

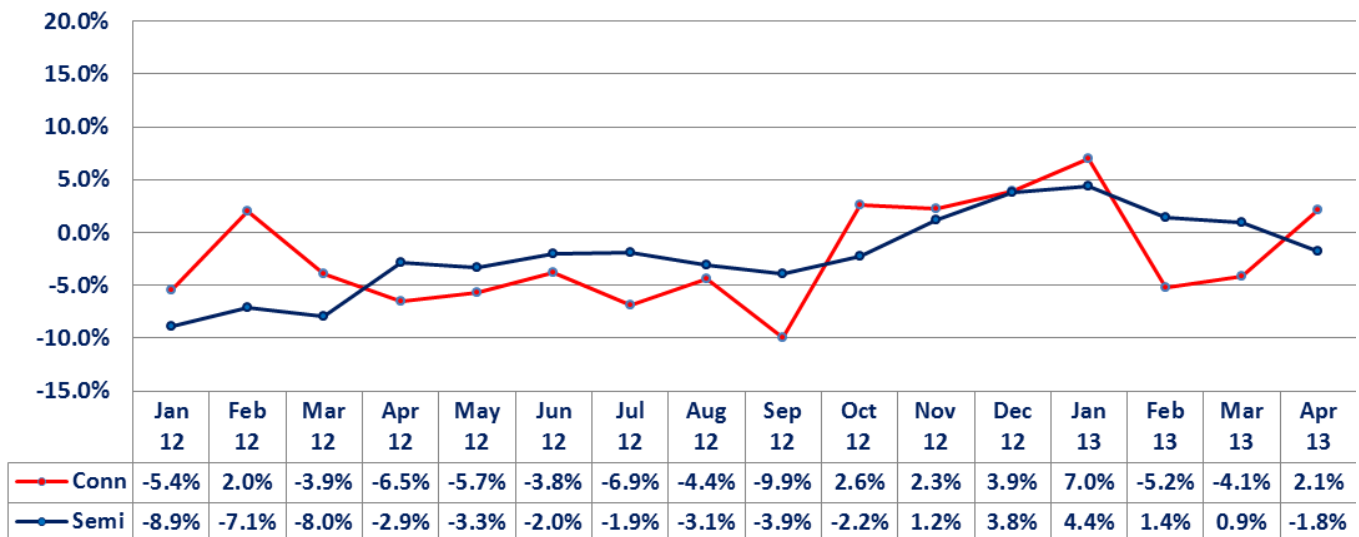
Semiconductor Sales Contract -1.8% YOY in April 2013

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported April sales of \$23.6 billion, down -1.8% from April 2012 but up +0.6% sequentially from March.

As a comparison, April 2013 connector sales growth was up +2.1% versus April 2012. The connector industry sales are up +2.4% year-to-date over 2012.

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

Monthly Sales Performance Year-Over-Year



- After five months of year-over-year growth, the semiconductor industry contracted in April. Semiconductor sales are up +1.1% year-to-date over the same period in 2012. The YTD growth, however, is very modest, reminding us that we continue to operate in a lethargic and perhaps fragile economic environment.
- Connector industry sales have increased modestly in two of the past four months and stand at a +2.4% increase year-to-date.

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

**April Sales Performance
Year-To-Date**

	Semiconductors	Connectors
North America	1.4%	6.8%
Europe	-1.0%	4.9%
Japan	-16.5%	-13.5%
China	NA	3.1%
Asia Pacific	6.2%	3.3%
World	1.1%	2.4%

Japan now has the same performance for both industries. Connector growth is stronger than Semiconductor growth in North America and Europe.

Semiconductor sales are forecast to grow 4.5% in 2013 to \$304 billion. Connector industry sales are forecast to growth 4.2% in 2013 to \$49 billion.