

Fact sheet

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

1. 9-MONTH COMPARISON	Jan – Sept 2020	Jan – Sept 2021
New orders¹⁾, total (indexed)	90.8	118.6
Change over year-back period	-9.1%	30.6%
– Domestic	-1.2%	4.2%
– International	-11.4%	35.6%
Share of foreign orders (export ratio)	74.9%	78.3%
Turnover¹⁾, total (indexed)	87.6	96.8
Change over year-back period	-11.7%	10.5%
– Domestic	-6.5%	-0.4%
– International	-13.4%	13.5%
Exports²⁾ MEM industries as a whole	CHF 43,949 million	CHF 50,509 million
Change over year-back period	-13.8%	14.9%
– Consignments to EU	CHF 24,445 million	CHF 29,153 million
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	55.6%	57.7%
– Consignments to Asia	CHF 8,421 million	CHF 9,174 million
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	19.2%	18.2%
– Consignments to the USA	CHF 6,276 million	CHF 7,014 million
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	14.3%	13.9%
2. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON	3rd quarter 2020	3rd quarter 2021
New orders¹⁾, total (indexed)	85.3	123.0
Change over year-back quarter	-4.7%	44.2%
– Domestic	-6.4%	9.7%
– International	-4.2%	49.0%
Turnover¹⁾, total (indexed)	87.8	99.3
Change over year-back quarter	-8.3%	13.1%
– Domestic	-5.9%	5.9%
– International	-9.1%	14.5%
Exports²⁾ MEM industries as a whole	CHF 15.027 million	CHF 17.040 million
Change over year-back quarter	-8.7%	13.4%
3. EMPLOYMENT	End-Sept 2020	End-Sept 2021
Capacity utilization MEM industries	77.0%	87.2%
Workforce MEM industries	319,600	313,600

¹⁾ Swissmem quarterly statistics. New basis Q4/2019 = 100 (N = 257 companies). The index series and rates of change for the period 4/2019 to Q1/2021 have been recalculated.

²⁾ General Directorate of Customs

³⁾ Swiss Federal Statistical Office. BESTA: Workforce MEM industries, fulltime and part time rounded to 100, as at end of June (no figures are as yet available for the 3rd quarter of 2021)