

Swiss watchmaking in February 2025 Marked slowdown in an uncertain climate

Swiss watch exports fell back by 8.2% in February, despite a favourable base effect. The overall decline for the first two months of the year was -2.4%.

Swiss watch exports in February 2025

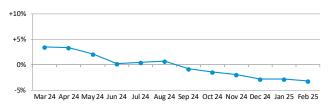
Products	Units (million)	Change	CHF (million)	Change
Wristwatches	1.1	-8.4%	1,886.0	-8.2%
Other products			96.7	-7.7%
Total			1,982.7	- 8.2 %

Performance was mainly hampered by the contraction in exports of steel watches, which fell by 8.0%, while watches made from precious metals held up better, declining by only 4.4%. Bimetallic watches (-12.0%) and those made from other metals (-24.5%) suffered even more marked declines. In total, 102,000 fewer watches were exported in February, with a particularly pronounced fall in the *Other metals* (-28.9%) category.

Main markets

Markets	CHF (million)	Change	Share
USA	340.3	-6.7%	17.2%
Hong Kong	151.4	-12.5%	7.6%
China	145.1	-25.0%	7.3%
United Kingdom	129.4	-1.9%	6.5%
Singapore	129.0	-12.7%	6.5%
Japan	126.1	-19.1%	6.4%
Total 6 markets	1,021.3	-12.5%	51.5%

12 months moving average



Wristwatches by materials

Materials	Units (in 1,000)	Change	CHF (million)	Change
Precious metal	28.8	-19.0%	715.2	-4.4%
Steel	713.1	-0.4%	670.2	-8.0%
Gold-steel	75.0	-14.9%	315.4	-12.0%
Other metals	84.2	-28.9%	111.0	-24.5%
Other materials	209.2	-17.6%	74.2	+0.7%
Total	1,110.3	-8.4%	1,886.0	-8.2%



Only watches with an export price below 200 francs posted a positive result for the month (+2.7%). Conversely, other price segments suffered more or less marked declines, especially watches priced between 500 and 3,000 francs, which fell by 15.4%, while those priced over 3,000 francs also experienced a slowdown, falling by 7.3%.

Most of the main markets saw significant declines in February. The United States, the leading market for watch exports, posted negative performance of 6.7%. Hong Kong continued on a downward trend, declining by 12.5%, while China continued to fall, dropping by 25.0%, despite a favourable base effect. The decline in the United Kingdom was more moderate (1.9%). Singapore's performance was in line with the other major Asian markets, declining by 12.7%, while there was a sharp contraction in Japan (-19.1%), pushing it down to sixth place in the ranking.