

Fact sheet

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

1. YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON	2018	2019	
New orders* total (indexed)	109.9	98.2	
Change over year-back period	6.5%	-10.6%	
– Domestic	8.7%	-1.6%	
– Abroad	5.8%	-12.9%	
Share of export orders	79.3%	77.7%	
Turnover* total (indexed)	118.9	113.5	
Change over year-back period	11.4%	-4.5%	
– Domestic	5.0%	1.8%	
– Abroad	13.3%	-6.2%	
Exports** MEM industries as a whole	CHF 69,740 mill.	CHF 68,311 mill.	
Change over year-back period	4.5%	-2.0%	
– Consignments to EU	CHF 39,375 mill.	CHF 38,127 mill.	
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	56.5%	55.8%	
– Consignments to Asia	CHF 12,374 mill.	CHF 12,180 mill.	
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	17.7%	17.8%	
– Consignments to the USA	CHF 9,451 mill.	CHF 9,789 mill.	
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	13.6%	14.3%	
2. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON	1st quarter 2019	1st quarter 2020	
New orders* total (indexed)	109.3	107.1	
Change over year-back quarter	-5.1%	-2.0%	
– Domestic	-4.9%	-0.6%	
– Abroad	-5.0%	-2.4%	
Turnover* total (indexed)	110.7	104.4	
Change over year-back quarter	-1.1%	-5.7%	
– Domestic	6.7%	-4.4%	
– Abroad	-3.1%	-6.1%	
Exports** MEM industries	CHF 17,203 mill.	CHF 15,762 mill..	
Change over year-back quarter	1.1%	-8.4%	
3. EMPLOYMENT	End March 2018	End March 2019	End March 2020
Capacity utilization MEM industries	90.6%	89.3%	83.6%
Workforce MEM industries***	¹⁾ 312,600	¹⁾ 320,500	¹⁾ 324,600

* 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 2020)