MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION<sup>1</sup>

- 8 out of 10 motor vehicles made in the United Kingdom (UK) are exported.
- About 3 out of 10 motor vehicles produced in the 27 EU member states (EU27) are exported.

### UK motor vehicle output<sup>2</sup>

	2019	Share
Total production	1,381,405	100%
Domestic market	279,298	20.2%
For export	1,102,107	79.8%

### EU27 motor vehicle output<sup>3</sup>

	2019	Share
Total production	16,376,159	100%
Domestic market	11,122,819	67.9%
For export	5,253,340	32.2%

## EU-UK TRADE

### Motor vehicles<sup>4</sup>

- 2.2 million motor vehicles were exported from the EU27 to the United Kingdom in 2019, representing:
  - 81% of total UK vehicle imports
  - 30% of total EU27 vehicle exports
- 806,867 UK-made motor vehicles headed to the EU27 in 2019, accounting for:
  - 18% of total EU27 vehicle imports
  - 51% of total UK vehicle exports

<sup>1</sup> New passenger cars and light trucks only

<sup>2</sup> SMMT

<sup>3</sup> IHS Markit

<sup>4</sup> EUROSTAT; including passenger cars, vans, trucks and buses

### EU27 motor vehicle exports

- Value: €154.6 billion
  - To  = 25.6%
- Quantity: 6,941,296 units
  - To  = 30.2%

### UK motor vehicle exports

- Value: €35.4 billion
  - To  = 40.4%
- Quantity: 1,576,186 units
  - To  = 51.2%

### EU27 motor vehicle imports

- Value: €70.3 billion
  - From  = 18.9%
- Quantity: 4,466,705 units
  - From  = 18.1%

### UK motor vehicle imports

- Value: €45.7 billion
  - From  = 88.9%
- Quantity: 2,667,276 units
  - From  = 81.1%

## Parts and accessories (automotive components)<sup>5</sup>

- 80% of UK-imported automotive components came from the EU27 last year.
  - Representing 16% of the export value of EU27 vehicle parts and accessories.
- 62% of UK-built parts and accessories were exported to the EU27 in 2019.
  - Accounting for 19% of the total value of EU27 component imports.

### EU27 total component exports

- Value: €63.8 billion
  - To  = 16.1%

### UK total component exports

- Value: €9.0 billion
  - To  = 61.6%

### EU27 total component imports

- Value: €28.4 billion
  - From  = 19.0%

### UK total component imports

- Value: €15.6 billion
  - From  = 80.3%

<sup>5</sup> EUROSTAT; including engines

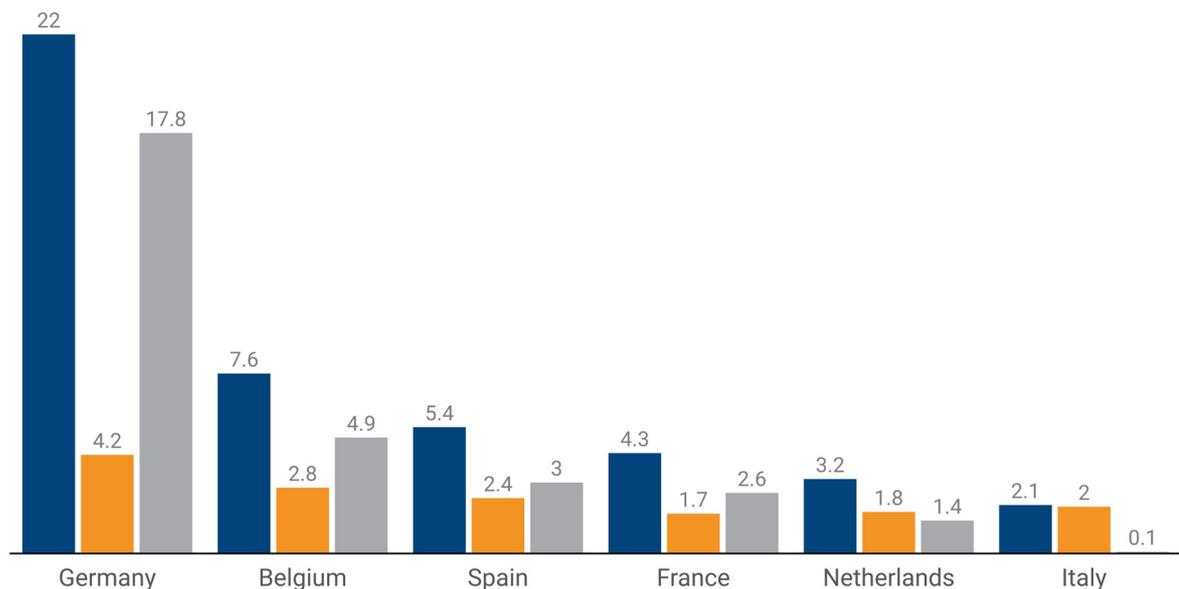
## AUTOMOTIVE TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND ITS MAIN EU PARTNERS

- 80%<sup>6</sup> of the UK's motor vehicle production is exported, of which 51% goes to EU member states (Belgium, Germany and Spain together represent more than 25%).
- The other way around, the EU27 countries represent 81% of the UK's motor vehicle import volume, worth almost €41 billion.

The chart below provides an overview of motor vehicle trade between the United Kingdom and its main EU partners (Germany, Belgium, Spain, France, the Netherlands and Italy) in 2019, covering exports and imports of vehicles and components (including engines, parts and accessories).

### Import and export of motor vehicles and components (in billion €, 2019)<sup>7</sup>

■ Exports to the UK ■ Imports from the UK ■ Trade balance



<sup>6</sup> SMMT

<sup>7</sup> EUROSTAT

## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

- Prior to Brexit, the United Kingdom was the third biggest market for motor vehicles in the European Union.

### Top 5 – EU motor vehicle registrations<sup>8</sup>

	2019	2018	% change 19/18
1) Germany	4,017,059	3,822,060	+5.1
2) France	2,755,695	2,692,747	+2.3
3) United Kingdom	2,742,114	2,785,462	-1.6
4) Italy	2,131,916	2,122,338	+0.5
5) Spain	1,501,260	1,563,627	-4.0
European Union	17,887,018	17,644,828	+1.4

## EMPLOYMENT

### European Union<sup>9</sup>

Automobile manufacturers currently operate **309 assembly and production plants** across the European continent.

Some **13.8 million people**, or 6.1% of the EU employed population, work in the automotive sector. The sector contributes 7.2% to the EU's GDP.

The **3.5 million** (direct and indirect) jobs in automotive manufacturing represent 11.4% of EU manufacturing employment.

### United Kingdom<sup>10</sup>

The UK is home to **33 production facilities**, producing both engines and whole vehicles, as well as many suppliers to the auto industry.

In total, the automotive industry employs some **823,000 people** across the United Kingdom. The sector adds £20.2 billion in value to the UK economy.

**At least 10%** of people employed in the UK automotive manufacturing sector are from the European Union.

<sup>8</sup> ACEA

<sup>9</sup> EUROSTAT

<sup>10</sup> SMMT