

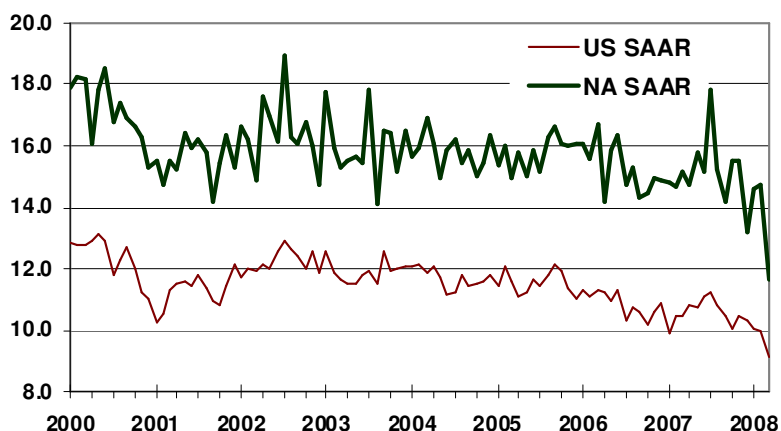


## CSM Automotive Production Barometer (APB)

CSM Worldwide, the leading provider of market intelligence and forecasting to the automotive industry, announces the April 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 12.7% in March 2008 from year ago levels to 9.10 million units on a SAAR basis, primarily due to the ongoing UAW-American Axle & manufacturing strike.
- North American light vehicle production in March 2008 plummeted 22.80% from year ago levels to 11.68 million units produced on a SAAR basis, the lowest output rate in 16 years.
- Year-to-date, production is down 1.31 million units or 8.80% versus 2007. Economic uncertainty continues to weigh on the auto sector with continued weakness expected in the coming months.
- Though isolated to GM, the enduring UAW-American Axle & Manufacturing strike will continue to diminish vehicle output for most, if not all of the month April and possibly into May.

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



- Build rates are expected to continue to slide through the first half of 2008.
- Widespread production cuts are planned by almost all North American Manufacturers in varying degrees.
- Ongoing labor issues adding to already weak economic conditions with volatile CAW negotiations later in the year.
- Exports remain a bright spot due to weak dollar and expected to bolster regional output for 2008.

Light Vehicle Production (units in millions)	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	YTD	2007	2006
US Total (SAAR)	10.02	9.98	9.10	9.71	10.54	10.86
Autos	3.95	3.89	3.99	3.94	3.71	4.14
Light Trucks	6.07	6.09	5.11	5.76	6.84	6.72
US (NSA)	0.82	0.89	0.75	2.46	10.54	10.86
North America (SAAR)	14.61	14.76	11.68	13.59	15.10	15.36

Light Vehicle Production (Y/Y %)	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	YTD	2007	2006
US Total (SAAR)	0.90%	-4.50%	-12.70%	-5.60%	-2.90%	-6.10%
Autos	-4.30%	-1.30%	4.50%	-0.40%	-10.50%	-2.60%
Light Trucks	4.60%	-6.50%	-22.60%	-8.90%	1.80%	-8.20%
US (NSA)	-0.50%	0.50%	-24.60%	-9.00%	-2.90%	-6.10%
North America (SAAR)	-1.60%	0.70%	-22.80%	-8.80%	-1.80%	-2.70%