



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European sales of semiconductors decrease in January

The European market for semiconductors decreased by 10.8% versus the previous month, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported. The global financial crisis continues to affect severely semiconductor industry sales worldwide. However, a reduction of sales in January is usual and this year not more severe than in the past, but unfortunately sales decreased from a low level in December.

More in detail, European semiconductor sales in January 2009 amounted to US\$ 2,274 billion according to WSTS. This corresponds to a decline of 33.9% compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales declined by 31.9% in 2009 versus the same period in the year 2008.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar kept its decline rate in January, holding its impact on the growth data. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in January 2009 were a further new record low in this decade of 1,737 billion Euro, down 10.6% on previous month and down 26.1% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales declined by 25.0% in 2009 versus the same period in the year 2008.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in January 2009 were US\$ 15,330 billion, down 11.9% versus the previous month. This results in a decline of 28.6% versus the same month in 2008 and on a YTD basis it results in a decline of 31.2%.

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

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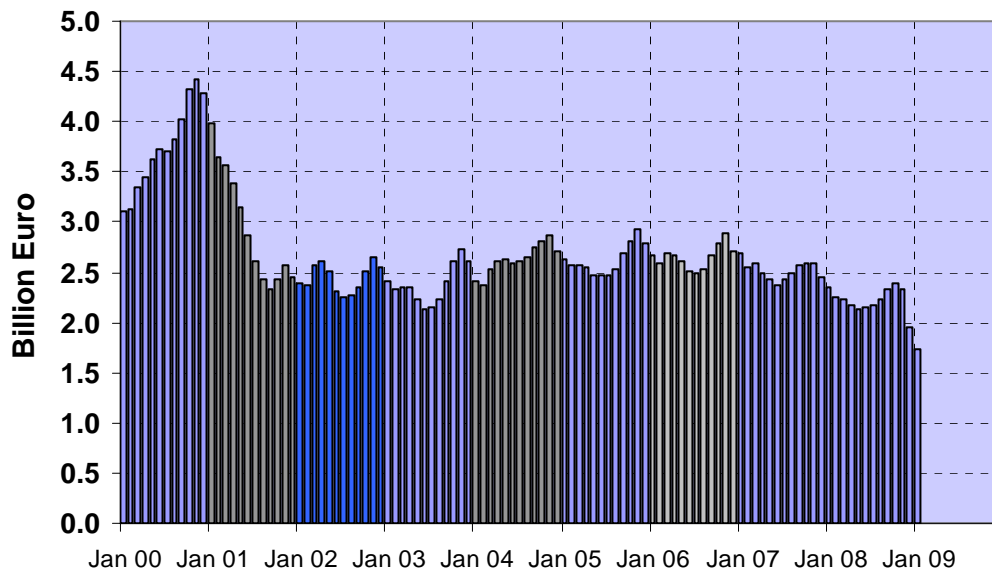
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Market data by region¹

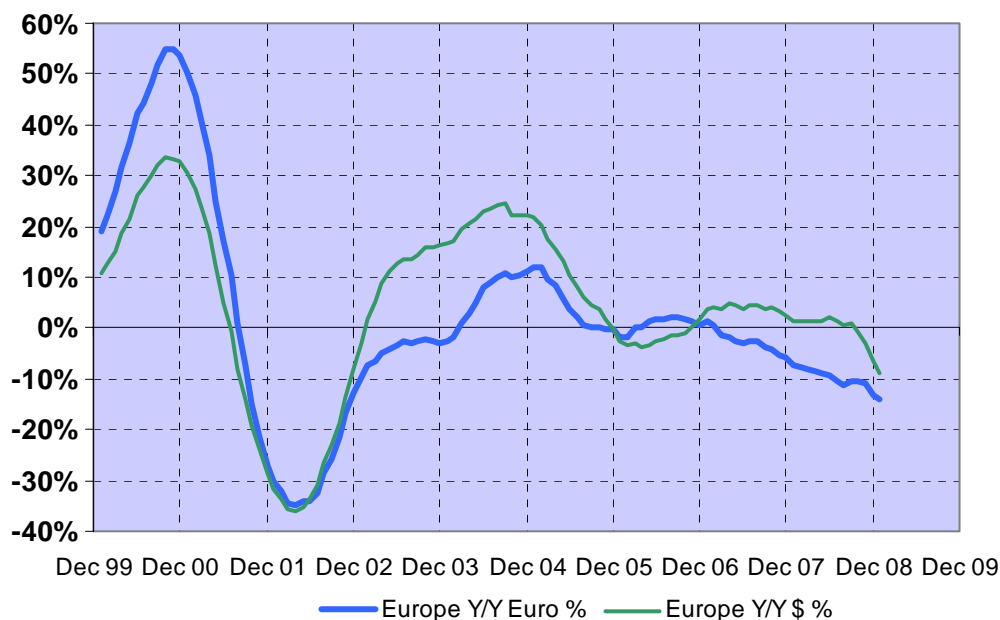
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Dec 08	Jan 09	Dec 08	Jan 09	Dec 08	Jan 09	Dec 08	Jan 09
in \$:								
Europe	2.550	2.274	-19.6%	-10.8%	-27.8%	-33.9%	-6.6%	-31.9%
Americas	2.697	2.554	-12.4%	-5.3%	-26.2%	-25.9%	-10.5%	-20.0%
Japan	3.738	3.232	-7.8%	-13.5%	-13.2%	-21.2%	-0.7%	-28.8%
Asia Pacific	8.422	7.270	-20.3%	-13.7%	-21.9%	-30.7%	0.4%	-35.6%
of which China	3.148	2.676	-18.6%	-15.0%			0.0%	-34.4%
World	17.406	15.330	-16.6%	-11.9%	-21.9%	-28.6%	-2.8%	-31.2%
In EURO:								
Europe	1.944	1.737	-16.8%	-10.6%	-20.4%	-26.1%	-13.1%	-25.0%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.332	1.335	-8.4%	-9.2%	< 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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