



European Semiconductor Industry Association

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European Semiconductor Market in May 2015

European semiconductor sales reached US\$ 2.873 billion in May 2015, reported the European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) on the basis of the latest WSTS data. This sets the European semiconductor market essentially at the same levels of the previous month, however there were some remarkable areas of strength in May, with increased demand in key applications. This resulted in strong growth in several important product categories in May over April. In particular, sales of discrete semiconductor devices were up 3.7% from April, diodes up 5% and optoelectronics up 6.7%.

In addition, if measured in Euros, the European market showed very strong growth compared to the same month one year ago, while decreasing substantially when measured in Dollars. This illustrates the effect exchange rates dynamics can have on the European sales picture, when comparing market growth in Euros and in Dollars. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.631 billion Euros in May 2015, down 0.1% versus the previous month and an increase of 16.4% over April May 2015

Looking at worldwide sales of application specific chips, semiconductor devices designed to be used in automotive, consumer and wireless and wired communication applications performed particularly well, with substantial increase in sales compared to April. On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in May 2015 were US\$ 28.201 billion, up 2.1% versus the April, and up 5.1% versus the 2014.

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Monthly European Semiconductor Sales in Billion Euro (3-month-average data)

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Apr 15	May 15	Apr 15	May 15	Apr 15	May 15	Apr 15	May 15
in \$:								
Europe	2.890	2.873	-2.2%	-0.6%	-5.6%	-7.8%	-4.9%	-6.4%
Americas	5.613	5.624	-3.3%	0.2%	12.3%	11.4%	13.3%	12.5%
Japan	2.540	2.539	-0.2%	0.0%	-10.7%	-11.8%	-10.6%	-11.0%
Asia Pacific	16.568	17.165	0.9%	3.6%	7.4%	8.7%	8.6%	8.5%
of which China	7.784	8.094	-0.6%	4.0%	9.9%	9.5%	13.0%	11.7%
World	27.611	28.201	-0.4%	2.1%	4.8%	5.1%	5.8%	5.4%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.632	2.631	0.2%	-0.1%	18.4%	16.4%	17.1%	15.3%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.079	1.116	-21.9%	-18.8%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

Monthly European Semiconductor Sales Development (in Euro)



Note:

3/12=Percent change of a three month period compared to a similar period twelve months before

12/12= Percent change of a twelve month period compared to a similar period twelve months before

Semiconductor sales worldwide and in Europe (in US Dollars)



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On a 12/12 basis, i.e. on the basis of the percent change of a 12 month period compared to a similar period twelve months before

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About ESIA: *The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) is the voice of the Semiconductor Industry of Europe. Its mission is to represent, promote and defend the common interests of the Europe based semiconductor industry towards the European Institutions and stakeholders in order to ensure a sustainable business environment and foster its global competitiveness. As a provider of key enabling technologies the industry creates innovative solutions for industrial development, contributing to economic growth and responding to major societal challenges. Being ranked as the most R&D intensive sector by the European Commission, the European Semi-conductor ecosystem supports approx. 200.000 jobs directly and up to 1.000.000 induced jobs in systems, applications and services in Europe. Overall, micro- and nano-electronics enable the generation of at least 10% of GDP in Europe and the world.*

About WSTS: *World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) is a non-profit organization of 62 semiconductor companies representing close to 80% of the world semiconductor market. Founded in 1986, WSTS is the singular source for monthly industry shipment statistics. The mission of WSTS is to be the respected source of semiconductor market data and forecast. <http://www.wsts.org/>*