

European Semiconductor Industry Association

LATEST SEMICONDUCTOR SALES DATA, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Worldwide and European chip sales essentially flat in June

Figures on June semiconductor sales published by the WSTS today show mixed results. Global sales of semiconductors were rather stable month-to-month, declining slightly (0.1 percent) in June compared to May, on a 3-month moving average basis. Sales in Europe showed a similar pattern, slight declining slightly (0.7 per cent) in June compared to May. Looking at quarter-to-quarter developments - based on actual sales figures – global sales show solid growth: second quarter worldwide sales of US \$73.1 billion represent a 4.7 percent increase from the first quarter 2012. Quarter-to-quarter sales in Europe are nearly stable, showing a 0.2 percent decline.

Worldwide semiconductor sales in June 2012 were US\$ 24.377 billion. Overall, European semiconductor sales in June 2012 amounted to US\$ 2.821 billion. Both figures represent a 3-month moving average.

In June, several semiconductor product categories saw increased demand in the European market compared to the previous month. Among these are the MOS microprocessor, total logic, MOS Special purpose logic categories, and Microcontroller units for smartcards.

As for application specific chips, semiconductors designed specifically for use in consumer, wireless and wired communication applications and for automotive information and entertainment systems showed solid growth in June compared to May.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US dollar has significantly affected the growth data in June. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were 2.199 billion Euros in June 2012, up 1.2% on the previous month and down 1.4% versus the same month a year ago.

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

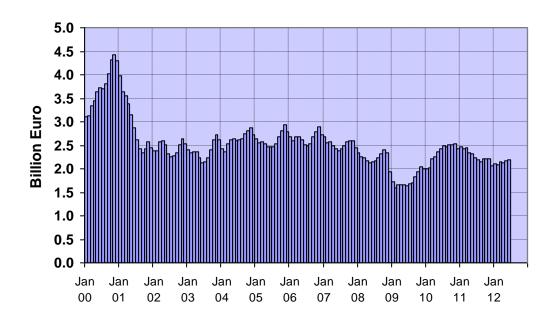


Market data by region¹

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	May 12	Jun 12	May 12	Jun 12	May 12	Jun 12	May 12	Jun 12
in \$: Europe	2.842	2.821	0.7%	-0.7%	-13.6%	-12.1%	-14.8%	-13.8%
Americas Japan Asia Pacific of which China	4.481 3.359 13.722 5.221		-0.5% 3.1%	-3.6% 2.0% 0.6% -0.1%	0.6% -1.9%	-8.1% 3.7% 1.0% -4.1%	-1.8% -4.2%	-3.4%
World	24.404	24.377	1.4%	-0.1%	-3.3%	-2.0%	-5.3%	-5.1%
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Europe	2.173	2.199	1.6%	1.2%	-5.9%	-1.4%	-9.2%	-6.9%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.284	1.253	-10.5%	-12.8%	< 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.

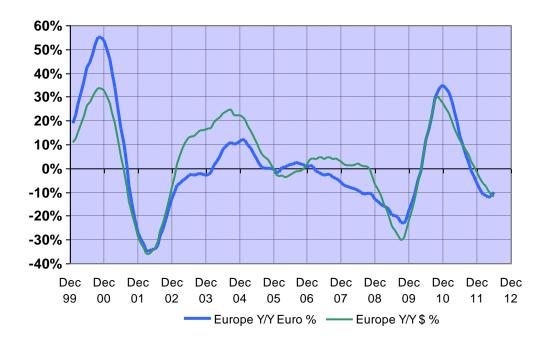
EUROPE - Monthly European Semiconductor sales in billion Euro (3-month-average data)





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.