



European Semiconductor Industry Association

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## **European semiconductor market keeps the pace in February**

In February 2016, sales of semiconductors in Europe amounted to US\$ 2.697 billion. European market was substantially flat compared to January, when sales were US\$ 2.721 billion, the European Semiconductor Industry Association reports on the basis of WSTS data. Sales in Europe declined less than in the other regions, as the worldwide semiconductor market adjusted downward in February compared to the previous month. On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in February 2016 were US\$ 26.019 billion, down 3.2% versus the previous month.

In Europe, semiconductor sales were driven by optoelectronic devices, up 8.3% compared to January; sensors and actuators, up 5%; discrettes, up 3% and analog devices, up 2%. Sales of application-specific devices in Europe also grew compared to January.

In February, exchange rate effects decreased significantly compared to January, when comparing market growth in Euros and in Dollars. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.464 billion Euros in February 2016, down 2.0% versus the previous month.

Find out [here](#) how to subscribe to WSTS reports on semiconductor sales data

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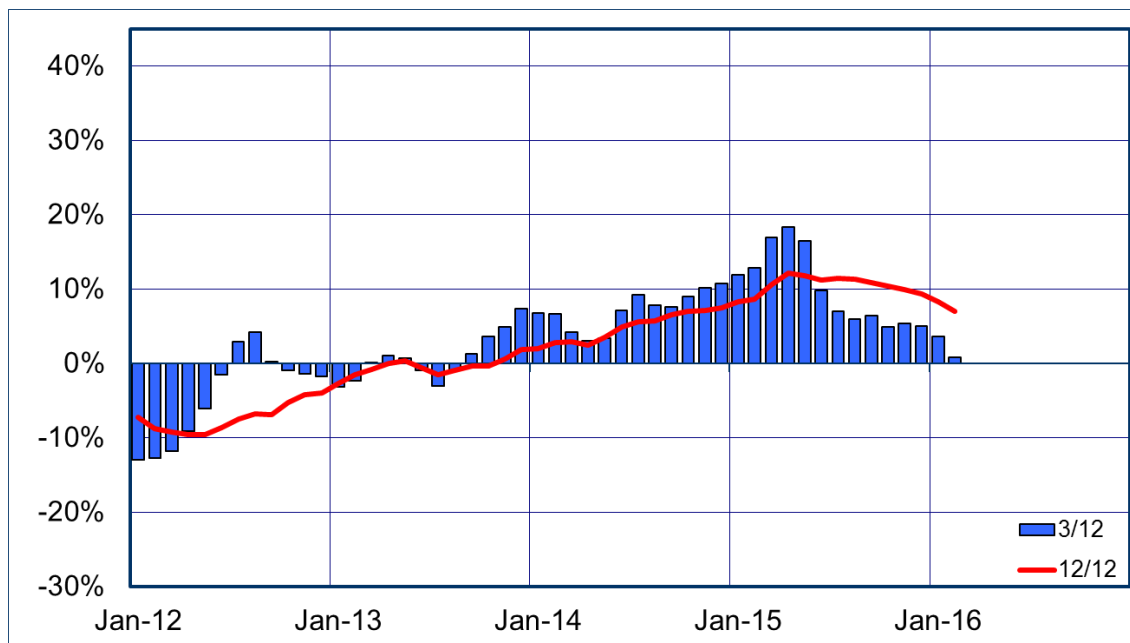
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## Market data by region

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jan 16	Feb16	Jan 16	Feb16	Jan 16	Feb16	Jan 16	Feb16
<b>in \$:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	2.723	2.697	-1.6%	-0.9%	-7.6%	-6.3%	-6.8%	-5.6%
<b>Americas</b>	5.410	5.030	-5.9%	-7.0%	-16.9%	-19.3%	-16.4%	-15.6%
<b>Japan</b>	2.485	2.464	-3.3%	-0.8%	-5.1%	-3.5%	-1.4%	-0.8%
<b>Asia Pacific</b>	16.269	15.828	-1.6%	-2.7%	-1.2%	-1.6%	-0.6%	-1.1%
of which China	8.417	8.027	-0.4%	-4.6%	4.3%	3.5%	3.2%	3.0%
<b>World</b>	<b>26.887</b>	<b>26.019</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>	<b>-6.2%</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>	<b>-4.7%</b>
<b>In EURO:</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	2.514	2.464	-0.5%	-2.0%	4.0%	1.2%	-0.1%	-1.1%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.087	1.110	-6.7%	-2.2%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

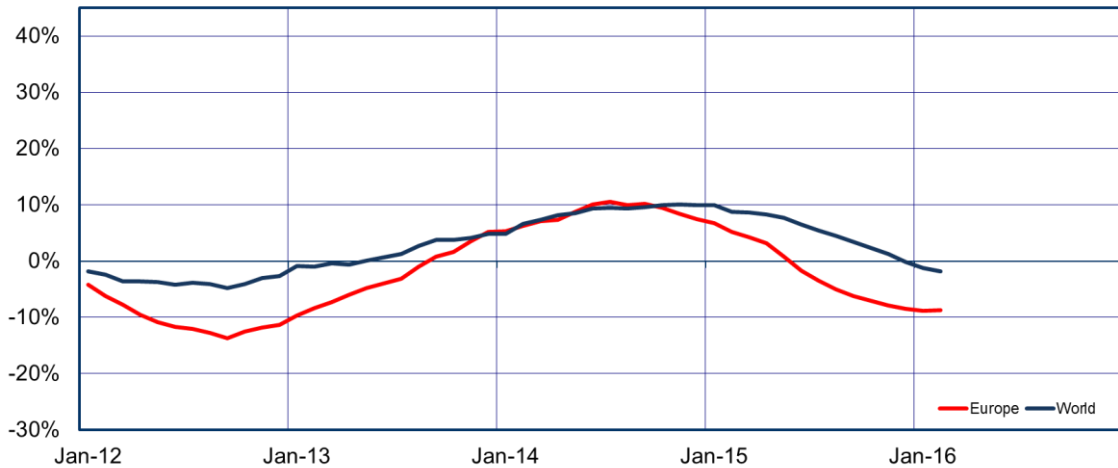
Note: Figures are 3-month average data except for YTD growth, which is based on current month data.

## 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)



Note: 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 located in California, USA. 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/>*