



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European semiconductor sales up 4% in October

European sales figures grew by 4% in October (4.5% for IC only), reflecting a positive demand across most major product categories.

Amongst memory products there was 3% total growth. In this category Flash memories continue to gain momentum, showing a strong 5% increase, mainly driven by developments in some end-use markets. Flash memories are mainly used in handsets, and increasingly in products such as MP3 players and digital cameras.

WSTS reports positive numbers also for Microprocessors (8.6%) and Logic products-including both standard (6.9%) and application specific chips (2.4%).

European Semiconductor sales in October 2005 amounted to US\$ 3.420 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), up 4.0% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 1.1% decline compared to the same month last year. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales increased by 1.1% versus the same period in 2004.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ still has an impact on the growth data but to the other direction. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in October were EURO 2.800 billion, up 4.1% on previous month and still a decline of 0.5% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales show a decline of 1.3% versus the same period in 2004.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in October were US\$ 20.049 billion, up 2.5% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 6.8% versus the same month in 2004 and on a year-to-date basis it results in an improved growth rate of 6.1%.

(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.

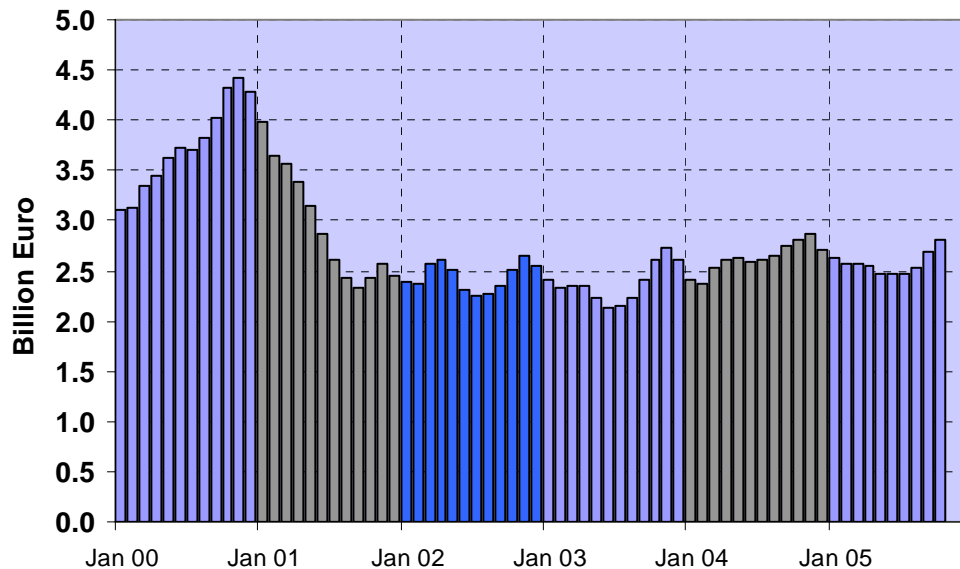
About WSTS: Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2004 WSTS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

Market data by region¹

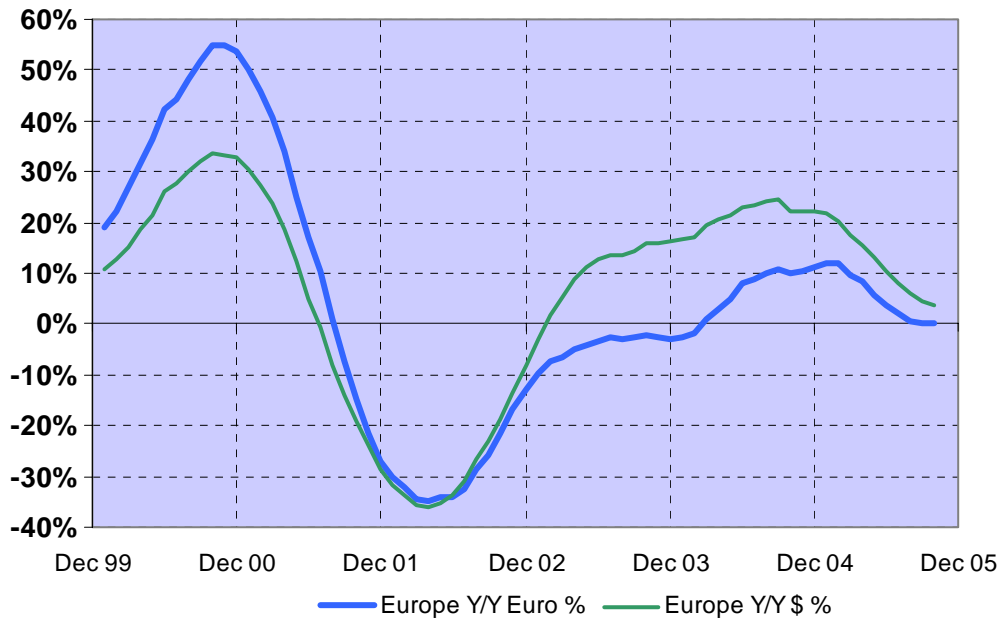
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Sep 05	Oct 05	Sep 05	Oct 05	Sep 05	Oct 05	Sep 05	Oct 05
in \$:								
Europe	3.289	3.420	6.9%	4.0%	-1.8%	-1.1%	1.6%	1.1%
Americas	3.448	3.595	6.3%	4.3%	0.8%	2.5%	0.9%	1.2%
Japan	3.699	3.728	2.8%	0.8%	-6.4%	-4.5%	-2.9%	-3.1%
Asia Pacific	9.118	9.306	5.2%	2.1%	17.0%	17.6%	15.1%	15.3%
World	19.553	20.049	5.2%	2.5%	5.6%	6.8%	6.1%	6.1%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.689	2.800	6.5%	4.1%	-1.9%	-0.5%	-1.4%	-1.3%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.226	1.206	0.4%	-3.5%	< 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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