

Fact sheet

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

YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON	2020	2021
New orders*, total (indexed)	93.1	117.8
Change over year-back period	-6.8%	26.5%
– Domestic	-5.5%	6.4%
– International	-7.3%	30.2%
Share of foreign orders (export ratio)	75.2%	78.4%
Turnover*, total (indexed)	89.5	98.8
Change over year-back period	-10.0%	10.4%
– Domestic	-5.6%	-1.3%
- International	-11.4%	13.9%
Exports** MEM industries as a whole	CHF 60,730 million	CHF 68,452 million
Change over year-back period	-11.1%	12.7%
 Consignments to EU 	CHF 33,594 million	CHF 39,144 million
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	55.3%	57.2%
 Consignments to Asia 	CHF 11,710 million	CHF 12,551 million
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	19.3%	18.3%
 Consignments to the USA 	CHF 8,583 million	CHF 9,566 million
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	14.1%	11.4%

. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON	4th quarter 2020	4th quarter 2021
New orders*, total (indexed)	99.7	115.4
Change over year-back quarter	-0.3%	15.7%
– Domestic	-17.8%	13.9%
- International	5.4%	16.3%
Turnover*, total (indexed)	95.4	104.7
Change over year-back quarter	-4.6%	9.7%
– Domestic	-2.8%	-3.9%
- International	-5.2%	14.5%
Exports** MEM industries as a whole	CHF 16,781 million	CHF 17,934 million
Change over year-back quarter	-3.0%	6.9%
Employment	4th quarter 2020	4th quarter 2021

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Capacity utilization MEM industries	78.3%	89.8%
Workforce MEM industries	315,200	318,900

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⁾ Federal Office for Customs and Border Security (FOCBS)
 ³⁾ Swiss Federal Statistical Office. BESTA: Workforce MEM industries, fulltime and part time rounded to 100.