

Fact sheet

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

1. SEMESTER-ON-SEMESTER COMPARISON	1st semester 2019	1st semester 2020	
New orders* total (indexed)	103.2	92.7	
Change over year-back period	-12.5%	-10.2%	
– Domestic	-5.5%	1.4%	
– Abroad	-14.2%	-13.5%	
Share of export orders	78.5%	75.1%	
Turnover* total (indexed)	113.5	98.9	
Change over year-back period	-1.9%	-12.9%	
– Domestic	5.5%	-6.8%	
– Abroad	-3.7%	-14.7%	
Exports** MEM industries as a whole	CHF 34,540 mill.	CHF 28,874 mill.	
Change over year-back period	-0.9%	-16.4%	
– Consignments to EU	CHF 19,685 mill.	CHF 16,049 mill.	
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	57.0%	55.6%	
– Consignments to Asia	CHF 5,991 mill.	CHF 5,356 mill.	
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	17.3%	18.6%	
– Consignments to the USA	CHF 4,810 mill.	CHF 4,070 mill.	
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	13.9%	14.1%	
2. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON	2nd quarter 2019	2nd quarter 2020	
New orders* total (indexed)	97.1	78.2	
Change over year-back quarter	-19.5%	-19.5%	
– Domestic	-6.2%	3.6%	
– Abroad	-22.5%	-26.0%	
Turnover* total (indexed)	116.3	93.4	
Change over year-back quarter	-2.6%	-19.7%	
– Domestic	4.3%	-9.1%	
– Abroad	-4.5%	-22.9%	
Exports** MEM industries	CHF 17,337 mill.	CHF 13,077 mill.	
Change over year-back quarter	-2.9%	-24.6%	
3. EMPLOYMENT	2nd quarter 2019	2nd quarter 2019	2nd quarter 2020
Capacity utilization MEM industries	91.9%	86.6%	80.9%
Workforce MEM industries***	¹⁾ 318,200	¹⁾ 323,900	¹⁾ 319,600

* 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⁾ The sampling method used for compiling the employment statistics was modified in Q2 2020. According to the FSO, the time series for the period 2018-2020 has been adjusted accordingly.