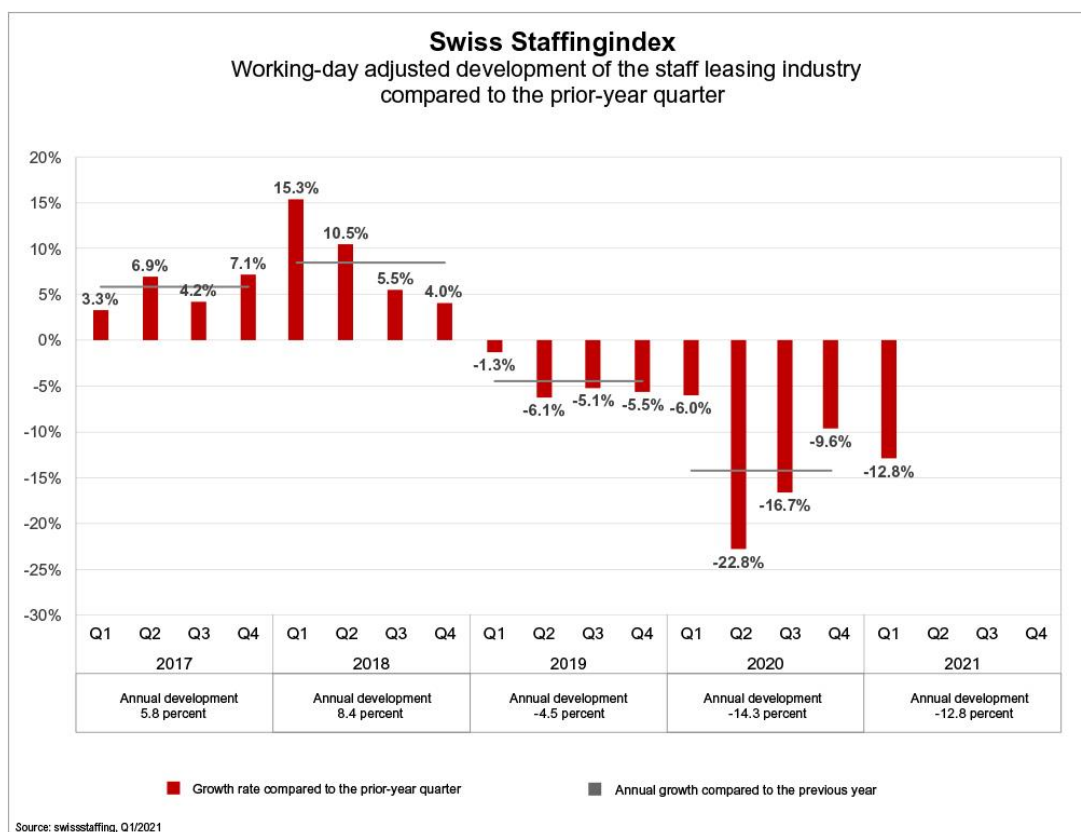


Second lockdown causes strain, but optimism for the summer

In the first quarter of 2021, temporary workers rendered 12.8% fewer working hours than in the same quarter in the previous year. As a result, the second lockdown knocked the staff leasing sector back into double-digit minus figures.

This decline affected both the service and industrial sectors due to falling demand. However, the adaptability of trade and industry and the more moderate health restrictions meant that this slump was smaller than during the first lockdown.



Vaccinations and the summer bringing optimism

The prospect of vaccinations, the easing of measures, and traditionally strong business in summer months have ensured a positive mood among managers in the staff leasing sector. According to gfs-zürich's most recent quarterly survey on behalf of swissstaffing, 41% of the CEOs surveyed expected business activities to increase over the next six months. By comparison, this stood at 34% in the fourth

quarter of last year. There was even a positive outlook for the events and restaurant sectors. As soon as the health situation allows for it, people are expected to create a major catch-up effect in these sectors.

→ **Further Information:**

The index's key data and the development of the underlying index values can be seen below. Other statistics are available by clicking [this link](#).

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Swiss Staffing Index key data	
Staff leasing companies included	200 companies
Working hours recorded per year	76 million
Market coverage	42%
Frequency of publication	Quarterly
Data collection	Monthly
Next provisional publication date	29 July 2021

Source: swissstaffing, Q1/2021

Overview of the development of the Swiss Staffingindex, basis: Q1 2012

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Q1	100	104.1	114.3	110.9	112.4	116.1	133.9	132.2	124.2	108.3
Q2	136.3	144.3	148.9	143.0	143.1	153.0	169.1	158.8	122.6	
Q3	153.8	159.9	160.9	154.4	158.3	165.0	174.0	165.1	137.6	
Q4	138.2	147.5	145.7	139.6	144.5	154.7	160.9	152.1	137.5	

Source: swissstaffing, Q1/2021

swissstaffing is a service centre and centre of excellence for staff leasing companies in Switzerland. As an employers' association, swissstaffing represents the interests of its 400 members in matters of policy, the economy and society. swissstaffing is a social partner of the CBA on Staff Leasing, the agreement covering more employees in Switzerland than any other.

Studies on temporary workers and recruitment agencies in Switzerland

The market research institute gfs-Zürich completes regular surveys on behalf of swissstaffing. The current studies can be found by clicking on [this link](#).