

European Semiconductor Industry Association

LATEST SEMICONDUCTOR SALES DATA, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Global semiconductor sales reached 25.2 Billion US\$ in February

Sales of semiconductor in February declined across all regions in February compared to the previous month, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported. Slower sales in February, measured on a three month rolling average, are in line with seasonal patterns. The February decline was noticeable in particular Japan and China. Good growth rates were observed on a year-on-year basis: semiconductor sales in Europe increased by 13.3% compared to the same month one year ago.

Overall, European semiconductor sales in February 2011 amounted to US\$ 3.254 billion. While this number represents a decline of 1.4 in February compared to the previous month, positive growth rates were observed for some of the main product categories such as sensors, total analog devices and MOS microcontroller. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 12.1% versus the same period in the year 2011.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar lowered its impact on the European sales picture in the last month. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.430 billion Euros in February 2011, down 1.3% on the previous month and up 20.2% versus the same month a year ago.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in February 2011 were US\$ 25.195 billion, down 1.1% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 13.6% versus the same month in 2010.

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

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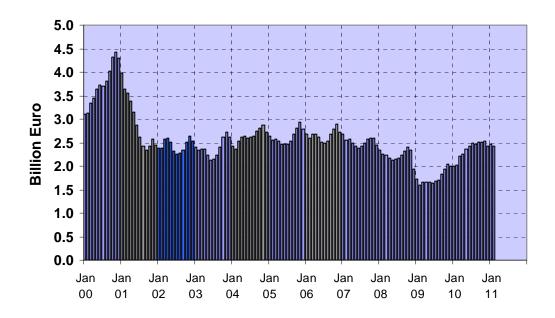


Market data by region¹

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Jan 11	Feb11	Jan 11	Feb11	Jan 11	Feb11	Jan 11	Feb11
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Europe	3.301	3.254	0.0%	-1.4%	12.7%	13.3%	14.4%	12.1%
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Americas	4.695	4.678	2.7%	-0.3%	24.2%	26.6%	36.6%	28.6%
Japan	3.827	3.677	-3.5%	-3.9%	9.6%	6.1%	4.2%	2.3%
Asia Pacific	13.654	13.585	2.6%	-0.5%	12.0%	11.8%	11.8%	13.0%
of which China	5.418	5.176	1.0%	-4.5%	13.7%	14.2%	16.6%	15.6%
World	25.477	25.195	1.3%	-1.1%	13.8%	13.6%	14.9%	13.8%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.461	2.430	1.3%	-1.3%	22.8%	20.2%	22.3%	16.2%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.335	1.364	-6.5%	-0.3%	Sector			

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



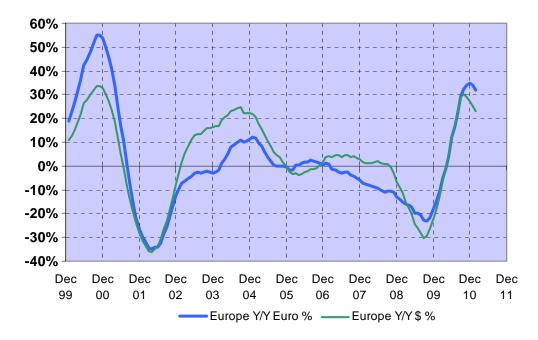


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European Semiconductor sales growth in % - Annualized growth trend (Y/Y) in Euro and Dollar

(12-month-average data)



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