



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European semiconductor sales up 2.0% in November

The World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reports a sequential increase of 2.0% of sales of semiconductors in Europe in November, compared to an increase of 0.4% in the world market.

Strong growth rates were observed for the main product categories, in particular microprocessors, microcontrollers and discretetes.

DRAMs reported a strong decline in sales, when measured in dollars, although this is mainly a consequence of falling average selling prices. Sales of flash memories were almost flat in November as a result of the decrease in the NAND market, and the increase in the NOR market.

European Semiconductor sales in November 2007 amounted to 3.682 billion US dollars according to the WSTS, up 2.0% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a flat trend compared to the same month last year. On a year-to-date (YTD) basis semiconductor sales increased by 3% versus the same period in the year 2006.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar continues to impact the data, resulting in an almost 10% gap between growth reported in US dollars and in Euro. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales 2007 were 2.591 billion in November, down 0.3% on the previous month and down 10.4% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 5.4% versus the same period in the year 2006.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in November 2007 were US\$ 23.121 billion, up 0.4% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 2.6% versus the same month in 2006 and on a YTD basis it results in a growth rate of 3.4%. (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

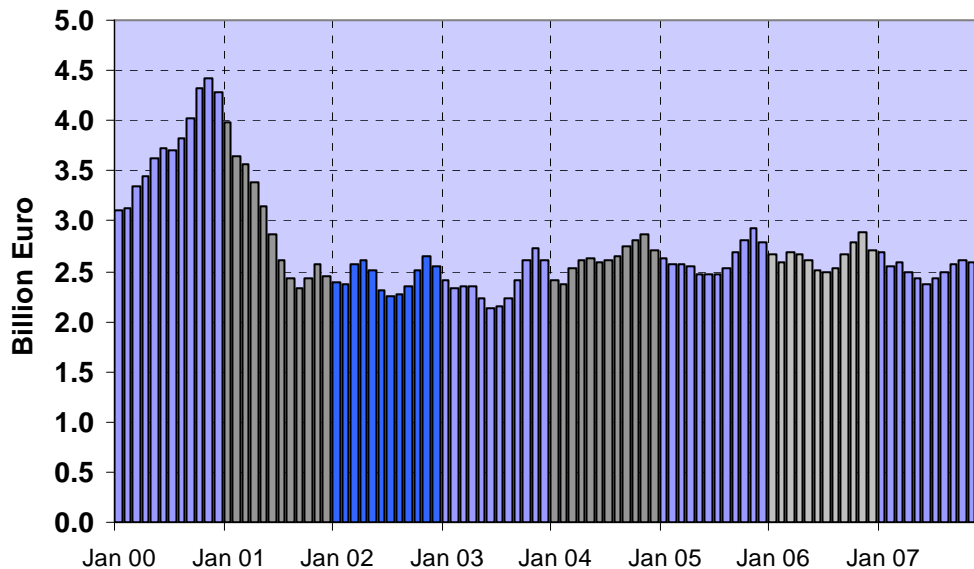
About WSTS: Established in 1986, WSTS is an organisation of 73 semiconductor companies from all over the world representing close to 90% of the world's semiconductor market. Its mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line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

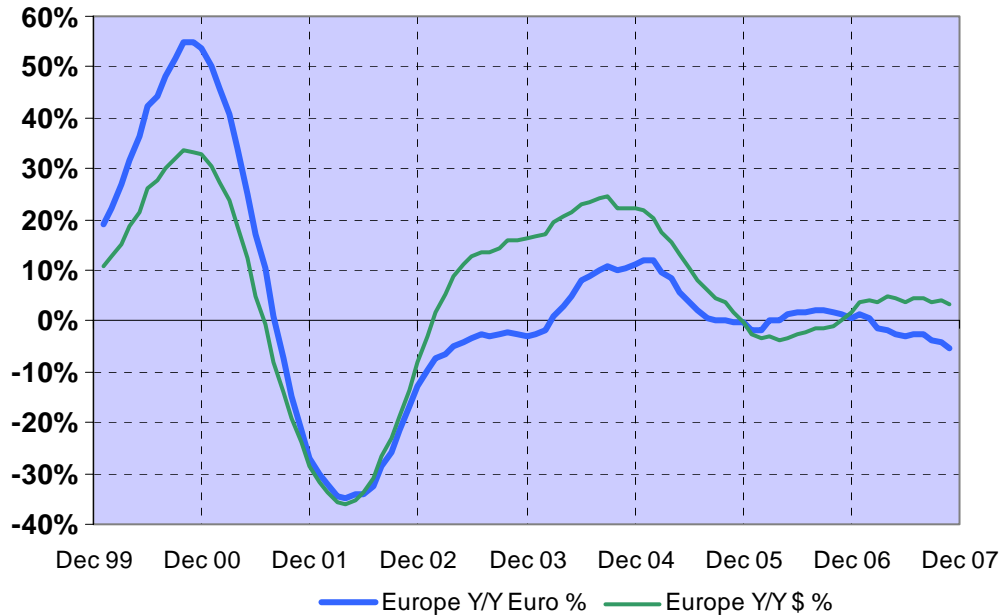
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Oct 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Nov 07	Oct 07	Nov 07
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Europe	3.610	3.682	2.3%	2.0%	1.9%	0.0%	3.4%	3.0%
Americas	3.858	3.824	1.4%	-0.9%	-3.3%	-3.7%	-5.4%	-5.9%
Japan	4.364	4.386	2.5%	0.5%	6.5%	7.0%	3.9%	4.3%
Asia Pacific	11.192	11.229	1.6%	0.3%	8.3%	4.0%	7.6%	6.8%
World	23.024	23.121	1.9%	0.4%	4.8%	2.6%	3.8%	3.4%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.600	2.591	1.2%	-0.3%	-6.6%	-10.4%	-4.6%	-5.4%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.419	1.466	12.5%	14.3%	< 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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