

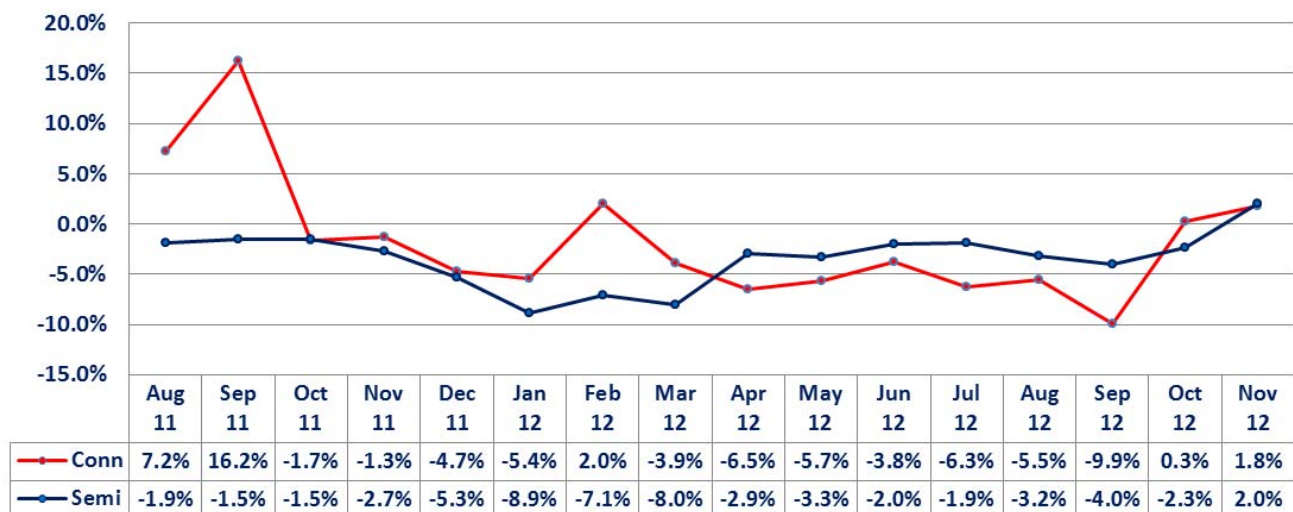
Semiconductor Sales Grow Year-Over-Year in November

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported November sales of \$25.7 billion, up +2.0% from November 2011 and up +2.0% sequentially from October. This is the first month of growth for the industry since June 2011.

Year-to-date sales were \$266.4 billion, down -3.8% over the same 11 months in 2011. As a comparison, year-to-date connector sales are down -3.9% over the same 11 months in 2011.

The following graph compares semiconductor sales performance to the connector industry.

Monthly Sales Performance Year-Over-Year



- Semiconductors began reporting year-over-year (YOY) declines in sales in July 2011 and now have broken the string of 16 consecutive months of declining monthly sales.
- Connectors began reporting YOY sales decline in October 2011, three months later than semiconductors. Connector sales have declined in 11 of the past 14 months. Sales have grown in October and November.
- Connector and Semiconductor sales were equal in performance in November.

The following table displays year-to-date performance by geographic region for both components.

**November Sales Performance
Year-To-Date**

	Semiconductors	Connectors
North America	-3.7%	2.5%
Europe	-12.4%	-11.6%
Japan	-3.7%	0.8%
China	NA	-3.8%
Asia Pacific	-2.0%	0.3%
World	-3.8%	-3.9%

Europe continues as the worst performing region although is improving slightly. China's connector performance continues to improve. YTD performance for both industries has converged over the last 11 months and is now almost equal.