



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European sales of semiconductors show mixed picture in May

European sales of semiconductors were essentially flat in May, consistent with the seasonal behaviour of the second quarter in recent years. This overall figure was the result of diversified patterns observed across segments and products.

Microchips used mainly for communication and automotive applications show positive developments compared to April, while the industrial and computer segments were mainly impacted by negative sales.

Looking specifically at products categories, microprocessors and DRAMS sales have been negatively impacted by declining average selling prices (ASPs) since the beginning of this year.

Increased sales were reported over April for logic products, flash memories, digital signal processors. Also microcontrollers grew again in May after a weak start in 2007.

European Semiconductor sales in May 2007 amounted to US\$ 3.275 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), down 0.5% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 1.8% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 4.0% versus the same period in the year 2006.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ continued further its impact on the growth data in the recent months. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in May 2007 were EURO 2.442 billion, down 1.6% on previous month and down 6.5% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 4.2% versus the same period in the year 2006.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in May 2007 were US\$ 20.282 billion, up 1.2% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 2.4% versus the same month in 2006 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 2.8%.

(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. EECA-ESIA is a chartered member of the World Semiconductor Council. More information on the ESIA website: www.eeca.eu

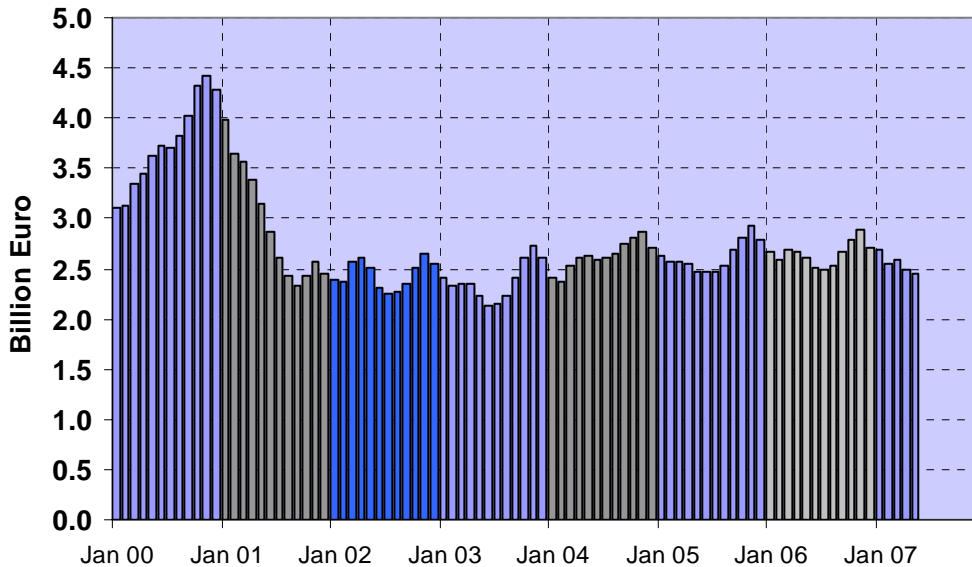
About WSTS: Established in 1986, WSTS is an organisation of 73 semiconductor companies from all over the world representing close to 90% of the world's semiconductor market. Its mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line form serving the broad marketing and executive needs, therefore documenting past - and anticipating future business trends. More information on the WSTS website at www.wsts.org

Market data by region¹

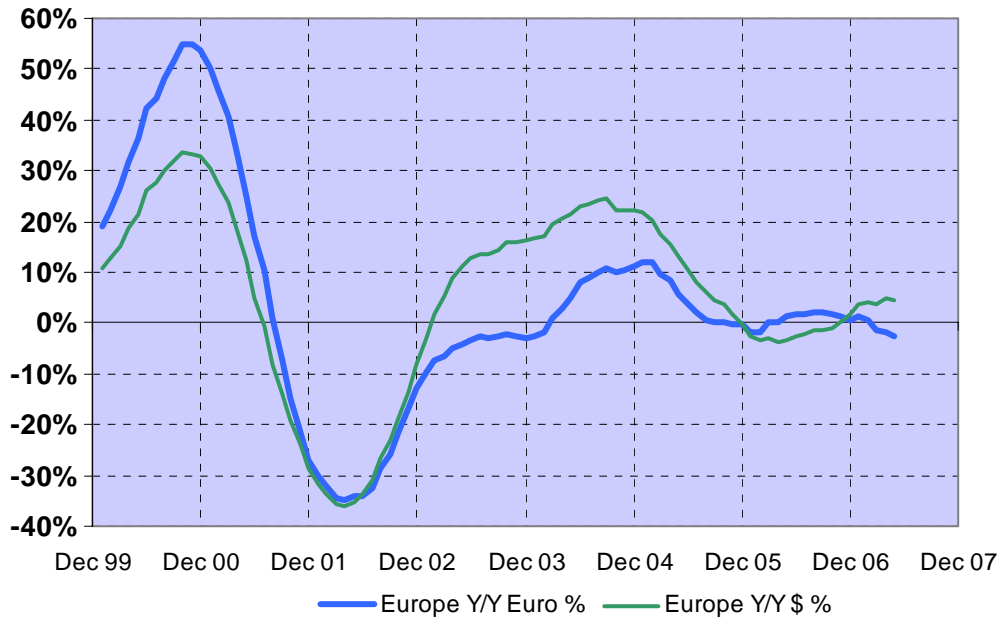
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Apr 07	May 07	Apr 07	May 07	Apr 07	May 07	Apr 07	May 07
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Europe	3.292	3.275	-2.8%	-0.5%	1.9%	1.8%	4.6%	4.0%
Americas	3.255	3.326	-2.4%	2.2%	-9.5%	-5.6%	-6.8%	-7.5%
Japan	3.899	3.970	0.8%	1.8%	3.9%	4.9%	3.6%	3.1%
Asia Pacific	9.597	9.710	-1.6%	1.2%	6.4%	4.6%	8.7%	6.4%
World	20.043	20.282	-1.5%	1.2%	2.3%	2.4%	4.2%	2.8%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.481	2.442	-3.9%	-1.6%	-7.2%	-6.5%	-4.1%	-4.2%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.352	1.352	9.9%	6.2%	< 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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