

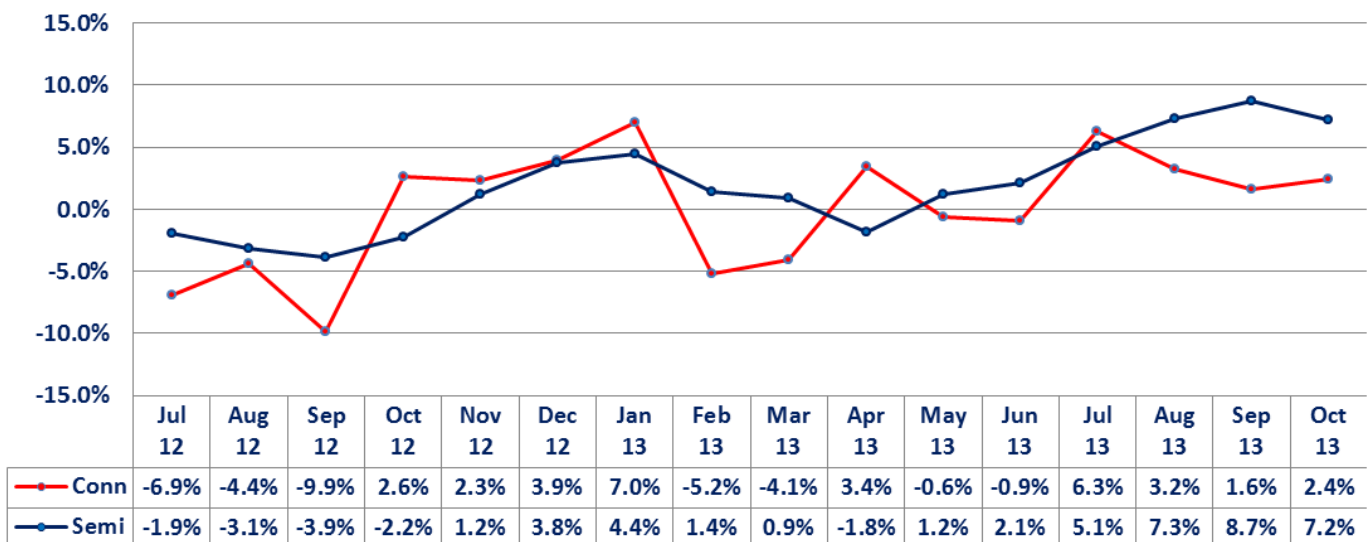
Semiconductor Sales Grow +7.2% YOY in October

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported October sales of \$27.1 billion, up +7.2% from October 2012 and up +0.8% sequentially from September. Year-to-date industry sales are up +3.6% worldwide.

As a comparison, October 2013 connector sales grew +2.4% versus October 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



- October year-over-year growth of +7.2% was the third consecutive month of high single-digit gains for the semiconductor sales. Since April, year-over-year growth has trended up. Semiconductor sales generally lead connector sales by two to three months. This performance bodes well for the connector industry growth in the first quarter 2014.
- Semiconductor sales growth have been positive in nine out of 10 months this year. Connector sales growth has been positive in six out of 10 months this year.

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

**October Sales Performance
Year-To-Date**

	Semiconductors	Connectors
North America	11.0%	5.4%
Europe	1.9%	6.2%
Japan	-16.5%	-16.5%
China	NA	3.0%
Asia Pacific*	6.7%	5.7%
World	3.6%	2.2%

* Including China

- Year-to-date performance for semiconductors continues to outperform connectors.
- Japan has exactly the same poor performance for both industries.
- 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. Year-to-date semiconductor sales are \$249.5 billion through October. Connector industry sales are forecast to growth +2.7% in 2013 to \$48.9 billion. Year-to-date connector sales are approximately \$40.5 billion through October.