

Fact Sheet

Key figures on the Swiss mechanical and electrical engineering industries (MEM-industries)

1. SEMESTER-ON-SEMESTER COMPARISON	1st semester 2009	1st semester 2010	
New orders* Total (indexed)	84.7	98.0	
Change over year-back semester	-34.3%	15.7%	
– Domestic	-26.3%	16.7%	
– Abroad	-36.4%	14.8	
Share of export orders	76.6%	77.5%	
Turnover* Total (indexed)	101.4	96.3	
Change over year-back semester	-19.1%	-5.0%	
– Domestic	-17.2%	1.2%	
– Abroad	-19.5%	-6.8%	
Exports** MEM industries as a whole	CHF 31,461 mill.	CHF 32,908 mill.	
Change over year-back semester	-22.8%	4.6%	
– Consignments to EU	CHF 20,160 mill.	CHF 20,812 mill.	
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	64.1%	63.2%	
– Consignments to Asia	CHF 5,196 mill.	CHF 5,870 mill.	
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	16.5%	17.8%	
Consignments to the USA	CHF 2,849 mill.	CHF 3,076 mill.	
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	9.1%	9.3%	
2. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON	2nd quarter 2009	2nd quarter 2010	
New orders* Total (indexed)	93.2	102.7	
Change over year-back quarter	-26.6%	10.2%	
– Domestic	-18.5%	11.8%	
– Abroad	-28.8%	9.1%	
Turnover* Total (indexed)	101.5	97.4	
Change over year-back quarter	-22.7%	-4.0%	
– Domestic	-19.8%	6.9%	
– Abroad	-23.5%	-7.2%	
Exports** MEM industries	CHF 15,755 mill.	CHF 17,106 mill.	
Change over year-back quarter	-26.4%	8.6%	
3. EMPLOYMENT	End of June 2008	End of June 2009	End of June 2010
Capacity utilization MEM industries	89.4%	79.4%	79.4%
Workforce MEM industries ***	¹⁾ 304,365	¹⁾ 345,535	¹⁾ 327,896
Unemployment MEM industries	5,169	11,691	10,648
Change over year-back period	-2.1%	126.2%	-8.9%
– MEM as % of total unemployment	5.7%	8.3%	7.4%
Vacant jobs MEM industries****	2,486	2,363	3,242
Change over year-back period	11.7%	-4.9%	37.2%

* 290 reporting Swissmem companies (Index 1st quarter 2001 = 100)

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*** Swiss Federal Statistical Office (BFS), BESTA: 2001 Census of Enterprises (incl. watch making industry),

¹⁾ as at end of March (no figures are as yet available for the 2nd quarter of 2010)