

Fact sheet

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

1. YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON	2017	2018	
New orders* total (indexed)	103.2	109.9	
Change over year-back period	7.5%	6.5%	
– Domestic	3.9%	8.7%	
– Abroad	8.6%	5.8%	
Share of export orders	79.0%	79.3%	
Turnover* total (indexed)	106.7	118.9	
Change over year-back period	9.4%	11.4%	
– Domestic	1.2%	5.0%	
– Abroad	11.9%	13.3%	
Exports** MEM industries as a whole	CHF 66'768 mill.	CHF 69'740 mill.	
Change over year-back period	5,5%	4,5%	
– Consignments to EU	CHF 39'771 mill.	CHF 41'898 mill..	
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	59,6%	60,1%	
– Consignments to Asia	CHF 12'642 mill.	CHF 12'374 mill.	
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	18,9%	17,7%	
– Consignments to the USA	CHF 8'632 mill.	CHF 9'451 mill.	
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	12,9%	13,6%	
2. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON	1st quarter 2018	1st quarter 2019	
New orders* total (indexed)	115.2	109.3	
Change over year-back quarter	24.1%	-5.1%	
– Domestic	9.3%	-4.9%	
– Abroad	29.0%	-5.0%	
Turnover* total (indexed)	111.9	110.7	
Change over year-back quarter	16.4%	-1.1%	
– Domestic	0.9%	6.7%	
– Abroad	21.2%	-3.1%	
Exports** MEM industries	CHF 17,009mill.	CHF 17'169 mill.	
Change over year-back quarter	4.9%	0.9%	
3. EMPLOYMENT	End March 2017	End March 2018	End March 2019
Capacity utilization MEM industries	86.5%	83.8%	90.6%
Workforce MEM industries***	¹⁾ 313'700	¹⁾ 312'600	¹⁾ 320'500

* Swissmem quarterly statistics (Index 1st quarter 2001 = 100).

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*** Swiss Federal Statistical Office. BESTA: Workforce MEM industries. fulltime and part time rounded to 100

¹⁾ as at end of December (no figures are as yet available for the 1st quarter of 2019)