



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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European semiconductor sales down 0.9 percent in April

Sales on the European semiconductor market have been weaker in April compared with the previous month, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reports today. It seems that worldwide semiconductor sales may have hit the bottom for the second time in the short term trend.

Some important product categories have shown good dynamics in April. In particular sensors and actuators grew by 6%, total analog by 3%, and MOS digital signal processors by 5%. On the memory market, positive figures were reported for DRAM (up 6%) and Flash memories (in particular NAND, up 11%).

Looking at application specific chips, communications and automotive applications specific analog grew by 19% and 6% respectively, contributing mostly to the growth of the analog market in April.

Overall, European semiconductor sales in April 2009 amounted to US\$ 2.168 billion. This corresponds to a decline of 35.0% compared to the same month last year. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales declined by 34.3% in 2009 versus the same period in the year 2008.

The exchange rate imbalance of the Euro compared to the US dollar holds its impact on the European sales picture. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales of 1.666 billion Euros in April 2009 were weaker again, down 0.6% on the previous month and down 23.5% versus the same month a year ago. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales declined by 24.0% in 2009 versus the same period in the year 2008.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in April 2009 were US\$ 15.638 billion, up 6.4% versus the previous month. Compared to the same month in 2008, this results in a decline of 25.1% and on an YTD basis it results in a decline of 26.5%.

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

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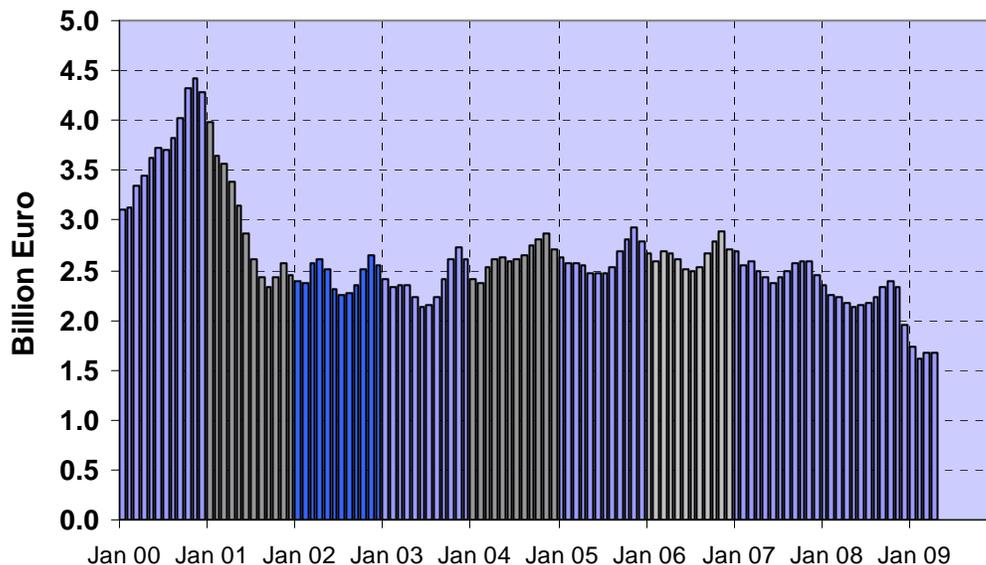
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Market data by region¹

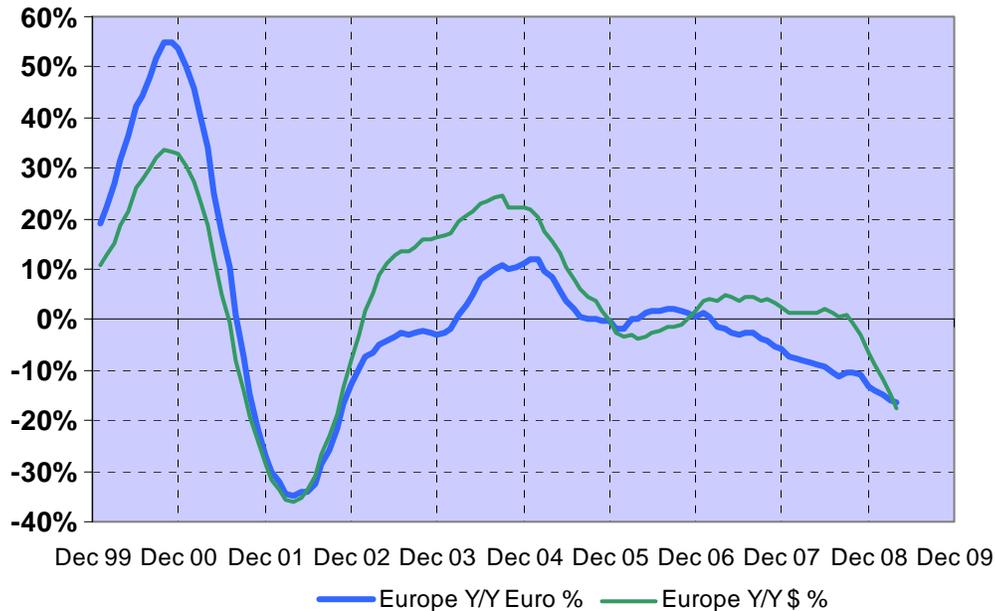
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Mar 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Apr 09
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Europe	2.188	2.168	3.2%	-0.9%	-34.7%	-35.0%	-34.7%	-34.3%
Americas	2.585	2.598	5.1%	0.5%	-22.2%	-21.6%	-22.2%	-21.4%
Japan	2.528	2.588	-9.4%	2.4%	-40.1%	-39.0%	-40.1%	-36.7%
Asia Pacific	7.403	8.283	7.9%	11.9%	-26.3%	-17.0%	-26.3%	-21.2%
of which China	2.747	3.093	8.7%	12.6%	-22.9%	-14.9%	-22.9%	-19.5%
World	14.704	15.638	3.3%	6.4%	-29.8%	-25.1%	-29.8%	-26.5%
In EURO:								
Europe	1.676	1.666	4.0%	-0.6%	-25.1%	-23.5%	-25.1%	-24.0%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.302	1.320	-15.7%	-16.4%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

- 1) Unless otherwise indicated, all figures are 3-month-average data except YTD growth which is based on current month 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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