

European Semiconductor Industry Association

LATEST SEMICONDUCTOR SALES DATA, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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European semiconductor sales up 2.5 % in March

Sales on the European Semiconductor market increased 2.5% in March compared to the previous month, and 8.3% compared to the same month in 2010, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported yesterday.

In Europe, remarkable positive growth rates were observed for the main product categories on a three month rolling average. In particular discretes (up 7.9%), total analog devices (up 6.7%) and microcontroller units (up 8.2%) need to be mentioned. Sales of memories grew in March as well: notably sales of total MOS SRAM increased 5.7%.

Overall, European semiconductor sales in March 2011 amounted to US\$ 3.321 billion. On a YTD basis semiconductor sales increased by 8.3% too versus the same period in the year 2010.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar increased again its impact on the European sales picture in the last month. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.429 billion Euros in March 2011, up 0.4% on the previous month and up 9.5% versus the same month a year ago.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in March 2011 were US\$ 25.255 billion, up 2.5% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of 8.6% versus the same month in 2010.

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

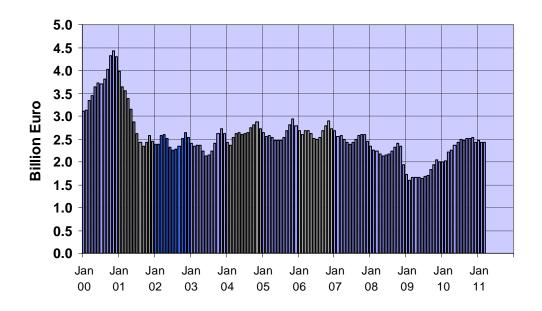


Market data by region¹

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Feb11	Mar 11	Feb11	Mar 11	Feb11	Mar 11	Feb11	Mar 11
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Europe	3.239	3.321	-1.9%	2.5%	12.8%	8.3%	11.3%	8.3%
Americas	4.607	4.686	-1.9%	1.7%	24.6%	18.1%	25.7%	18.1%
Japan	3.607	3.624	-5.3%	0.5%	4.1%	0.2%	-0.7%	0.2%
Asia Pacific	13.193	13.625	-3.1%	3.3%	8.6%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%
of which China	5.107	5.238	-5.7%	2.6%	12.7%	11.2%	13.1%	11.2%
World	24.646	25.255	-3.0%	2.5%	11.1%	8.6%	10.0%	8.6%
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Europe	2.419	2.429	-1.7%	0.4%	19.6%	9.5%	15.4%	9.5%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.364	1.400	-0.3%	3.1%	< 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.

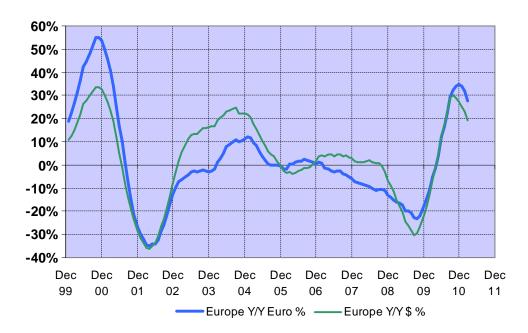
EUROPE - Monthly European Semiconductor sales in billion Euro (3-month-average data)





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

(12-month-average data)



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