

Fact sheet

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

1. YEAR-ON-YEAR COMPARISON	2020	2021
New orders¹⁾, 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%
Turnover¹⁾, 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%
Exports²⁾ MEM industries as a whole	CHF 60,730 million	CHF 68,490 million
Change over year-back period	-11.1%	12.8%
– Consignments to EU	CHF 33,594 million	CHF 39,156 million
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	55.3%	57.2%
– Consignments to Asia	CHF 11,710 million	CHF 12,567 million
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	19.3%	18.3%
– Consignments to the USA	CHF 8,583 million	CHF 9,573 million
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	14.1%	11.5%
2. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON	1st quarter 2021	1st quarter 2022
New orders¹⁾, total (indexed)	112.4	125.8
Change over year-back quarter	4.8%	11.9%
– Domestic	2.9%	6.6%
– International	5.2%	13.6%
Turnover¹⁾, total (indexed)	91.9	103.7
Change over year-back quarter	-0.5%	12.8%
– Domestic	-8.0%	5.0%
– International	1.8%	15.2%
Exports²⁾ MEM industries as a whole	CHF 16,375 million	CHF 17,880 million
Change over year-back quarter	3.7%	9.2%
3. EMPLOYMENT	1st quarter 2021	1st quarter 2022
Capacity utilization MEM industries	81.7%	91.9%
Workforce MEM industries ³⁾	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 Q4/2019 to Q1/2021 have been recalculated.

²⁾ Federal Office for Customs and Border Security (FOCBS)

³⁾ Swiss Federal Statistical Office, BESTA: Workforce MEM industries, full- and part-time, rounded to 100, as of end of February, as figures for the 1st quarter of 2022 not yet available