

Industry and skilled trades



Liechtenstein's economy has a significant emphasis on industrial production. In 2007, the production sector provided 43% of the jobs, which in comparison with other European countries is extraordinarily high.

The jobs of the industrial sector are provided by 584 enterprises. These enterprises are mainly small companies with less than 50 employees. They are active in a large number of specialised market niches and contribute to the broad diversification of Liechtenstein's economy. The most important branches are mechanical engineering, electrical machinery, vehicle components, dental technology, food products as well as construction work.

Due to Liechtenstein's limited domestic market, especially the larger enterprises are heavily export-oriented. A vast majority of their goods production is sold abroad.

The most important export countries of Liechtenstein's industry and goods production sector are Switzerland, Germany and the USA.

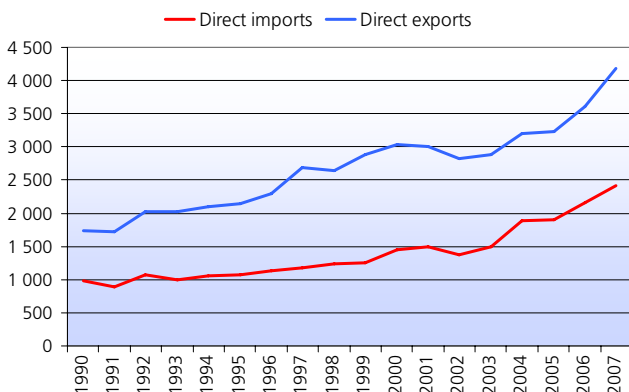
Direct goods exports (without Switzerland)

Year	in million CHF	Change
2000	3 032	5.3%
2001	3 002	-1.0%
2002	2 820	-6.1%
2003	2 877	2.0%
2004	3 203	11.3%
2005	3 227	0.7%
2006	3 604	11.7%
2007	4 182	16.0%

Direct goods imports (without Switzerland)

Year	in million CHF	Change
2000	1 456	16.6%
2001	1 488	2.2%
2002	1 378	-7.4%
2003	1 490	8.1%
2004	1 881	26.2%
2005	1 909	1.5%
2006	2 164	13.4%
2007	2 417	11.7%

Direct goods exports and imports (without Switzerland) since 1990 – in million CHF



Data of the Federal Customs Administration. Goods exchange with Switzerland is not included.

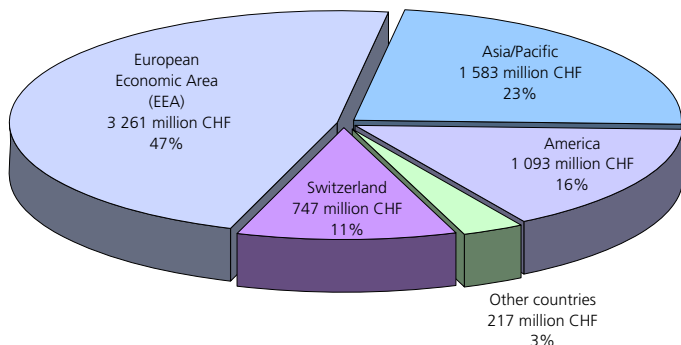
Extract from the industrial statistics of the LCCI

The 31 industrial member companies¹ of the Liechtenstein Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) employed in Liechtenstein 8 723 employees at the end of 2007.

Sales to foreign countries² of LCCI industrial member companies since 1970

Year	in million. CHF	Change
1970	333	.
1980	887	.
1990	2 213	.
2000	4 622	.
2005	5 465	.
2006	6 110	11.8%
2007	6 901	12.9%

Sales to foreign countries² of LCCI industrial member companies by economic areas (2007)



Staff in foreign subsidiaries³ of LCCI industrial member companies (31.12.2007)

Continent	Number of foreign subsidiaries	Number of employees
Europe	111	19 176
America	25	5 422
Asia	37	8 347
Australia	4	374
Africa	1	261
Total	178	33 580

¹ The Unaxis Balzers Ltd. (since June 2006 OC Oerlikon Balzers) plant in Trübbach, Switzerland, is classified as part of the Balzers location in Liechtenstein.

² Invoiced sales to foreign countries.

³ Foreign subsidiaries majority-owned by LCCI industrial member companies.