



European Semiconductor Industry Association

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First quarter 2016 European semiconductor sales

In the first quarter of 2016, European semiconductor sales amounted to US\$ 8.001 billion, the European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) reported based on the latest WSTS data.

Looking at the semiconductor market in March, semiconductor sales in Europe reached US\$ 2.667 billion. This represents a 0.1% increase compared to February 2016, when sales reached US\$ 2.663 billion. On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in March were US\$ 26.093 billion, up 0.3% from February and up 5.8% from March 2015. All growth figures represent a three month rolling average.

Most of the main product categories grew steadily in March over February. Sales of discrete semiconductor devices increased by 10.3%, sales of sensors and actuators increased by 9.9%, and sales of analog and logic devices grew by 7.5% and 6.7% respectively. Semiconductor devices designed to be used in specific applications also exhibited strong growth in Europe, growing by 6.8% in March compared to February. Worldwide, consumer and automotive were the strongest segments in March for application specific chips.

In March, the exchange rate affected the European sales picture when comparing market growth in Euros and in Dollars. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales were € 2.419 billion Euros in March 2016, down 0.6% versus the previous month.

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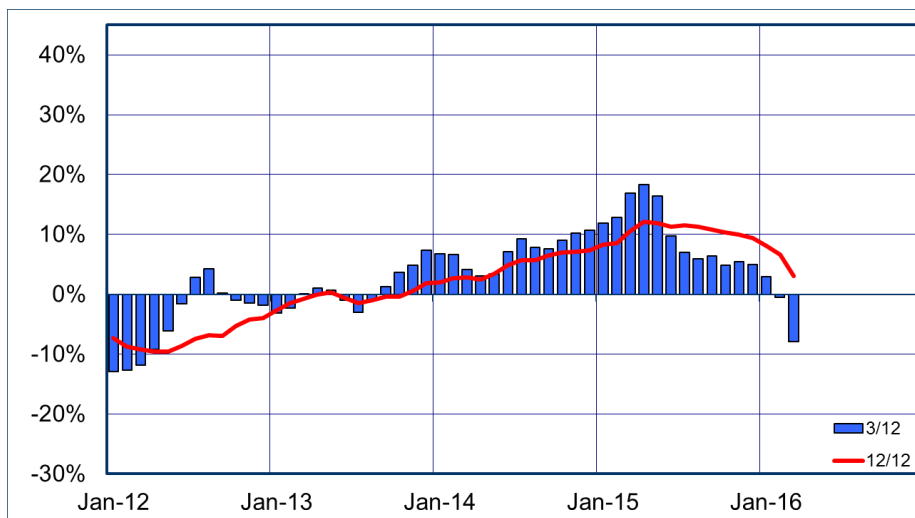
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Monthly European Semiconductor Sales

Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	Feb16	Mar 16	Feb16	Mar 16	Feb16	Mar 16	Feb16	Mar 16
in \$:								
Europe	2.663	2.667	-1.6%	0.1%	-7.4%	-9.8%	-7.4%	-9.8%
Americas	5.030	4.888	-7.0%	-2.8%	-19.3%	-15.8%	-15.6%	-15.8%
Japan	2.473	2.591	-0.7%	4.8%	-3.2%	1.8%	-0.2%	1.8%
Asia Pacific	15.854	15.947	-2.6%	0.6%	-1.4%	-2.7%	-0.9%	-2.7%
of which China	8.022	7.934	-4.7%	-1.1%	3.4%	1.3%	2.9%	1.3%
World	26.020	26.093	-3.2%	0.3%	-6.2%	-5.8%	-4.7%	-5.8%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.433	2.419	-2.6%	-0.6%	-0.1%	-7.9%	-3.0%	-7.9%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.110	1.111	-2.2%	2.6%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

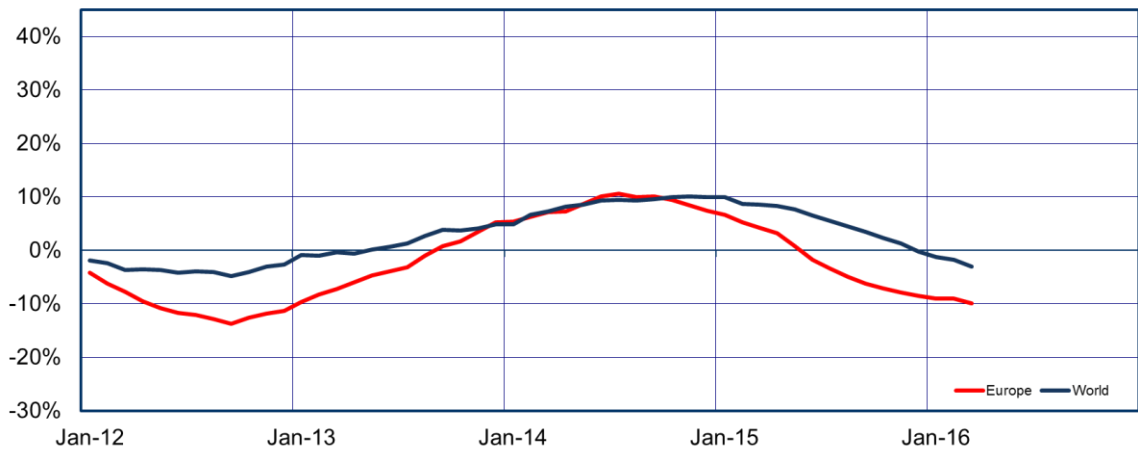
Note: Figures are 3-month average data except for YTD growth, which is based on current month data.

Monthly European Semiconductor Sales Development (in Euro)



Note: 3/12=Percent change of a three month period compared to a similar period twelve months before
 12/12= Percent change of a twelve month period compared to a similar period twelve months before

Semiconductor sales worldwide and in Europe (in US Dollars)



Note: On a 12/12 basis, i.e. on the basis of the percent change of a 12 month period compared to a similar period twelve months before

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About ESIA: *The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA) is the voice of the Semiconductor Industry of Europe. Its mission is to represent, promote and defend the common interests of the Europe based semiconductor industry towards the European Institutions and stakeholders in order to ensure a sustainable business environment and foster its global competitiveness. As a provider of key enabling technologies the industry creates innovative solutions for industrial development, contributing to economic growth and responding to major societal challenges. Being ranked as the most R&D intensive sector by the European Commission, the European Semi-conductor ecosystem supports approx. 200.000 jobs directly and up to 1.000.000 induced jobs in systems, applications and services in Europe. Overall, micro- and nano-electronics enable the generation of at least 10% of GDP in Europe and the world.*

About WSTS: *World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS) is a non-profit organization located in California, USA. 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 forecast. <http://www.wsts.org/>*