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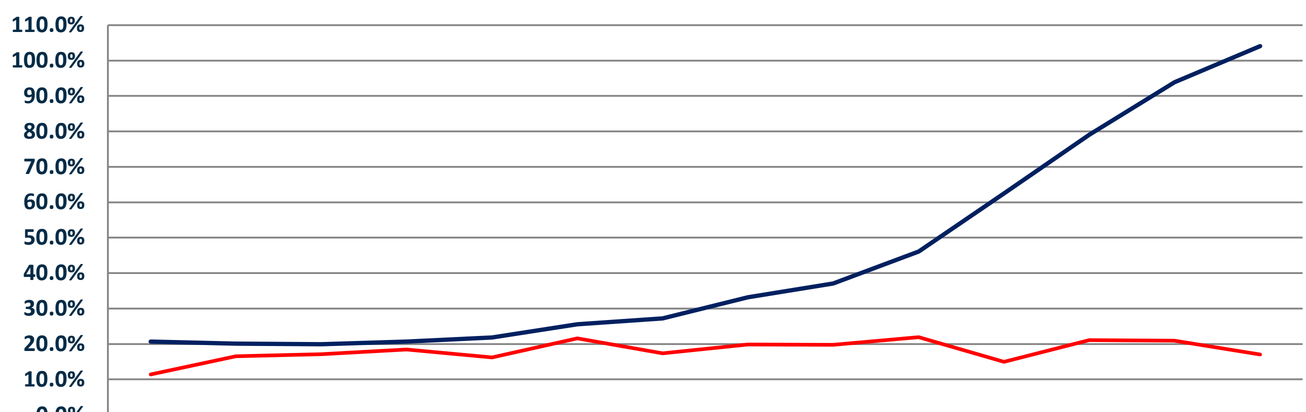
May Semi Sales Up +104.1%

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported May sales of $120.6 billion, up +104.1% over May of 2025's total of $59.1 billion. Year-over-year, the Americas increased +132.2%, China increased +88.8%, Asia Pacific/All Other increased +118.9%, Europe grew +60.7%, and Japan increased +23.8%. Sequentially sales increased by +9.2% from April 2026 sales of $110.5 billion.

Connector industry sales in May were up 17.7% from the prior year. Regionally for May, YOY sales increased, +16.2% in North America, +6.8% in Europe, +4.9% in Japan, +19.1% in China, +44.2% in Asia Pacific and +12.0% in ROW.

The following graph compares semiconductor sales performance to the connector industry since April 2025.

**Monthly Sales Performance
Year-Over-Year**



	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25	July 25	Aug 25	Sept 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26
Conn	11.4%	16.5%	17.1%	18.4%	16.2%	21.6%	17.4%	19.8%	19.7%	21.9%	15.0%	21.1%	20.9%	17.0%
Semi	20.7%	20.1%	19.9%	20.7%	21.8%	25.6%	27.2%	33.2%	37.1%	46.1%	62.5%	79.1%	93.9%	104.1%

The semiconductor industry has now experienced 18 months of strong double-digit growth, along with one month of triple-digit growth, and has outpaced connectors for 19 months in a row! This is great news for the connector industry whose growth traditionally lags just a few months behind that of semiconductors.

The following table displays year-to-date performance, measured in US dollars, by geographic region for both components.

Sales Performance
2026 May YTD

	Semiconductors	Connectors
North America	84.5%	18.7%
Europe	46.5%	13.6%
Japan	7.9%	3.9%
China	69.7%	20.0%
Asia Pacific/Other	104.6%	37.8%
World	77.5%	19.0%

Source SIA & Bishop

Some interesting trends and comments include:

- "The global semiconductor market continued to grow substantially in May, hitting the highest-ever recorded monthly sales total and increasing on a month-to-month basis for the 15th consecutive month in May," said John Neuffer, SIA president and CEO. "Sales growth continues to be driven by strong year-to-year growth in the Americas, the Asia-Pacific region, and China."

- In connection with June's announcement regarding the expansion of Coherent's indium phosphide manufacturing facility in Sherman, Texas, the SIA released the following statement from SIA President and CEO John Neuffer. The **"**SIA applauds the Commerce Department and Coherent for advancing investments that strengthen America's semiconductor supply chain and reinforce U.S. technology leadership. As AI adoption accelerates, demand for advanced optical technologies is growing rapidly. Expanding domestic production of indium phosphide devices will help bolster supply chain resilience, support innovation, and ensure the United States remains at the forefront of critical semiconductor technologies**."**

- Like the semiconductor industry, the connector industry is also experiencing new highs. In the last 12 months, strong double-digit growth year-over-year and year-to-date have occurred, creating a strong and healthy backlog.

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