



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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The European market slows down in May

May data show a stronger decline of the total semiconductor market in Europe compared to the other regions, which is still consistent with the seasonal behaviour of Q2 in recent years.

The sequential decline of the European market (3-month rolling average) is primarily due to MPU, MCU, application specific MOS Logic and DRAM.

On the positive side, Flash memory products are performing better than the average, recording a 3% growth. The application specific ICs for automotive and sensors are also showing a positive trend.

European Semiconductor sales in May 2005 amounted to US\$ 3.191 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), down -3.9% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a +0.1% increase compared to the same month last year. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales increased by +4.9% versus the same period in 2004.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ still has an impact on the growth data at this time. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in May were EURO 2.462 billion, a decline of -3.2% versus previous month and a decline of -6.3% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales slipped into negative terrain now and show a decline of -0.7% versus the same period in 2004.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in May were US\$ 18.052 billion, down -0.5% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of +4.1% versus the same month in 2004 and on a year-to-date basis it results in a growth rate of +8.6%.

(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.

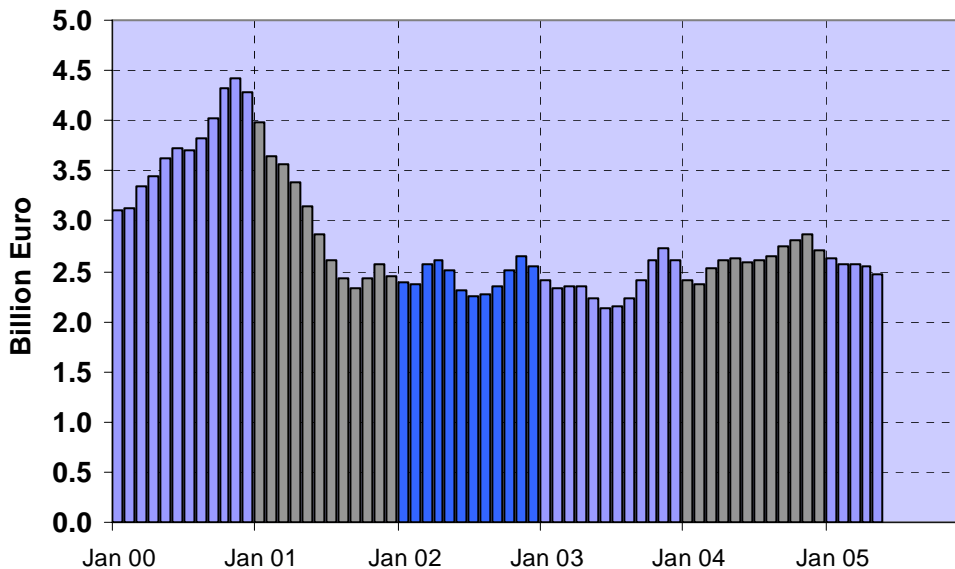
About WSTS: Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2004 WSTS members are 72 semiconductor companies from all over the world representing around 85% of the world's semiconductor market.

Market data by region¹

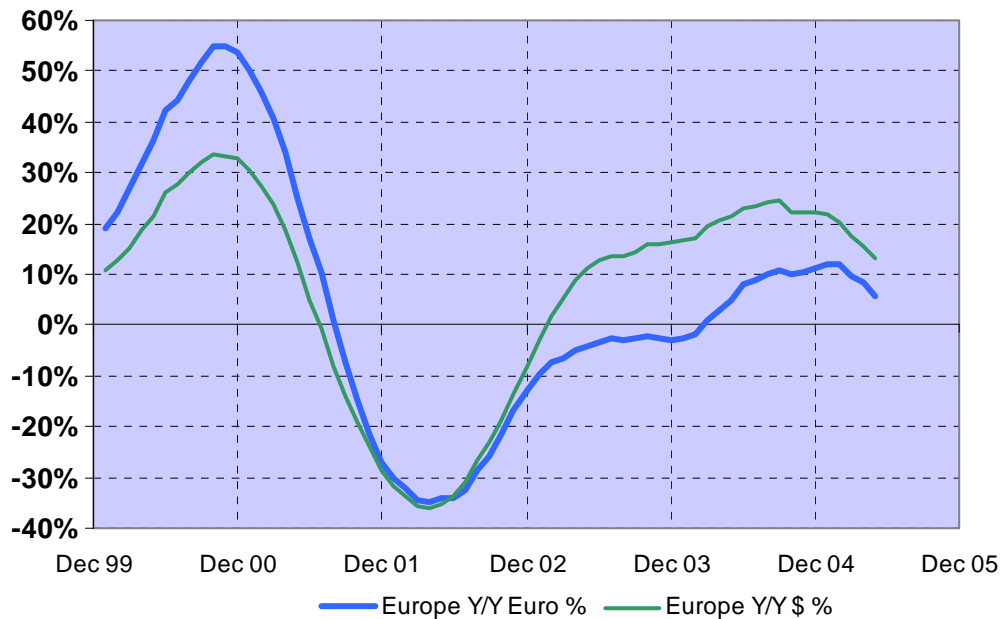
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Apr 05	May 05	Apr 05	May 05	Apr 05	May 05	Apr 05	May 05
in \$:								
Europe	3.321	3.191	-1.6%	-3.9%	3.0%	0.1%	6.7%	4.9%
Americas	3.224	3.203	-0.7%	-0.7%	1.0%	0.2%	5.1%	3.8%
Japan	3.703	3.623	-3.5%	-2.2%	0.9%	-2.7%	2.9%	1.4%
Asia Pacific	7.895	8.036	-0.2%	1.8%	14.4%	11.1%	19.6%	16.4%
World	18.143	18.052	-1.2%	-0.5%	6.8%	4.1%	10.7%	8.6%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.543	2.462	-1.2%	-3.2%	-2.9%	-6.3%	1.0%	-0.7%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.291	1.270	7.1%	5.7%	< 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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