



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European semiconductor sales positive in July

Data for July released today by WSTS show an increase of semiconductor sales, on a three months rolling average.

DRAM memories price developments and their impact on the European market are still under the spotlight, and a positive result is reported in July over June.

Sales developments for NOR and NAND flash memories continue to diverge, because of the different application market segments, with NAND in higher demand than NOR.

Microprocessors, standard logic and digital signal processors reported an above average growth; sales of discrettes, optoelectronics and microcontrollers on the European market remained at the same level as in the previous month.

Looking at market segments, microchips used in specific applications grew by approximately 1%, as a result of the growth in automotive, communication and consumer semiconductor sales, with a small decline for industrial and computer applications.

European semiconductor sales in July 2007 amounted to US\$ 3.285 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), up 2.4% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a 3.5% growth compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 4.2% versus the same period in the year 2006.

The exchange rate of the euro compared to the US\$ widened its impact on the growth data in the recent months. Measured in euro, semiconductor sales in July 2007 were € 2.426 billion, up 2.0% on previous month and down 2.9% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 3.6% versus the same period in the year 2006.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in July 2007 were US\$ 20.582 billion, up 3.2% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 2.2% versus the same month in 2006 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 3.3%.
(for more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

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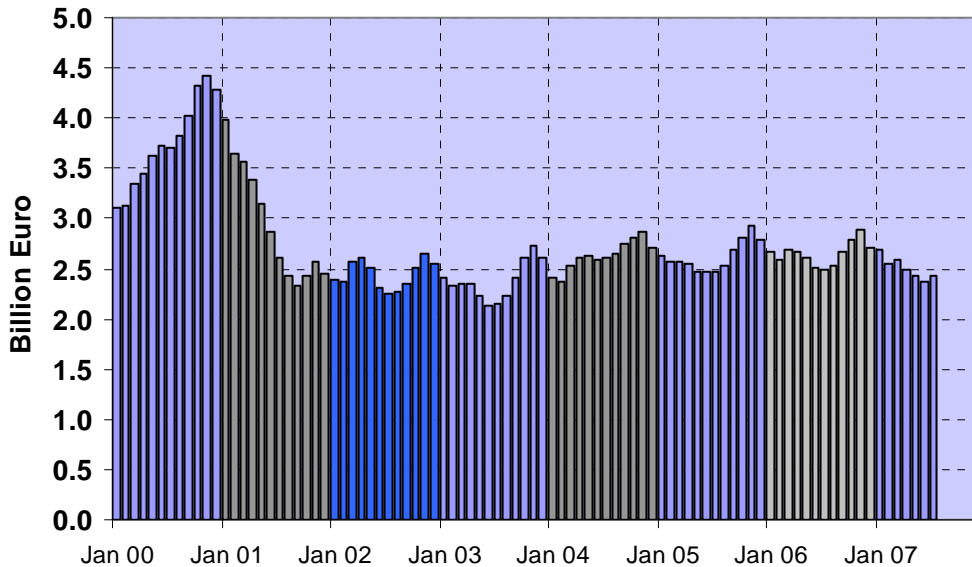
About WSTS: Established in 1986, WSTS is an organisation of 73 semiconductor companies from all over the world representing close to 90% of the world's semiconductor market. Its mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line 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

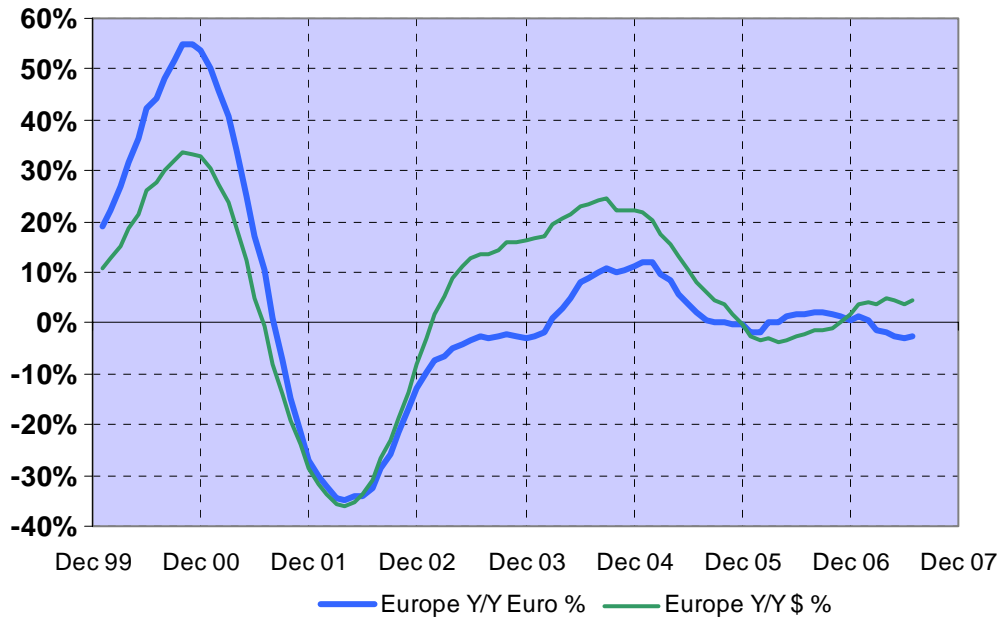
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jun 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Jun 07	Jul 07
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Europe	3.207	3.285	-1.8%	2.4%	1.6%	3.5%	3.2%	4.2%
Americas	3.302	3.469	-1.0%	5.1%	-6.8%	-6.2%	-8.8%	-6.5%
Japan	3.876	3.959	-1.9%	2.1%	2.5%	2.6%	2.4%	3.1%
Asia Pacific	9.568	9.869	-1.8%	3.2%	2.9%	4.8%	5.9%	7.0%
World	19.953	20.582	-1.7%	3.2%	0.9%	2.2%	2.1%	3.3%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.379	2.426	-2.3%	2.0%	-5.2%	-2.9%	-4.5%	-3.6%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.342	1.371	6.0%	8.0%	< 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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