



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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WSTS European sales up in August

European semiconductor sales showed a positive development in August over July. Shipments of Microprocessors, under the spotlight in the previous months, reported a good result, in Europe as well as across other Regions.

The memory market showed an overall positive figure, resulting from the upswing of DRAM products but on the other hand influenced by a moderate slowdown of Flash memories. Also the automotive specific applications reported a weaker result.

The good performance of digital consumer, DSP and communication analog semiconductors show the positive dynamics of related applications markets such as cellular phones and digital TV.

European Semiconductor sales in August 2006 amounted to US\$ 3.214 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), up 1.3% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 4.4% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales declined in 2006 by 0.3% versus the year 2005.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ continues its impact on the growth data in the recent month. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in August were EURO 2.527 billion, up 1.1% on previous month and up 0.1% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis, semiconductor sales show in 2006 a growth of 2.0% versus 2005.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in August were US\$ 20.542 billion, up 2.1% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 10.5% versus the same month in 2005 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 8.7%.

(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 €31.6 bn in 2005.

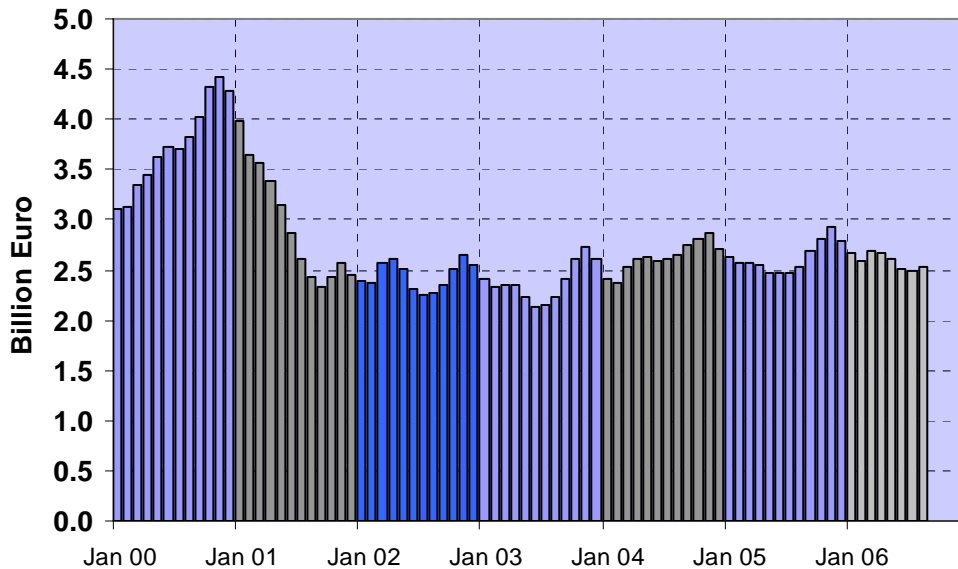
About WSTS: Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2005 WSTS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

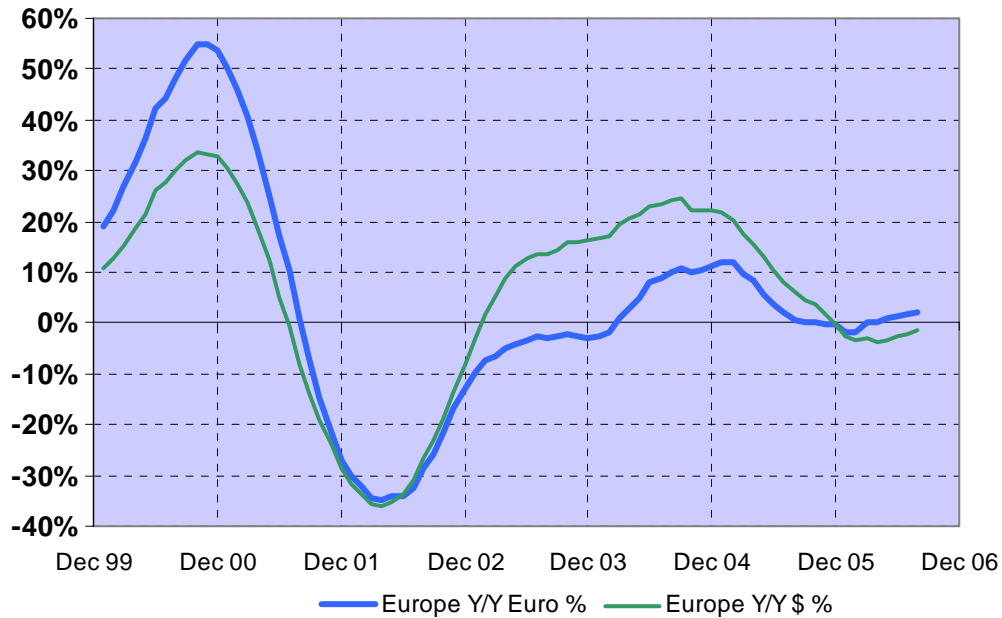
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jul 06	Aug 06	Jul 06	Aug 06	Jul 06	Aug 06	Jul 06	Aug 06
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Europe	3.172	3.214	0.4%	1.3%	4.1%	4.4%	-1.2%	-0.3%
Americas	3.702	3.834	4.4%	3.6%	18.1%	18.3%	13.9%	14.5%
Japan	3.862	3.917	2.2%	1.4%	8.2%	8.8%	3.6%	4.3%
Asia Pacific	9.386	9.576	1.2%	2.0%	13.5%	10.5%	12.8%	11.9%
World	20.121	20.542	1.9%	2.1%	11.7%	10.5%	8.6%	8.7%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.499	2.527	-0.5%	1.1%	0.9%	0.1%	2.0%	2.0%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.270	1.282	5.0%	3.9%	< 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)



WSTS monthly data in full product detail is available via subscription. For more information please contact the EECA-ESIA office (email address: EECA-ESIA) or visit our website at <http://www.eeca.org/esia.htm>.

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