



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European sales of semiconductors grew 5,1% year-on-year in June driven by an ASP increase of 4,3%

Worldwide sales of semiconductors of \$21.6 billion in June were 8% higher than the \$20.0 billion reported for June 2007, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reports today. A flat growth rate can be observed if June sales are compared with the \$21.5 billion reported for May 2008. Year-to-date (YTD) sales of \$127.5 billion are 5.4% higher than in the first half of the year 2007 when sales were \$121 billion.

The main driver for the increase of the semiconductor market in Q2-08 compared with Q2-07 on a three month rolling average is the strong increase of the Average Selling Price (ASP) (5,3% world, 4,3% Europe). Overall, the June sales figures are fully in line with historical industry patterns.

On the basis of the same comparison, the figures also show that the performance of the European semiconductor market followed a similar positive trend to the world market with a growth rate of 5,1%. Looking at product categories, strong growth was observed for Optoelectronics (31,7%) mainly for industrial, automotive and mobile phones applications, Micro Processing Unit (MPU) (13,2%) for PCs and notebooks but also special purpose ICs for industrial (28,5%), communication (15%) and automotive (9,9%) applications.

More in detail, European semiconductor sales in June 2008 amounted to US\$ 3.369 billion according to WSTS, up 1.2% versus the previous month. This corresponds to an increase of 5.1% compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 1.9% versus the same period in the year 2007.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar holds its impact on the growth data at very high level. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in June 2008 were 2.156 billion Euro, up 1.0% on previous month and down 9.3% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 11.4% versus the same period in the year 2007.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in June 2008 were valued at US\$ 21.566 billion, up 0.5% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 8.0% versus the same month in 2007 and on a YTD basis it results in an increase of 5.4%.

(for more data please see the tables and graphs on following pages)

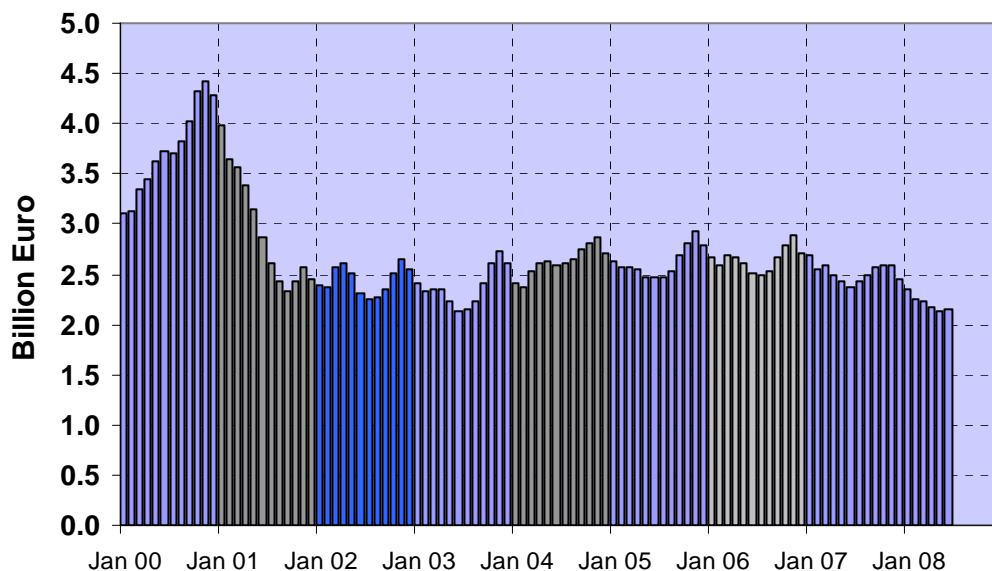
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Market data by region¹

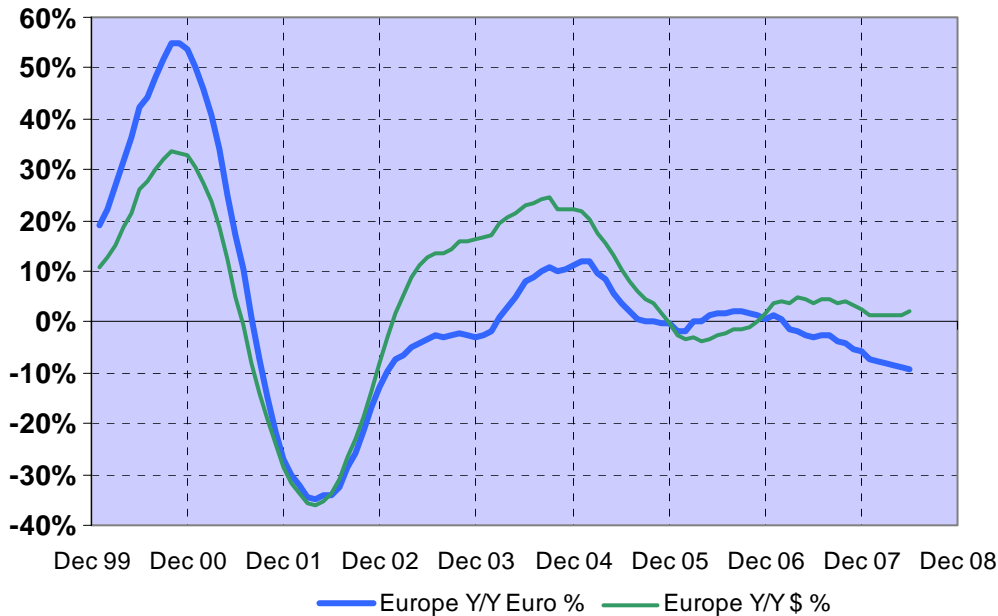
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	May 08	Jun 08	May 08	Jun 08	May 08	Jun 08	May 08	Jun 08
in \$:								
Europe	3.327	3.369	-0.3%	1.2%	1.9%	5.1%	0.7%	1.9%
Americas	3.377	3.402	1.9%	0.7%	1.0%	2.8%	-1.2%	1.1%
Japan	4.239	3.949	-0.1%	-6.8%	8.3%	2.8%	6.5%	5.9%
Asia Pacific	10.516	10.846	5.4%	3.1%	7.5%	12.9%	5.5%	7.8%
of which China	4.151	4.129		-0.5%				
World	21.460	21.566	2.8%	0.5%	5.7%	8.0%	3.8%	5.4%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.135	2.156	-2.0%	1.0%	-12.3%	-9.3%	-12.4%	-11.4%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.556	1.555	15.1%	15.9%	< 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)



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