ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS SURPASS
NUMBER OF FUEL STATIONS

There are now almost 1,000 more public places to charge electric cars than there are forecourts to pump petrol in the UK – 9,200 EV charging locations compared to 8,400 fuel stations.1

These include all Nissan UK dealers, such as xxx, which is doing its bit to help increase the number of available electric vehicle charge points across the country.

The crossover happened more than a year before Nissan’s [2016 prediction](http://nissaninsider.co.uk/more-electric-car-charging-stations-than-fuel-stations-by-2020/) of August 2020 – a result of the accelerating adoption of EVs (electric vehicles) amongst UK motorists.

XXX, [job title] at XXX Nissan commented; “With the LEAF, Nissan has been at the forefront of the electric vehicle revolution and customers of ours that have purchased one, absolutely love them.

“We’re also seeing more and more customers telling us that their next car will be electric so it’s important for us to do what we can to help develop the nation’s rapidly growing EV charging infrastructure.”

In less than a century since Britain’s first fuel station opened – November 1919 at Aldermaston in Berkshire2 – the number of forecourts has peaked, declined and been overtaken by charging stations designed for battery, not combustion, powered cars.

*[Table showing number of EV Charging Locations vs Fuel Stations in the UK – 2012-2019]*



Almost 80% of UK petrol stations have closed since 1970, whilst the number of electric vehicle charging locations has increased from a few hundred in 2011 (when the Nissan LEAF went on sale) to more than 9,000 in August 2019.

Since Nissan launched the first mass-market electric vehicle – the LEAF – in 2010, EV technology has continually improved, with the latest models both affordable and practical for the majority of new car buyers. As a result, the UK is experiencing unprecedented growth in the demand for battery-powered transport.

In August 2019, compared to the previous year, demand for battery electric vehicles increased 158.1%, resulting in a 1.4% market share, the highest monthly market share on record.6

The new range-topping Nissan LEAF e+ costs from £35,895, including the £3,500 Government Grant and current offers include a £359 contribution towards a Home Charging Unit. With a higher capacity 62kWh battery pack, the new model delivers up to 239 miles (WLTP combined mode) of zero-emissions driving from a single charge.

More than 400,000 LEAFs have been sold globally since 2010 making Nissan the world’s best-selling electric vehicle manufacturer.

For more information, visit [dea](http://www.nissan.co.uk/LEAF)lerwebsitehere

**Editors Notes:**

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|  | **UK Fuel Stations** | **UK Charging Locations** |
| 1970 | 37,539 |  |
| 1980 | 25,527 |  |
| 1990 | 19,465 |  |
| 2000 | 13,043 |  |
| 2005 | 9,764 |  |
| 2010 | 8,892 |  |
| 2011 | 8,480 |  |
| 2012 | 8,693 | 913 |
| 2013 | 8,611 | 1,962 |
| 2014 | 8,609 | 2,775 |
| 2015 | 8,472 | 3,646 |
| 2016 | 8,489 | 4,232 |
| 2017 | 8,442 | 4,954 |
| 2018 | 8,396 | 6,669 |
| 2019 (August) | *8,396\** | 9,199 |

*\* Data available to end of 2018*

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