

Fact sheet

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

1. SEMESTER-ON-SEMESTER COMPARISON	1st semester 2018	1st semester 2019	
New orders* total (indexed)	117.9	103.2	
Change over year-back period	24.1%	-12.5%	
– Domestic	9.4%	-5.5%	
– Abroad	28.6%	-14.2%	
Share of export orders	79.7%	78.5%	
Turnover* total (indexed)	115.7	113.5	
Change over year-back period	16.4%	-1.9%	
– Domestic	4.4%	5.5%	
– Abroad	19.9%	-3.7%	
Exports** MEM industries as a whole	CHF 34,857 mill	CHF 34,507 mill	
Change over year-back period	7.6%	-1.0%	
– Consignments to EU	CHF 21,267 mill	CHF 20,948 mill	
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	61.0%	60.7%	
– Consignments to Asia	CHF 6,131 mill	CHF 5,969 mill	
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	17.6%	17.3%	
– Consignments to the USA	CHF 4,573 mill	CHF 4,808 mill	
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	13.1%	13.9%	
2. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON	2nd quarter 2018	2nd quarter 2019	
New orders* total (indexed)	120.6	97.1	
Change over year-back quarter	24.2%	-19.5%	
– Domestic	9.5%	-6.2%	
– Abroad	28.1%	-22.5%	
Turnover* total (indexed)	119.4	116.3	
Change over year-back quarter	16.3%	-2.6%	
– Domestic	8.0%	4.3%	
– Abroad	18.7%	-4.5%	
Exports** MEM industries	CHF 17,849 mill	CHF 17,338 mill	
Change over year-back quarter	10.1%	-2.9%	
3. EMPLOYMENT	End of June 2017	End of June 2018	End of June 2019
Capacity utilization MEM industries	88.0%	91.9%	86.6%
Workforce MEM industries***	¹⁾ 312,200	¹⁾ 314,600	¹⁾ 322,800

* 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 May (no figures are as yet available for the 2nd quarter of 2019)