



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European sales of semiconductors dip in December as economic crisis hits global semiconductor industry.

European sales for semiconductor decreased by 19.6% in December 2008 compared with the previous month, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported yesterday. A similar trend in sales was also observed across the other regions. In particular, data for the Asia-Pacific region show a drop of -20% with sales in China down 18.6% compared to the previous month.

While slower sales were reported for most product categories, the impact of the global downturn was felt less in some consumer applications driven categories, such as Consumer MOS special purpose logic, down 2.3%, and Image sensors, down 4.6%. Some categories with relatively small numbers, such as Mask PROM & EPROM (up 2,7%) and laser pickup (up 71 %) have shown good performance. These products are also mainly driven by consumer applications.

More in detail, European semiconductor sales in December 2008 amounted to US\$ 2.550billion according to WSTS, down 19.6% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a decline of 27.8% compared to the same month last year. On a total year basis semiconductor sales declined by 6.6% in 2008 versus the year 2007. The market in total year 2008 reached a value of US\$ 38.249 billion.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar reversed its decline in December, but keeping its impact on the growth data. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in December 2008 were a record low in this decade of 1.944 billion Euro, down 16.8% on previous month and down 20.4% versus the same month a year ago. On a total year basis semiconductor sales showed a decline of 13.1% in 2008 versus the year 2007. In Euro the market in total year 2008 reached a value of €25.984 billion.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in December 2008 were US\$ 17.406 billion, down 16.6% versus the previous month. This results in a decline of 21.9% versus the same month in 2007 and on a total year basis it results finally in a decline of 2.8%.

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

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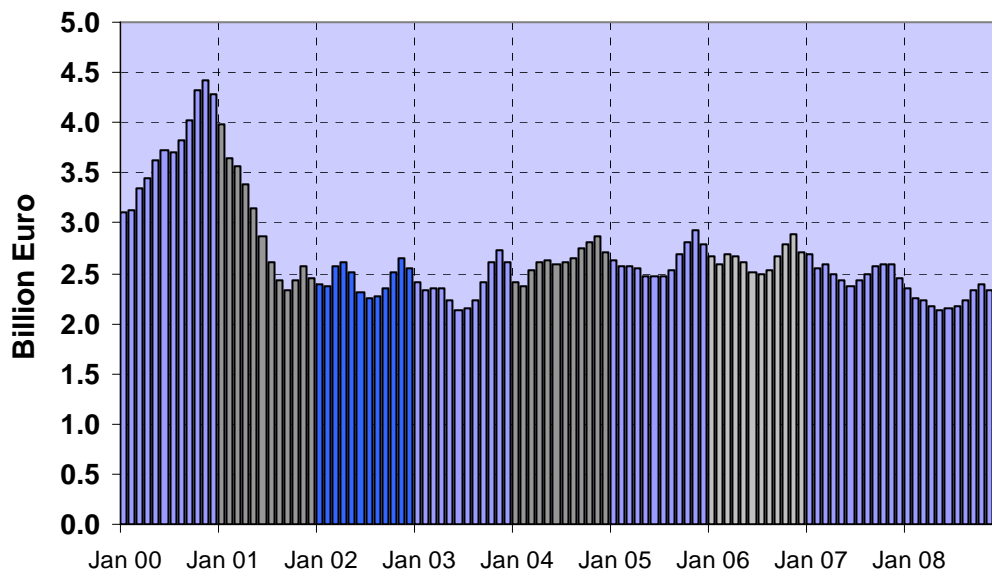
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Market data by region¹

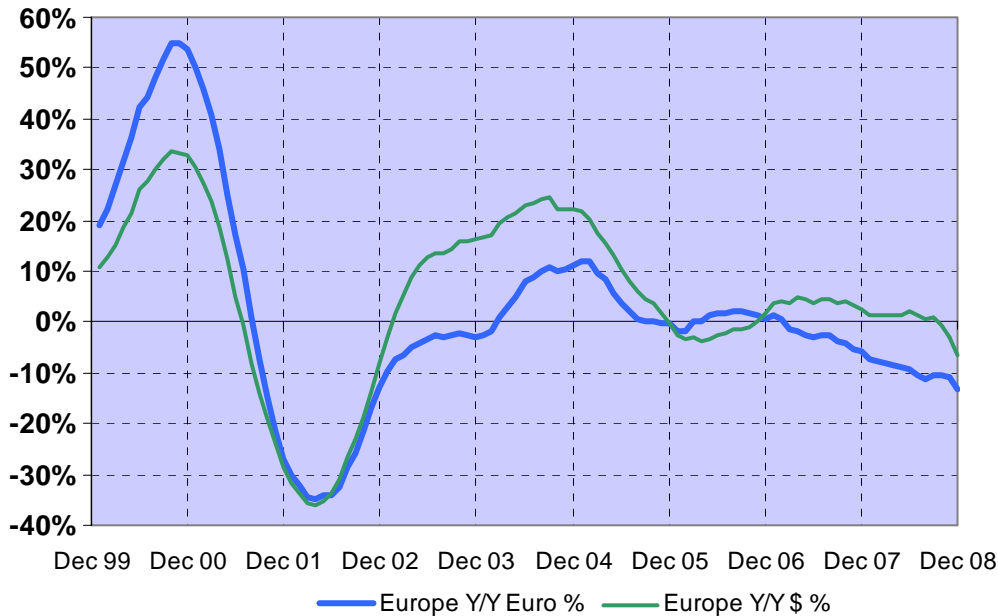
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Nov 08	Dec 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Nov 08	Dec 08
in \$:								
Europe	3.170	2.550	-7.3%	-19.6%	-13.9%	-27.8%	-3.3%	-6.6%
Americas	3.080	2.697	-4.0%	-12.4%	-19.5%	-26.2%	-8.4%	-10.5%
Japan	4.052	3.738	-4.2%	-7.8%	-7.6%	-13.2%	1.3%	-0.7%
Asia Pacific	10.566	8.422	-9.2%	-20.3%	-5.9%	-21.9%	3.9%	0.4%
of which China	3.869	3.148	-9.4%	-18.6%				
World	20.868	17.406	-7.2%	-16.6%	-9.7%	-21.9%	0.2%	-2.8%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.335	1.944	-2.7%	-16.8%	-9.9%	-20.4%	-11.1%	-13.1%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.270	1.332	-13.4%	-8.4%	< 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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