

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)	117,8	120,6
Change over year-back period	26,5%	2,4%
– Domestic	6,4%	8,4%
– International	30,2%	0,8%
Share of foreign orders (export ratio)	78,4%	77,8%
Turnover¹⁾, total (indexed)	98,8	108,1
Change over year-back period	10,4%	9,4%
– Domestic	-1,3%	8,5%
– International	13,9%	9,8%
Exports²⁾ MEM industries as a whole	CHF 68,490 million	CHF 72,349 million
Change over year-back period	12.8%	5.6%
– Consignments to EU	CHF 39,076 million	CHF 40,774 million
EU as a percentage of total MEM exports	57.1%	56.4%
– Consignments to Asia	CHF 12,567 million	CHF 14,038 million
Asia as a percentage of total MEM exports	18.3%	19.4%
– Consignments to the USA	CHF 9,573 million	CHF 10,330.3 million
USA as a percentage of total MEM exports	14.0%	14.3%
2. QUARTER-ON-QUARTER COMPARISON	1st quarter 2022	1st quarter 2023
New orders¹⁾, total (indexed)	125.8	119,7
Change over year-back quarter	11.9%	-4,8%
– Domestic	6.6%	-0,2%
– International	13.6%	-6,1%
Turnover¹⁾, total (indexed)	103.7	108,8
Change over year-back quarter	12.8%	4,9%
– Domestic	5.0%	6,5%
– International	15.2%	4,5%
Exports²⁾ MEM industries as a whole	CHF 17,907 million	CHF 18,402 million
Change over year-back quarter	9.4%	2.8%
3. EMPLOYMENT	1st quarter 2022	1st quarter 2023
Capacity utilization MEM industries	91.9%	89.5 %
Workforce MEM industries ³⁾	317,900	326,500

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 2023 not yet available