

Fact sheet

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

1. NINE MONTH-ON-NINE MONTH COMPARISON	Jan. – Sept. 2018	Jan. – Sept. 2019	
New orders* total (indexed)	113.0	98.1	
Change over year-back period	13.1%	-13.2%	
– Domestic	11.0%	-3.1%	
– Abroad	13.6%	-15.6%	
Share of export orders	79.5%	77.9%	
Turnover* total (indexed)	115.9	111.6	
Change over year-back period	13.6%	-3.7%	
– Domestic	5.4%	3.0%	
– Abroad	16.0%	-5.5%	
Exports** MEM industries as a whole	CHF 51,724 mill.	CHF 51,008 mill.	
Change over year-back period	+6,1%	-1.4%	
– Consignments to EU	CHF 31,208 mill.	CHF 30,670 mill.	
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	60,3%	60.1%	
– Consignments to Asia	CHF 9,207 mill.	CHF 8,885 mill.	
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	17.8%	17.4%	
– Consignments to the USA	CHF 6,966 mill.	CHF 7,255 mill.	
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	13,5%	14.2%	
2. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON	3rd quarter 2018	3rd quarter 2019	
New orders* total (indexed)	103.2	88.0	
Change over year-back quarter	-6.0%	-14.7%	
– Domestic	15.1%	1.9%	
– Abroad	-10.3%	-18.9%	
Turnover* total (indexed)	116.3	107.7	
Change over year-back quarter	8.5%	-7.4%	
– Domestic	7.3%	-1.9%	
– Abroad	9.0%	-8.8%	
Exports** MEM industries	CHF 16,867 mill.	CHF 16,471 mill.	
Change over year-back quarter	3.2%	-2.3%	
3. EMPLOYMENT	End of Sept. 2017	End of Sept. 2018	End of Sept. 2019
Capacity utilization MEM industries	86.9%	91.2%	83.7%
Workforce MEM industries***	¹⁾ 312,200	¹⁾ 317,500	¹⁾ 325,500

* 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 June (no figures are as yet available for the 3rd quarter of 2019)