



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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WSTS European sales up 3.4% in October

The European semiconductor market, as reported by WSTS, grew 3,4% in October, compared to the previous month, on a 3 month rolling average.

This was mainly driven by Microprocessors, suggesting positive developments in the computer segment.

These figures stress that sales for Microprocessors have accelerated in this second part of the year, after having experienced a decline in the second quarter of 2006. Following a significant increase experienced in September over August, DRAM sales grew again in October.

Apart from computer, consumer and automotive are the segments contributing to the market performance this month

European Semiconductor sales in October 2006 amounted to US\$ 3.527 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), up 3.4% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 3.1% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales increased in 2006 by 0.2% versus the year 2005.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ widens its impact on the growth data in the recent month. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in October were EURO 2.771 billion, up 3.6% on previous month and down 1.1% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales show in 2006 a growth of 1.0% versus 2005.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in October were US\$ 21.895 billion, up 2.5% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 9.2% versus the same month in 2005 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 8.8%.

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

About ESIA: The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA), part of the European Electronic Component manufacturers' Association (EECA), represents the European-based manufacturers of semiconductor devices. The semiconductor industry provides the enabling technology, which is at the forefront of the development of the digital economy. The sector supports over 86,000 jobs in a market valued at around €31.6 bn in 2005.

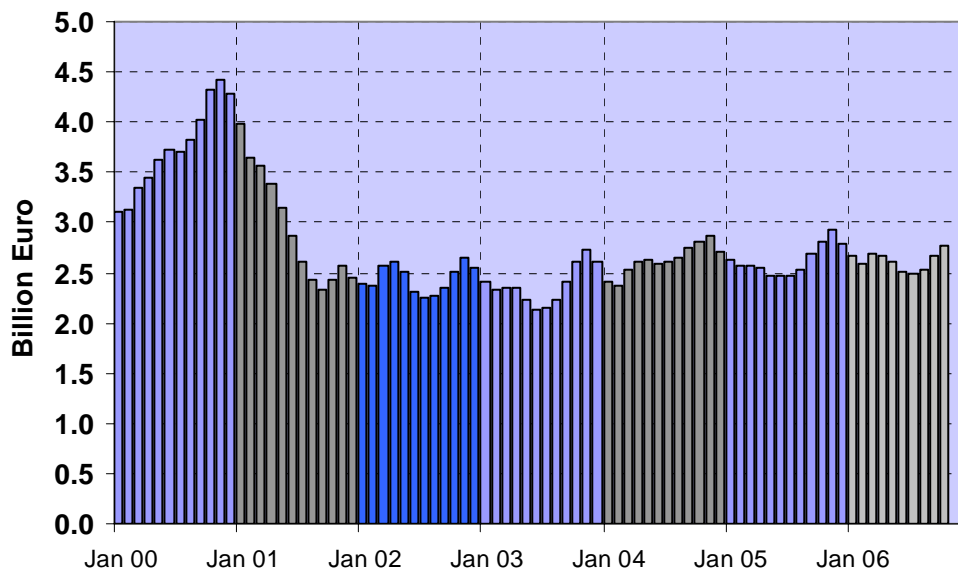
About WSTS: Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2005 WSTS members are 74 semiconductor companies from all over the world, representing 85% of the world semiconductor market. More information on the WSTS website at www.wsts.org

Market data by region¹

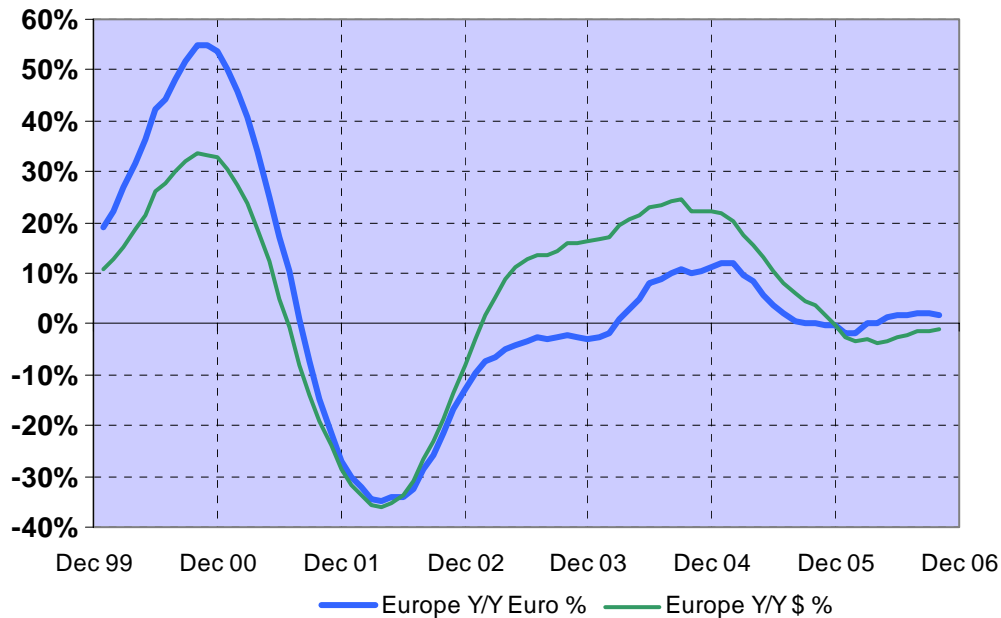
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Sep 06	Oct 06	Sep 06	Oct 06	Sep 06	Oct 06	Sep 06	Oct 06
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Europe	3.412	3.527	6.4%	3.4%	3.7%	3.1%	0.3%	0.2%
Americas	3.893	3.951	1.8%	1.5%	12.9%	9.9%	13.2%	12.6%
Japan	4.049	4.140	3.3%	2.2%	9.4%	11.0%	4.9%	5.8%
Asia Pacific	10.016	10.278	4.8%	2.6%	9.8%	10.4%	12.3%	12.0%
World	21.370	21.895	4.2%	2.5%	9.3%	9.2%	8.9%	8.8%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.675	2.771	6.1%	3.6%	-0.5%	-1.1%	1.7%	1.0%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.275	1.261	4.0%	4.6%	< 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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