

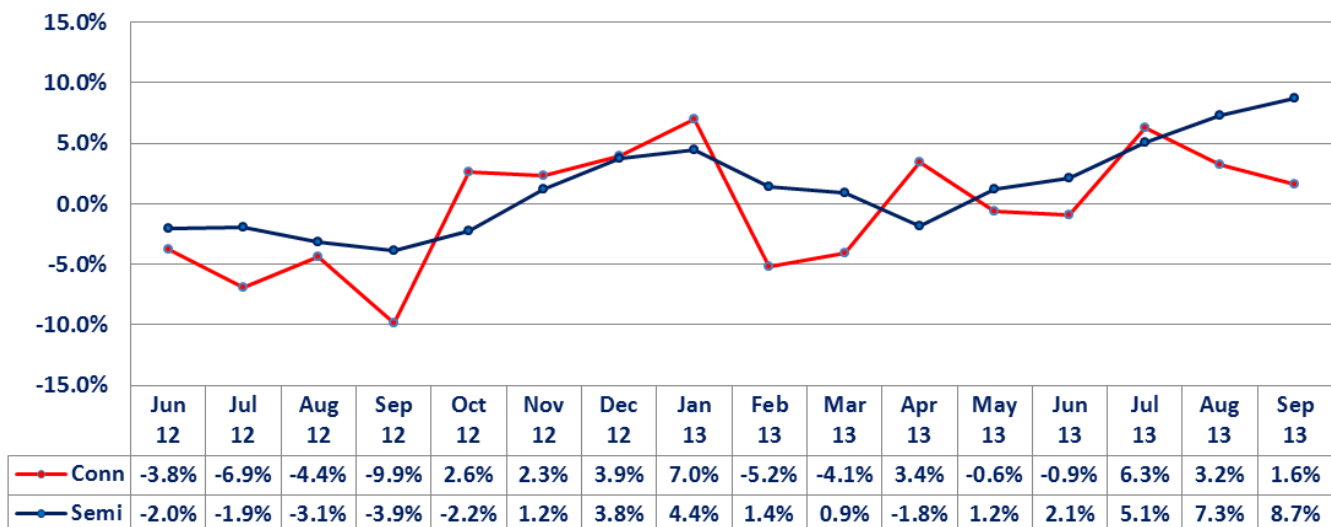
Semiconductor Sales Grow +8.7% YOY in September

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported September sales of \$27.0 billion, up +8.7% from September 2012 and up +3.3% sequentially from August. This is the highest performance since March 2011, when growth was +8.8% YOY. Year-to-date industry sales are up +3.3% worldwide.

As a comparison, September 2013 connector sales grew +1.6% versus September 2012. The connector industry sales are up +2.2% year-to-date over 2012.

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

Monthly Sales Performance Year-Over-Year



- September year-over-year growth of +8.7% was the best month in 2013 for semiconductors and the best growth recorded in 29 months. Since April, year-over-year growth has also improved each month. As a leading indicator, this performance bodes well for the connector industry growth in the fourth quarter and beyond.
- Semiconductor sales have been positive in eight out of nine months this year. They have now had three sequential months of mid to high single-digit growth.

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

September Sales Performance Year-To-Date

	Semiconductors	Connectors
North America	9.7%	5.6%
Europe	1.1%	5.8%
Japan	-16.9%	-15.8%
China	NA	2.5%
Asia Pacific	6.9%	5.7%
World	3.3%	2.2%

- Year-to-date performance for semiconductors is now outperforming connectors.
- In Japan, both industries are showing nearly the same poor performance.
- Semiconductors are outperforming connectors in North America and Asia Pacific.
- 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 grow +2.7% in 2013 to \$49 billion.