

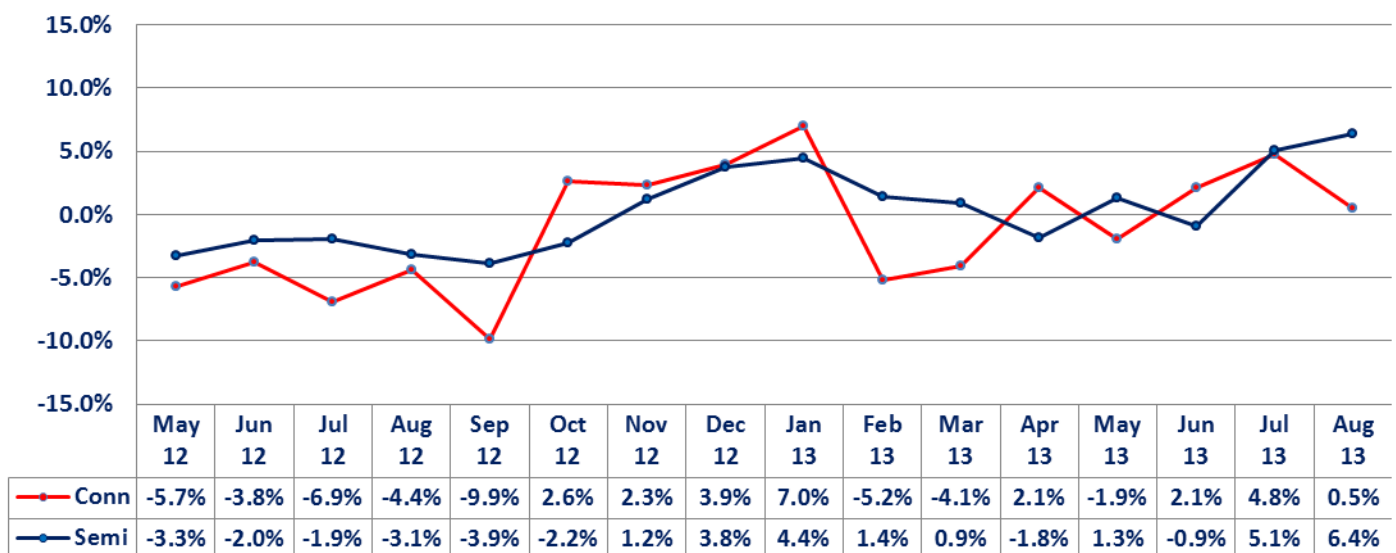
Semiconductor Sales Grow +6.4% YOY in August

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported August sales of \$25.9 billion, up +6.4% from August 2012 and up +1.3% sequentially from July. Year-to-date industry sales are up +2.4% worldwide.

As a comparison, August 2013 connector sales grew +0.5% versus August 2012. The connector industry sales are up +1.7% year-to-date over 2012.

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

Monthly Sales Performance Year-Over-Year



- August year-over-year growth of +6.4% was the best month in 2013 for semiconductors.
- Semiconductor sales had been alternating between positive and negative year-over-year growth for the last five months. They have now had two sequential months of mid-single-digit growth.

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

**August Sales Performance
Year-To-Date**

	Semiconductors	Connectors
North America	7.7%	4.4%
Europe	0.4%	5.7%
Japan	-17.5%	-15.4%
China	NA	1.3%
Asia Pacific	6.3%	5.3%
World	2.4%	1.7%

- Year-to-date performance for semiconductors is starting to outperform connectors.
- Japan has nearly the same poor performance for both industries.
- Semiconductors are outperforming connectors in North America.
- Connector growth is outperforming Semiconductor growth in Europe.

Semiconductor sales are forecast to grow +4.5% in 2013 to \$304 billion. Connector industry sales are forecast to growth +2.7% in 2013 to \$49 billion.