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St. Gallen – centre of the textile industry

In the 15th century St. Gallen became successful in producing textiles. In 1714, a first climax was reached with a yearly production of 38,000 bales of linen. The first depression happened in the middle of the 18th century caused by strong foreign competition and starting cotton production. But St. Gallen was able to catch up and an even more glamorous era arrived.



At the beginning of the 19th century, the first embroidery machines were developed in St. Gallen. In 1910 the embroidery production was the largest export branch in Switzerland (18 percent of the total export value), and more than half of the global production originated in St. Gallen. One fifth of the population in the eastern part of Swit-

zerland lived from the textile industry. World War I and the Great Depression thereafter plunged the St. Gallen embroidery into a second large crisis. The textile industry recovered slightly in the 1950s. St. Gallen embroideries are still in high demand by the creators of Paris Haute Couture.

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University of St. Gallen

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