



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European sales stronger than expected in August

Chip sales in Europe show a positive development in August, combined consequence of a weaker than average July and positive developments in some end use markets, notably PC and handsets.

As expected, demand for flash memory has increased worldwide, and registers a good 2% growth for Europe.

Microprocessors and specific applications have reversed the negative trend registered in the past months. Regarding the latter segment, we highlight the good performance of logic-specific chips (+3,3%), driven by the computer and communication areas.

European semiconductor sales in August 2005 amounted to US\$ 3.078 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), up 1.0% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a decline of 4.3% compared to the same month last year. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales still increased by 1.4% 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 but with declining effect. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in August were EURO 2.525 billion, up 1.9% on previous month and a decline of 4.4% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales show a decline of 2.1% versus the same period in 2004.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in August were US\$ 18.584 billion, up strongly 3.2% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 1.7% versus the same month in 2004 and on a year-to-date basis it results in an unchanged growth rate of +5.8%.

(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 €31.7 bn in 2004.

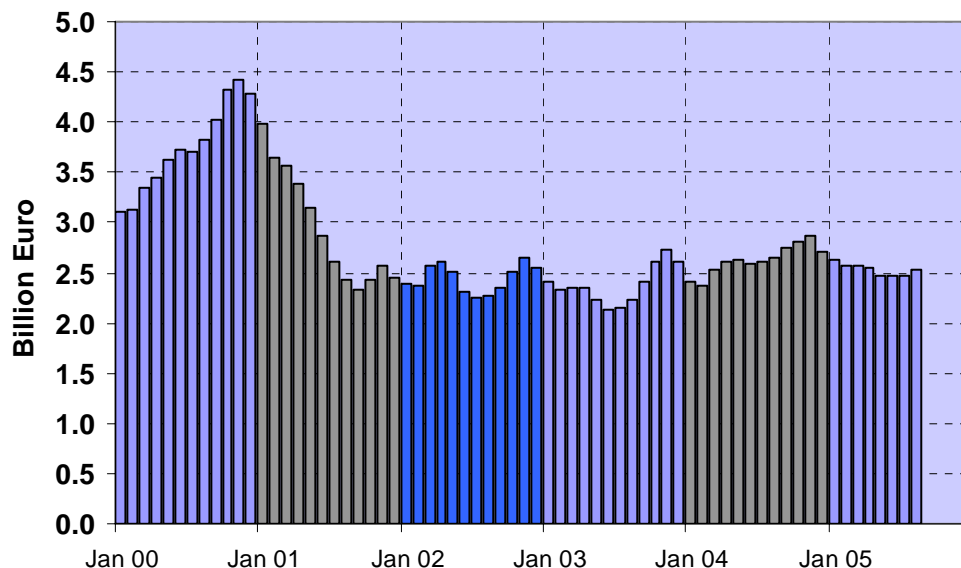
About WSTS: Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2004 WSTS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

Market data by region¹

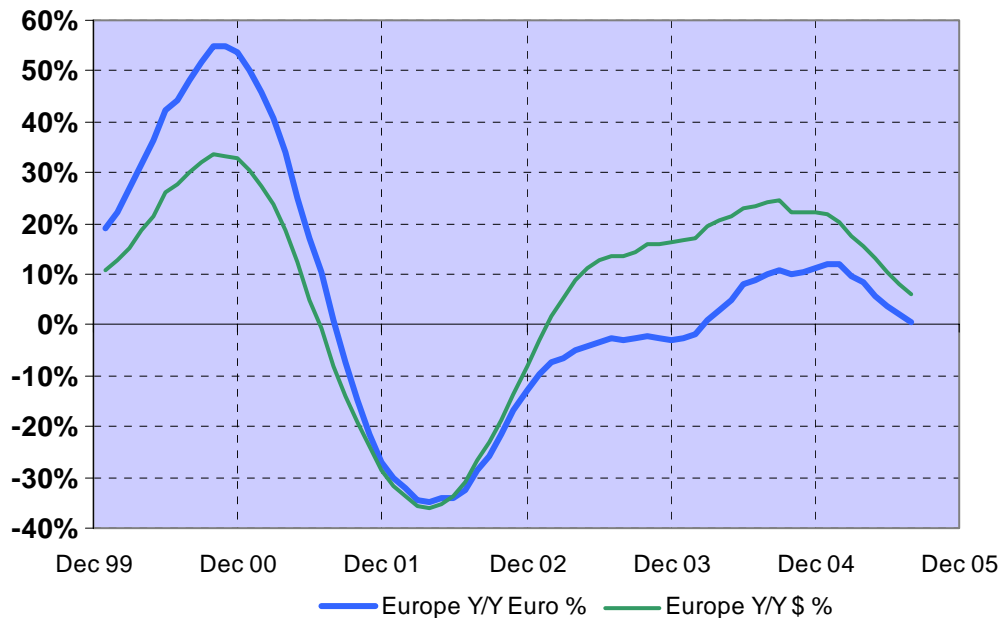
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jul 05	Aug 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Jul 05	Aug 05
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Europe	3.047	3.078	-2.1%	1.0%	-3.7%	-4.3%	2.2%	1.4%
Americas	3.134	3.242	-1.3%	3.4%	-4.9%	-5.1%	0.6%	0.3%
Japan	3.566	3.599	0.7%	0.9%	-8.9%	-9.5%	-2.5%	-3.0%
Asia Pacific	8.267	8.665	1.7%	4.8%	8.1%	13.0%	14.2%	15.0%
World	18.014	18.584	0.3%	3.2%	0.0%	1.7%	5.8%	5.8%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.477	2.525	0.0%	1.9%	-5.0%	-4.4%	-1.7%	-2.1%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.209	1.233	-1.2%	1.1%	< 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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