

Fact sheet

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

1. SEMESTER-ON-SEMESTER COMPARISON	1st semester 2020	1st semester 2021	
New orders¹⁾ total (indexed)	93,6	116.4	
Change over year-back period	-10,9%	24.4%	
– Domestic	1,2%	1.9%	
– Abroad	-14,4%	29.3%	
Share of export orders	74,5%	78.0%	
Turnover¹⁾ total (indexed)	87,5	95.6	
Change over year-back period	-13,4%	9.3%	
– Domestic	-6,9%	-3.5%	
– Abroad	-15,4%	13.1%	
Exports²⁾ MEM industries as a whole	CHF 28,922 mill.	CHF 33,447 mill.	
Change over year-back period	-16.3%	15.6%	
– Consignments to EU	CHF 16,059 mill.	CHF 19,431 mill.	
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	55.5%	58.1%	
– Consignments to Asia	CHF 5,564 mill.	CHF 6,032 mill.	
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	19.2.6%	18.0%	
– Consignments to the USA	CHF 4,074 mill.	CHF 4,568 mill.	
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	14.1%	13.7%	
2. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON	2nd quarter 2020	2nd quarter 2021	
New orders¹⁾ total (indexed)	79.9	120.3	
Change over year-back quarter	-19.5%	50.6%	
– Domestic	3.4%	0.8%	
– Abroad	-26.0%	64.2%	
Turnover¹⁾ total (indexed)	82.5	99.2	
Change over year-back quarter	-19.4%	20.2%	
– Domestic	-8.9%	1.0%	
– Abroad	-22.8%	26.3%	
Exports²⁾ MEM industries	CHF 13,125 mill.	CHF 17,071 mill.	
Change over year-back quarter	-24.3%	30.1%	
3. EMPLOYMENT	End of June 2019	End of June 2020	End of June 2021
Capacity utilization MEM industries	86.6%	80.9%	85.6%
Workforce MEM industries ³⁾	322,500	322,800	313,500

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 May (no figures are as yet available for the 2nd quarter of 2021)