

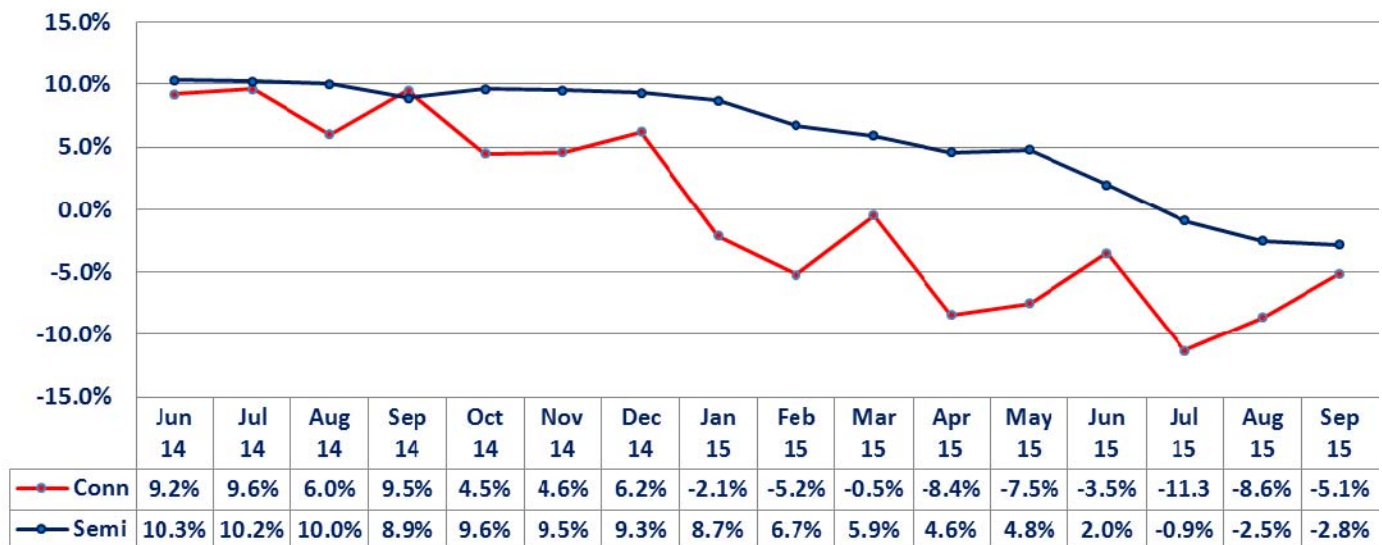
September Semi Sales Decline -2.8%

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported September sales of \$28.4 billion, down -2.8% from September 2014 and up +1.9% sequentially from August. The SIA reported YOY sales growth of +5.0% in China. YOY, sales declined -3.9% in the Americas, -10.6% in Europe, -11.4% in Japan and Asia Pacific/Other -3.5%.

The connector industry sales, measured in U.S. dollars, were down -5.1% year-over-year in September and up +2.3% sequentially. YOY sales declined -2.3% in North America, -12.1% in Europe, -11.2% in Japan, -0.5% in China, -1.8% in Asia Pacific and -24.6% in ROW.

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

Monthly Sales Performance
Year-Over-Year



- August was the third consecutive YOY decline for semiconductors sales. Connectors have now declined for nine consecutive months. Both components are trending down.

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

**Sales Performance
September Year-To-Date**

	Semiconductors	Connectors
North America	7.5%	-2.2%
Europe	-7.7%	-12.1%
Japan	-11.2%	-11.2%
China	NA	0.4%
Asia Pacific*	5.8%	2.1%
World	2.8%	-5.4%

* Including China, Source SIA & Bishop

The above table highlights some significant differences in regional sales performance of the two components.

- Semis are growing +7.5% in North America while connectors continue to decline.
- Connectors have declined -12.1% in Europe while Semis are down -7.7%. This is caused by the decline in the euro to the U.S. dollar. Performance of both components seems to be converging in Europe.
- Sales performance in Japan is the same for both components (-11.2% Semis; -11.2% Connectors).
- In Asia Pacific, Semis are up +5.8% and Connectors are up +2.1%.

Demand has declined for both semiconductors and connectors. Semis YTD performance continues to weaken and has declined approximately 0.3 to 2.8 points each month this year sequentially.