



European Semiconductor Industry Association

Latest Semiconductor sales data, for immediate release

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Second Quarter results for 2005 published by WSTS

The European market in the second quarter of 2005 was down 0.3% from the same quarter last year, according to WSTS data published today. The figure worldwide was -0,8% .

Best performing products included Microprocessors (+12% compared to the same quarter last year), optoelectronics (+25%) and special purpose logic applications (+11.2%).

Price dynamics severely influenced the performance of memory products. This was most acute for DRAMs, -16% compared to the second quarter of 2004 and -18% from the previous quarter.

Discretes also demonstrated a downward trend, Power transistors were down 14 percentage points from the second quarter of 2004.

European Semiconductor sales in June 2005 amounted to US\$ 3.115 billion according to the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), down -2.5% versus the previous month. This corresponds to a -0.3% decline compared to the same month last year. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales increased by +3.6% versus the same period in 2004.

The exchange rate of the Euro compared to the US\$ still has an impact on the growth data at this time but with a diminishing trend. Measured in Euro, semiconductor sales in June were EURO 2.481 billion, an increase of +0.6% versus previous month and a decline of -4.1% versus the same month a year ago. On a year-to-date basis, semiconductor sales show a decline of -1.1% versus the same period in 2004.

On a worldwide basis, semiconductor sales in June were US\$ 17.980 billion, down slightly -0.5% versus the previous month. This results in an increase of +0.8% versus the same month in 2004 and on a year-to-date basis it results in a growth rate of +6.5%.

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

About ESIA: The European Semiconductor Industry Association (ESIA), part of the European Electronic Component manufacturers' Association (EECA), represents the European-based manufacturers of semiconductor devices. The semiconductor industry provides the enabling technology, which is at the forefront of the development of the digital economy. The sector supports over 86,000 jobs in a market valued at around €31.7 bn in 2004.

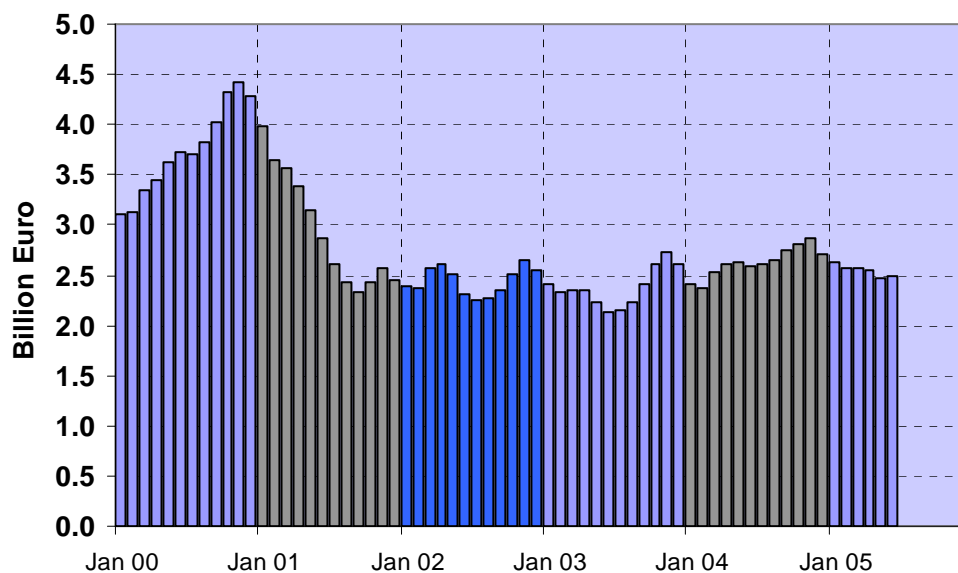
About WSTS: Established in 1986, the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to provide timely, accurate and authentic semiconductor market data on industry product shipments in a product line format serving the broad marketing and executive needs. In 2004 WSTS members are 72 semiconductor companies from all over the world representing around 85% of the world's semiconductor market.

Market data by region¹

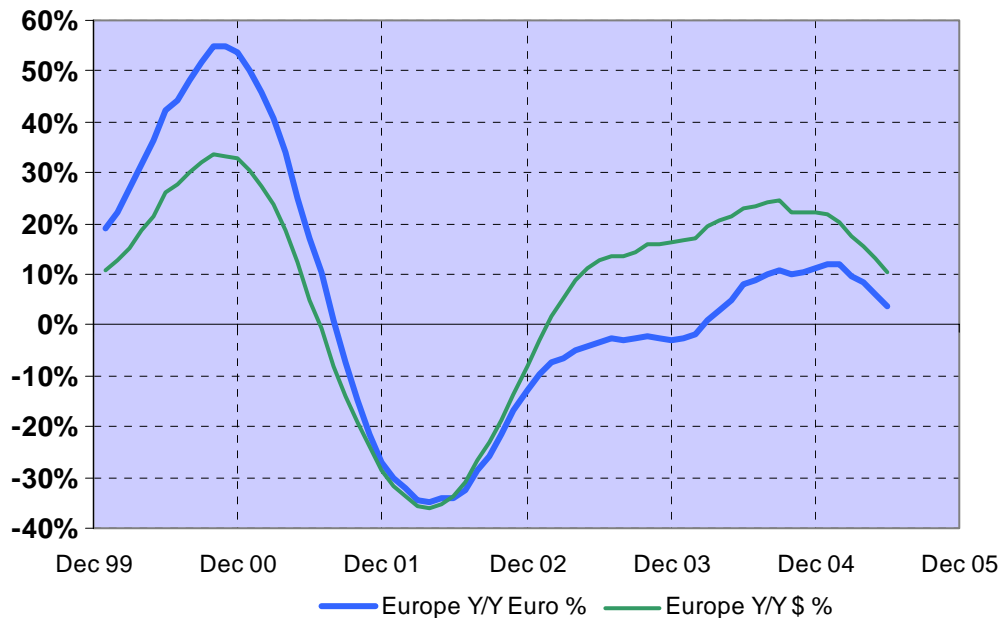
Market data for the 3 month moving average ending:								
Region	sales (in billions)		Month on Month growth		Year on Year growth		YTD growth	
	May 05	Jun 05	May 05	Jun 05	May 05	Jun 05	May 05	Jun 05
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Europe	3.197	3.115	-3.8%	-2.5%	0.3%	-0.3%	5.0%	3.6%
Americas	3.210	3.175	-0.4%	-1.1%	0.4%	-3.4%	4.0%	0.9%
Japan	3.624	3.549	-2.1%	-2.1%	-2.6%	-7.5%	1.4%	-0.8%
Asia Pacific	8.042	8.141	1.9%	1.2%	11.2%	7.3%	16.5%	14.2%
World	18.073	17.980	-0.4%	-0.5%	4.2%	0.8%	8.7%	6.5%
In EURO:								
Europe	2.466	2.481	-3.0%	0.6%	-6.2%	-4.1%	-0.6%	-1.1%
Rate (\$/Euro)	1.270	1.216	5.7%	0.2%	< Euro against \$ versus prev. Year			

1) Unless otherwise indicated, except YTD growth, all figures are 3-month-average 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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