



## Press release

### **ANOTHER RISE IN THE ITALIAN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY PRODUCTION INDEX FOR MAY 2021, DUE TO THE COMPARISON WITH MAY 2020, THE FIRST MONTH OF PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING THE INTERRUPTION CAUSED BY THE PANDEMIC MANAGEMENT, WITH PRODUCTION VOLUMES HALVED**

**In May 2021, production in the automotive sector was down 14.5% compared to the same month in 2019, while in the first five months of this year, it was down 7.2% compared to the same period in 2019**

*Turin, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021* - In May 2021, according to ISTAT data, **production in the Italian automotive industry as a whole**<sup>1</sup> recorded growth of 71.8% compared to May 2020 (but fell by 14.5% when compared to May 2019), while in the first five months of 2021 it increased by 59.6% (-7.2% compared to January-May 2019).

Looking at the **sector's manufacturing segments**, the manufacturing of motor vehicles index<sup>2</sup> (Ateco code 29.1) increased by 73.6% in May 2021 and 74.5% in the first five months of 2021 compared to the same period in 2020. The manufacturing of bodies for motor vehicles, trailers, and semi-trailers index (Ateco code 29. 2) increased by 42.3% in the month and 45.6% cumulatively. In comparison, parts and accessories for motor vehicles and their engines grew by 75.4% in May and 53.3% in January-May 2021.

According to preliminary data from ANFIA, **domestic car production** quadrupled in the month and grew 82% in the first five months of 2021, compared to the same period in 2020. By contrast, when compared to 2019, car production was down 37% in May and 17% in January-May.

The automotive production sector is part of the Italian overall industrial production that has been growing since March 2021, after 24 months of negative figures. In May 2021, the **index of industrial production as a whole**<sup>3</sup> closed at +21.1% compared to May 2020 (but at -3.9% compared to May 2019) and was up 21.3% in the first five months of the year (down 2.4% compared to the first five months of 2019).

Turnover for the industrial sector in the strictest sense (excluding the Construction sector) increased by 104.9% in April, the latest figure available (+114.8% in the domestic

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<sup>1</sup> Ateco code 29: manufacture of motor vehicles, manufacture of bodywork for motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers and manufacture of parts and accessories for motor vehicles and their engines (excluding tyres).

<sup>2</sup> " Motor vehicles " means passenger cars and light and heavy commercial vehicles.

<sup>3</sup> Corrected for calendar effects: there were 21 working days in May 2021 compared to 20 in May 2020 (excluding Construction). As of 2018, industrial production indices are released by ISTAT using the new reference base 2015=100 (until last month the base was 2010=100).

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market and +87.7% in foreign markets) and closed the first four months of 2021 at +26.1% (+29.8% in the domestic market and +19.3% in foreign markets).

*"In May 2021, automotive manufacturing remains positive, with double-digit growth (+71.8%), once again due to the comparison with May 2020 with output volumes halved - comments Gianmarco Giorda, Director of ANFIA. In May 2020, the first month in which production activities restarted after the shutdown imposed by anti-COVID-19 measures, production in the automotive industry had recorded a fall of 50.2%. Compared to May 2019, the fifth month of 2021 was down by double digits (-14.5%)".*

In January-March 2021 (latest available data), exports of motor vehicles (new cars and industrial vehicles) from Italy were worth €4.20 billion, while imports were worth €7.43 billion. In terms of value, Germany is the top destination country for Italian car exports, with a share of 17.7%, followed by France (16.2%) and the United States (14.8%).

In the same period, exports of automotive components were worth €5.61 billion, with a positive balance of €1.44 billion.

The **turnover of the automotive sector**<sup>4</sup> as a whole, on the other hand, showed a positive trend of 782.3% in April (latest data available), with the domestic market growing by 679.4% (+986% in terms of exports). In the January-April 2021 period, turnover increased by 59.8% (+76.5% for domestic turnover and +40.4% for foreign turnover).

Finally, **turnover from parts and accessories for motor vehicles and their engines** increased by 525.7% in April (+741% for the domestic component and +407.5% for the foreign component). In the first four months of 2021, the turnover index for this segment increased by 48.7%, with the domestic share rising by 62.9% (foreign turnover rose by 37.9%).

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<sup>4</sup> Raw data. Data updated in May will be published by Istat on 21 July 2021.



### **ANFIA - Italian Association of the Automotive Industry**

Founded in March 1912, over its hundred years, ANFIA's mission has always been to represent the interests of its associate members and ensure effective communication between the Italian motor vehicle industries on the one hand and the Public Administration and Italian political bodies on the other, regarding all technical, economic, fiscal, legal, statistical, and quality-related issues referred to the automotive sector. The Association is structured in three product-based Groups, each chaired by a President. Components: motor vehicle parts and components manufacturers; Car Coachbuilders and Designers: companies are working in the sector of design, engineering, and style of motor vehicles and parts and components for the automotive industry; Motor vehicles: motor vehicles manufacturers in general, including trucks, trailers, camper vans, unique means of transport.

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### **The Automotive Production Chain in Italy**

5,546 companies

278,000 employees (direct and indirect), more than 7% of the employees in the Italian manufacturing sector

106.1 billion Euros of turnover, which means 11% of the Italian manufacturing sector turnover and 6.2% of the Italian GDP

76.3 billion Euros of tax levy of motorisation

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