



European Semiconductor Industry Association

LATEST SEMICONDUCTOR SALES DATA, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Global chip sales up 3.4 % in April

Sales on the worldwide semiconductor market increased by 3.4 % in April compared to the previous month, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) reported yesterday. Overall, global semiconductor sales amounted to over US\$ 24 billion.

In Europe, healthy growth rates were observed for some of the main product categories, while even though overall semiconductor sales slightly decreased in April (-0.2%). In particular sales for optoelectronics, sensors & actuators, MOS microcontroller and MOS microprocessor grew at very positive rates in April.

European semiconductor sales in April 2012 amounted to US\$ 2.821 billion. The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar affected the European sales picture in April: measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.138 billion Euros in April 2012, down 0.9% on the previous month and down 9.1% versus the same month a year ago.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in April 2012 were US\$ 24.067 billion, up 3.4% versus the previous month. This results in a decrease of 2.9% versus the same month in 2011.

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

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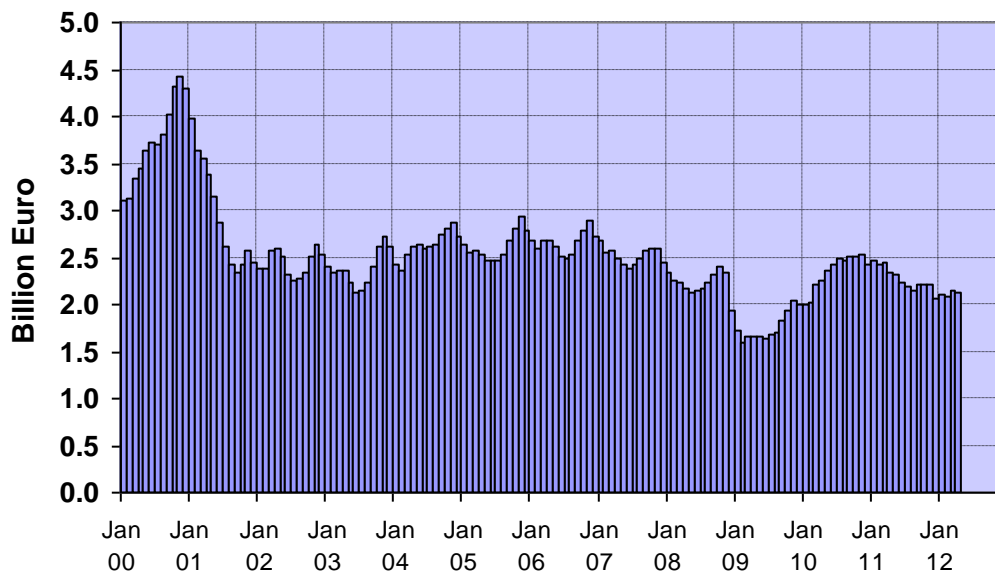
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Market data by region¹

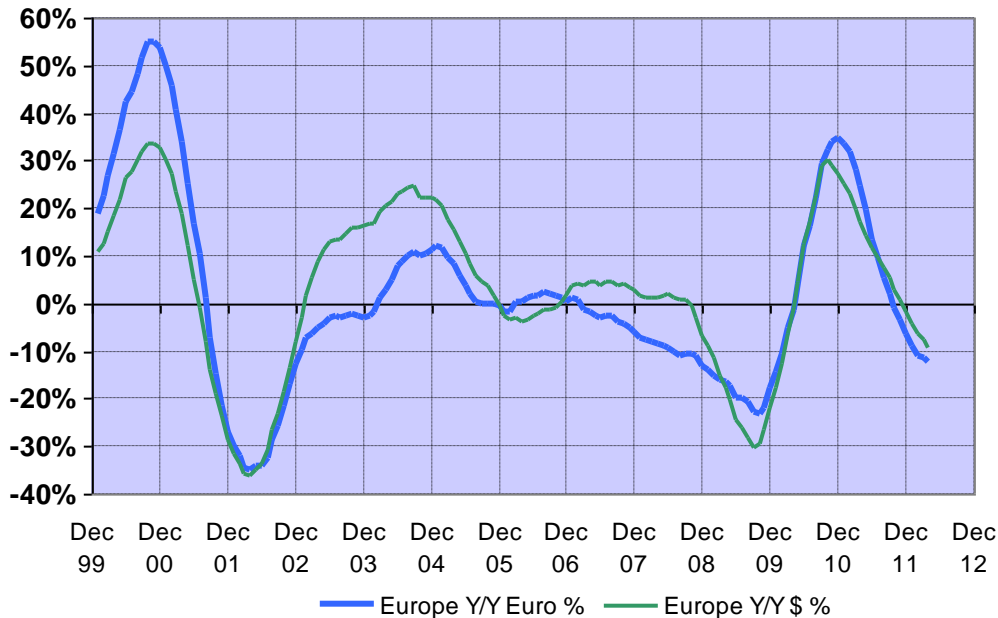
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Mar 12	Apr 12	Mar 12	Apr 12	Mar 12	Apr 12	Mar 12	Apr 12
in \$:								
Europe	2.826	2.821	3.8%	-0.2%	-15.4%	-14.4%	-15.4%	-15.0%
Americas	4.455	4.563	1.0%	2.4%	-5.8%	-0.4%	-5.8%	-3.4%
Japan	3.419	3.375	1.2%	-1.3%	-5.3%	-1.2%	-5.3%	-3.0%
Asia Pacific	12.576	13.307	1.3%	5.8%	-7.8%	-1.4%	-7.8%	-5.2%
of which China	4.957	5.111	0.0%	3.1%	-5.4%	-3.2%	-5.4%	-5.9%
World	23.276	24.067	1.5%	3.4%	-8.0%	-2.9%	-8.0%	-5.9%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.156	2.138	3.7%	-0.9%	-11.8%	-9.1%	-11.8%	-10.3%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.321	1.317	-5.6%	-8.8%	< 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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About ESIA: The European Semiconductor Industry Association represents and promotes the interests of the European-based semiconductor industry and advocates for its international competitiveness. The industry provides the key enabling technology solutions for society in the fields of energy efficiency, mobility, health care, security and across the ICT sector including the realisation of the smart grid and more efficient lighting. The industry was ranked as the most R&D intensive sector by the European Commission in 2011. This sector supports around 110,000 jobs directly and up to 500,000 jobs in Europe, operating in a worldwide market valued at over \$ 299 billion (over € 215 billion) in 2011.

About WSTS: World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) is a non-profit organization of 62 semiconductor companies representing close to 80% of the world semiconductor market. Founded in 1986, WSTS is the singular source for monthly industry shipment statistics. The mission of WSTS is to be the respected source of semiconductor market data and forecasts.