



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European Semiconductor sales up 3.2% in November

Data for November show a positive result for semiconductor sales in Europe (3.2% growth against a +1.7% worldwide).

Good performance was recorded in the product categories traditionally stronger in Europe, with Microcontrollers growing sequentially 2.9% (against a decline of 0.3% worldwide) and Microprocessors, growing 6.2% (against a 0.4% growth reported worldwide).

In line with other Regions' developments, Flash memory products continue their strong growth, +8% sequentially for Europe. This figure, combined with a healthy growth in Communication specific ICs, suggest that Mobile Communication is among the factors driving this result.

European Semiconductor sales in November 2005 amounted to US\$ 3.531 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), up 3.2% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a -2.0% decline compared to the same month last year. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales increased by 0.3% versus the same period in 2004.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ has again an impact on the growth data but to the other direction now. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in November were EURO 2.931 billion, up 4.7% on previous month and up 2.0% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales show a decline of 0.9% versus the same period in 2004.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in November were US\$ 20.401 billion, up 1.7% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 7.2% versus the same month in 2004 and on a year-to-date basis it results in a further improved growth rate of 6.2%.

(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 €31.7 bn in 2004.

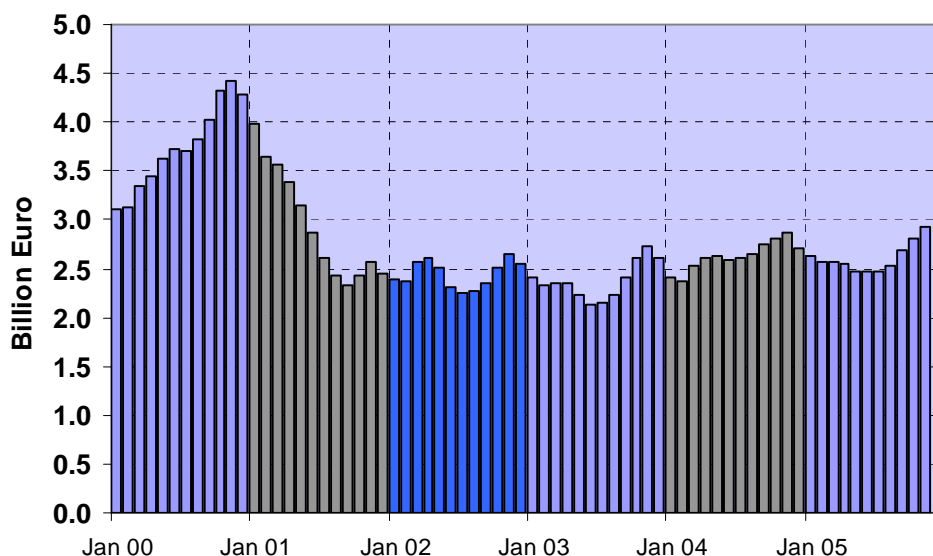
About WSTS: Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2005 WSTS 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

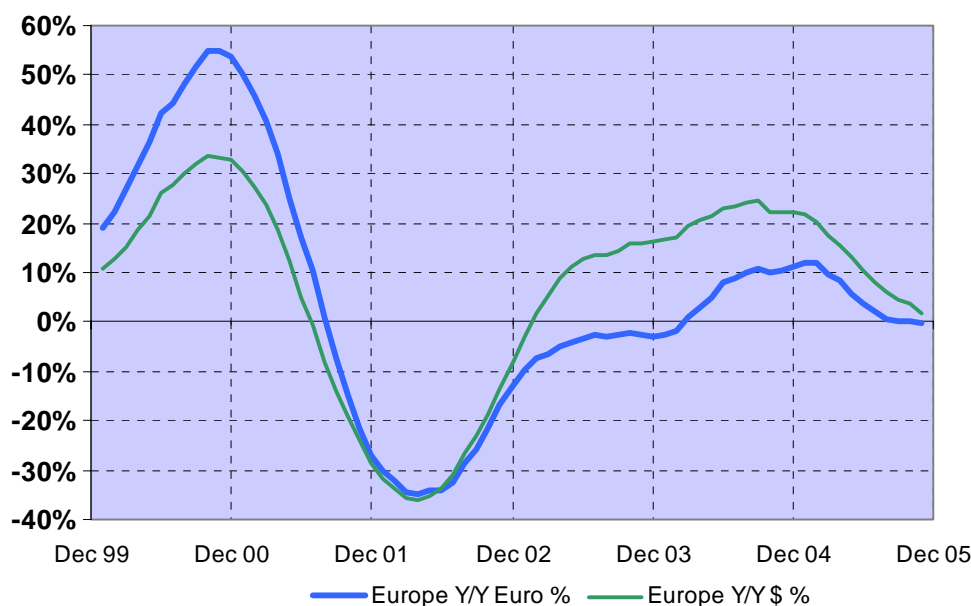
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Oct 05	Nov 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Oct 05	Nov 05
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Europe	3.421	3.531	4.0%	3.2%	-1.1%	-2.0%	1.1%	0.3%
Americas	3.595	3.727	4.3%	3.7%	2.5%	8.0%	1.2%	2.5%
Japan	3.729	3.764	0.8%	0.9%	-4.5%	-4.6%	-3.1%	-3.5%
Asia Pacific	9.308	9.379	2.1%	0.8%	17.6%	16.7%	15.3%	15.5%
World	20.052	20.401	2.5%	1.7%	6.8%	7.2%	6.1%	6.2%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.800	2.931	4.1%	4.7%	-0.5%	2.0%	-1.3%	-0.9%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.206	1.179	-3.5%	-9.3%	< 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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