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European Semiconductor Market in April 2002

European Semiconductor sales in April 2002 amounted to US\$ 2.282 billion according to WSTS. This corresponds to a -25.8% decrease compared to the same month last year. Year to date, semiconductor sales decreased by -29.5% versus the same period last year. Monthly sequential growth (i.e. April compared to March) was +1.1%.

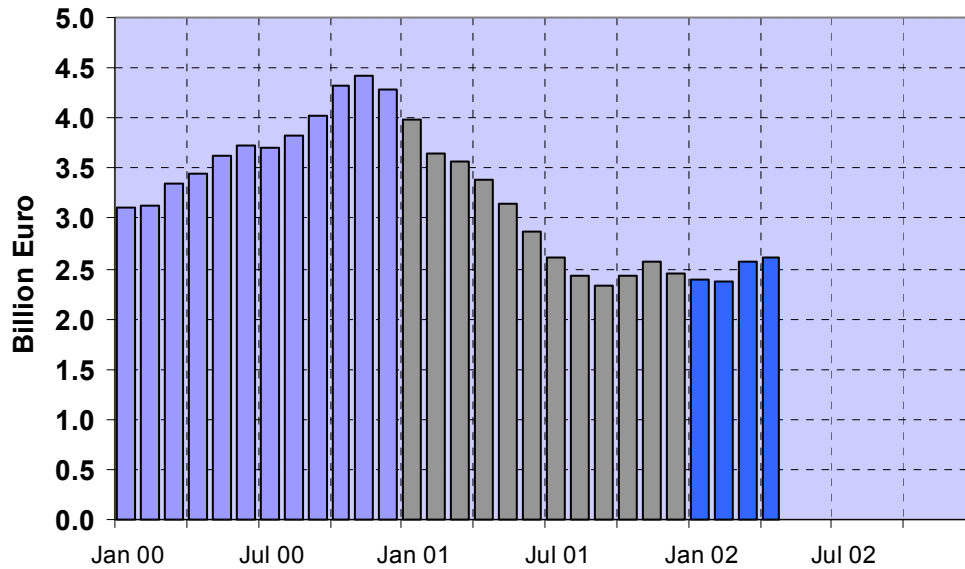
The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ still has an impact on the growth data. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in March were EURO 2.608 billion, a -23.0% decline versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales decreased by -26.4% versus the same period last year. Monthly sequential growth in February was +1.4%.

On a Worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in April were US\$ 11.068 billion, a -19.4% decline versus the same period a year ago. On a monthly sequential basis, this corresponds to a growth of +3.1% and on a year-to-date basis to a decline of -22.0%.

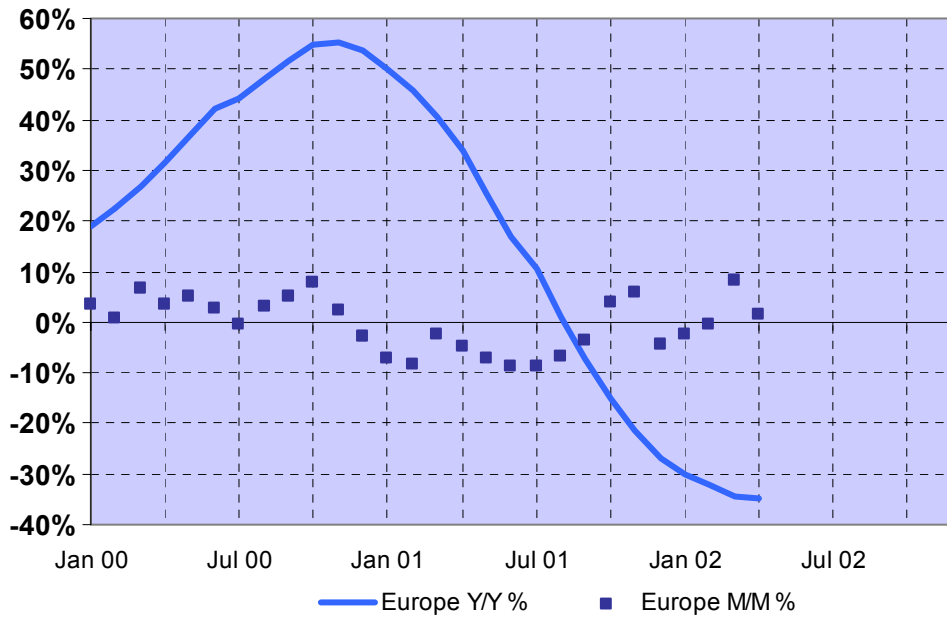
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Year on Year growth		Month on Month growth		YTD growth	
	Mrz 02	Apr 02	Mrz 02	Apr 02	Mrz 02	Apr 02	Mrz 02	Apr 02
in \$:								
Europe	2.257	2.282	-31.2%	-25.8%	7.6%	1.1%	-31.2%	-29.5%
Americas	2.611	2.615	-36.5%	-30.5%	3.6%	0.2%	-36.5%	-32.8%
Japan	2.109	2.201	-41.3%	-34.5%	5.3%	4.4%	-41.3%	-37.6%
Asia Pacific	3.756	3.970	9.7%	12.1%	10.3%	5.7%	9.7%	12.9%
World	10.733	11.068	-25.5%	-19.4%	7.0%	3.1%	-25.5%	-22.0%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.573	2.608	-27.7%	-23.0%	8.3%	1.4%	-27.7%	-26.4%
Rate	0.877	0.880	\$ /Euro					

(Unless otherwise indicated, all figures are 3-month-average data.)

Europe (Euro)



Monthly European Semiconductor sales in billion Euro
(3-month-average data)



European Semiconductor sales growth in %
Month over previous month (M/M) and yearly growth trend (Y/Y)
(3-month-average and 12-month-average data – measured in Euro)

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