



## Press release

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### 06 Industry and Services

Production, orders and turnover statistics of the secondary sector

## Production and turnover in Switzerland's secondary sector rose sharply in 2nd quarter 2021

**Secondary sector production rose by 14.2% in 2nd quarter 2021 in comparison with the same quarter a year earlier. Turnover rose by 15.5%. These sharp increases can largely be explained by the weak 2nd quarter of 2020, during which measures against the COVID-19 pandemic came into effect. This is shown by provisional results from the Federal Statistical Office (FSO).**

Compared with the previous year, production in the industrial sector rose in April (+16.1%), in May (+17.4%) and in June (+13.1%). For the whole of 2nd quarter 2021 production increased by 15.7% in comparison with the same quarter a year earlier.

Construction production increased by 6.5% in 2nd quarter 2021 in comparison with the same quarter a year earlier. Production rose by 4.9% in building, civil engineering in contrast registered a decline (-2.1%). Lastly, specialised construction activities registered an increase of 8.8% in their production.

### Turnover

Turnover in the industrial sector rose in April (+18.5%), in May (+19.6%) and in June (+14.1%) compared with the previous year. For the whole of 2nd quarter 2021 in comparison with the same quarter a year earlier, turnover registered an increase of 17.4%.

Construction turnover rose by 8.1% in 2nd quarter 2021 in comparison with the same quarter a year earlier. Turnover rose by 7.5% in building, Civil engineering registered a decline of 1.0%, specialised construction activities an increase of 9.4%.

### Comparison with pre-pandemic period

If the results of the indices are compared with the results of the 2nd quarter 2019, i.e. the last comparable period prior to the outbreak of the pandemic, different rates of change emerge: The two-year comparison shows a 5.0% increase in production in industry when the 2nd quarter 2021 is compared with the 2nd quarter 2019 (turnover: +2.4%). Similar comparison in construction production shows an increase of 1.2% (turnover: +2.9%). Lastly, the same comparison applied to the secondary sector shows an increase in production of 4.4% (turnover: +2.5%).

## Methodological notice

The **Industry Production, Orders and Turnover Statistics (INDPAU)** is a quarterly survey. The random sample comprises some 4500 companies.

The Swiss Federal Office for Energy (SFOE), the Swiss organization responsible for the compulsory stockpiling of oil products (CARBURA) and the Swiss Association of Gas Industry (VSG) serve as secondary sources for the statistical survey. This collaboration avoids certain economic activities having to be surveyed twice.

Among the variables surveyed are the monthly turnover figures and the quarterly orders received and on hand. The three variables are broken down by economic activity. A distinction is made by provenance (domestic/foreign) for the turnover and orders received variables. The economic activities' production is calculated by deflating turnover by production prices.

The **Construction Production, Orders and Turnover Statistics (BAPAU)** represent the economic development of the construction industry. The random sample is composed of roughly 3800 companies.

The Swiss Contractors' Association (SBV) conducts its own statistical survey among its members (approximately 1800 enterprises), data from which is used by the Federal Statistical Office (FSO) for the Construction Industry Production, Orders and Turnover Statistics. This coordinated approach makes it possible to avoid double surveys and eases the burden on enterprises.

Among the variables surveyed are the quarterly turnover figures, orders received and on hand. The three variables are broken down by economic activity. The economic activities' production is calculated by deflating turnover by production prices.

Both statistics are based on the General Classification of Economic Activities (NOGA) from the year 2008, which meets international standards and classifies businesses into different economic activities based on their economic activities.

In order to exclude seasonal fluctuations from the time series, data is seasonally adjusted. This is done using the X-12-ARIMA method which recalculates the entire time series every quarter. All time series will be adjusted for the number of working days (not every quarter has the same number of working days).

The results of the secondary sector (INDPAU and BAPAU) are available at: [www.statistics.admin.ch](http://www.statistics.admin.ch) > [Look for statistics](#) > [Industry and services](#) > [Production, Orders, Turnover](#) > [Secondary sector](#)

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The Swiss National Bank (exercise of its monetary policy) and the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (production of quarterly GDP estimate) received the data forming the basis of this press release five working days before publication for the purpose of the tasks mentioned. The press agencies received this press release with an embargo of 15 minutes.