

Fact sheet

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

1. HALF-YEAR COMPARISON	2019	2020	
New orders*, total (indexed)	98.2	91.8	
Change over year-back period	-10.6%	-6.5%	
– Domestic	-1.6%	-5.5%	
– International	-12.9%	-6.9%	
Share of foreign orders (export ratio)	77.7%	75.8%	
Turnover*, total (indexed)	113.5	102.4	
Change over year-back period	-4.5%	-9.8%	
– Domestic	1.8%	-5.7%	
– International	-6.2%	-10.9%	
Exports** MEM industries as a whole	CHF 68,311 million	CHF 60,657 million	
Change over year-back period	-2.0%	-11.2%	
– Consignments to EU	CHF 38,127 million	CHF 33,585 million	
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	55.8%	55.4%	
– Consignments to Asia	CHF 12,180 million	CHF 11,268 million	
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	17.8%	18.6%	
– Consignments to the USA	CHF 9,789 million	CHF 8,551 million	
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	14.3%	14.1%	
2. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON	4th quarter 2019	4th quarter 2020	
New orders*, total (indexed)	98.3	97.9	
Change over year-back quarter	-2.1%	-0.4%	
– Domestic	3.3%	-17.7%	
– International	-3.8%	5.2%	
Turnover*, total (indexed)	119.2	113.2	
Change over year-back quarter	-6.7%	-5.0%	
– Domestic	-1.4%	-3.5%	
– International	-8.2%	-5.4%	
Exports** MEM industries as a whole	CHF 17,304 million	CHF 16,725 million	
Change over year-back quarter	-3.9%	-3.3%	
3. EMPLOYMENT	End Dec. 2018	End Dec. 2019	End Dec. 2020
Capacity utilization MEM industries	91.6%	83.0%	78.3%
Workforce MEM industries	320,700	324,900	318,300

* Swissmem quarterly statistics (index Q1 2001 = 100)

** Swiss Federal Customs Administration (EZV), EU excluding the UK

*** Swiss Federal Statistical Office (FSO), BESTA: Workforce MEM industries, full- and part-time, rounded to 100, 3rd quarter of 2020; figures for the 4th quarter of 2020 not yet available

The sample for the employment statistics was modified in Q2 2020.

The time series for the period 2018-2020 was adjusted in accordance with FSO methodology