



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European sales of semiconductors rise in March

The European market for semiconductors grew 2.1% in March, as reported today by the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS). Sales were also positive across the other regions. In particular data for China show the importance of this market in the Asia Pacific region.

In Europe, a third consecutive positive month reported for logic ICs, Discretes, optoelectronics and sensors drove mainly this market rebound. Sales for memories were also positive in March consequent to good developments on the PC market and an ease of price pressures- notably for DRAMs. Slower growth was reported for Microprocessors and DSPs.

From a segment perspective, beside PCs described above, semiconductors used in automotive and industrial applications also contributed to the growth in March over February on a three month rolling average.

More in detail, European semiconductor sales in March 2008 amounted to US\$ 3.405 billion according to WSTS, up 2.1% versus the previous month. This corresponds to an increase of 0.5% compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 0.5% versus the same period in the year 2007.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar did not stop to widen its impact on the growth data to even new record levels. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in March 2008 were 2.272 billion Euro, down 0.2% on previous month and down 12% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 12.0% versus the same period in the year 2007.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in March 2008 were US\$ 21.145 billion, up 3.4% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 3.8% versus the same month in 2007 and on a YTD basis it results in an increase of 3.8%.

(for more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

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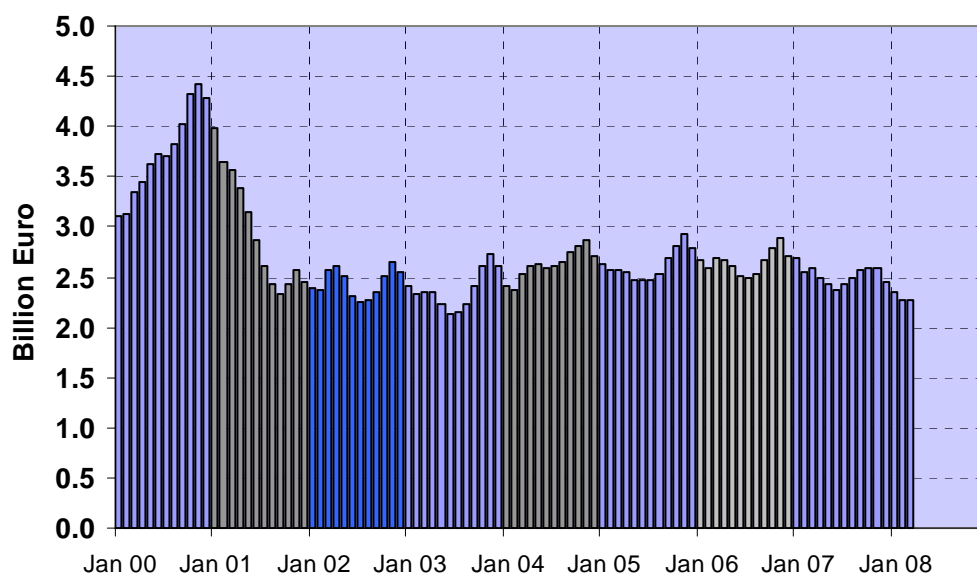
Market data by region¹

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Feb08	Mar 08	Feb08	Mar 08	Feb08	Mar 08	Feb08	Mar 08
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Europe	3.334	3.405	-3.2%	2.1%	-0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%
Americas	3.300	3.417	-4.3%	3.5%	-3.3%	2.3%	-2.8%	2.3%
Japan	3.984	4.245	-2.8%	6.5%	8.2%	9.6%	4.4%	9.6%
Asia Pacific	9.834	10.078	-6.3%	2.5%	1.4%	3.3%	2.7%	3.3%
China		3.757						
World	20.452	21.145	-4.8%	3.4%	1.6%	3.8%	1.6%	3.8%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.276	2.272	-3.3%	-0.2%	-10.8%	-12.0%	-11.4%	-12.0%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.472	1.545	12.6%	16.5%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

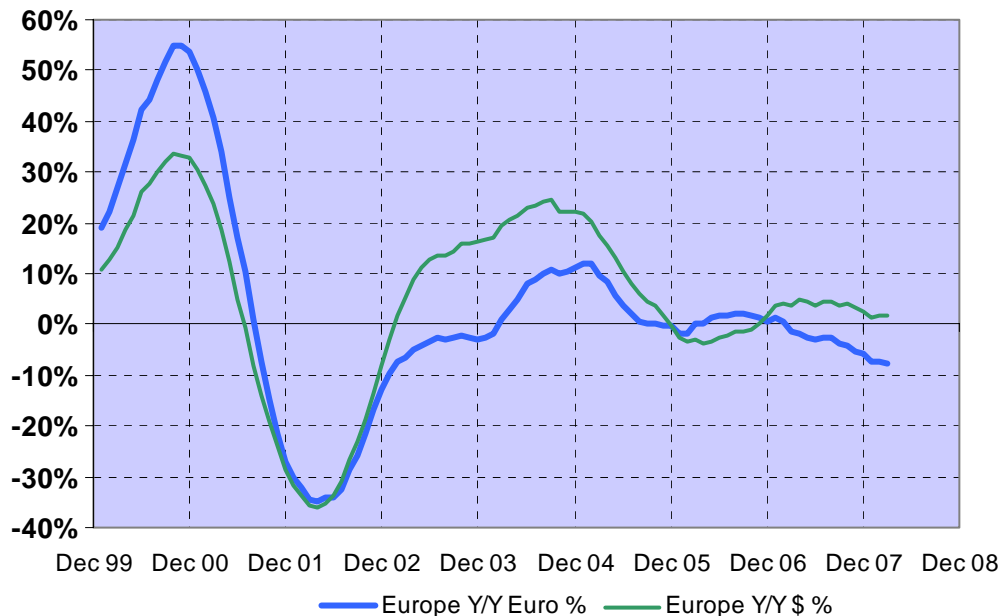
1) Unless otherwise indicated, except YTD growth, all figures are 3-month-average data

EUROPE - Monthly European Semiconductor sales in billion Euro

(3-month-average data)



European Semiconductor sales growth in % - Annualized growth trend (Y/Y) in Euro and Dollar (12-month-average data)



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