

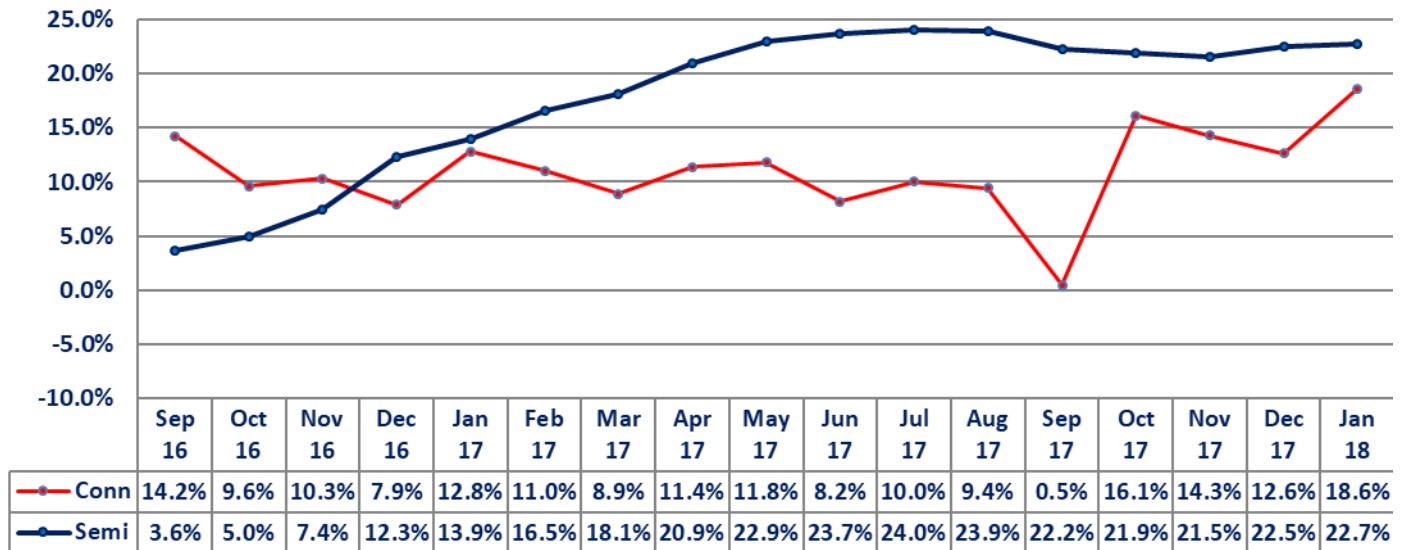
Semi Sales Up +22.7% in January Semis and Connectors Both Start Off with a Strong Performance

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported record January sales of \$37.6 billion, up +22.7% from January 2017 and down -1.0% sequentially. Regionally for January, the SIA reported that China grew +18.3% YOY, Japan grew +15.1%, Asia Pacific/Other grew +18.6%, the Americas grew +40.6% and Europe grew +19.9%.

The connector industry sales, measured in U.S. dollars, increased +18.6% to prior year in January and grew +4.2% sequentially. Regionally for January, YOY sales increased +11.8% in North America, +31.2% in Europe, +18.9% in China, +17.2% in ROW, +9.7% in Japan and Asia Pacific grew +11.2%.

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

Monthly Sales Performance
Year-Over-Year



- Semis grew for the 18th consecutive month and have outpaced Connectors for the last 14 months. Semis have grown in the lower 20% range for the last 10 months.
- Semi sales growth continues to accelerate despite harder comparison to prior year.
- The continuing strong growth of sales of semis demonstrate that the worldwide economies are strong.

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

**Sales Performance
January Year-To-Date**

	Semiconductors	Connectors
North America	40.6%	11.8%
Europe	19.9%	31.2%
Japan	15.1%	9.7%
China	18.3%	18.9%
Asia Pacific/Other	18.6%	11.2%
World	22.7%	18.6%

Source SIA & Bishop

Both components sales growth performance is tracking more closely on a regional basis and in total world sales. North America achieved solid growth in January, but significantly lower growth than Semis.

High demand for semiconductors always leads to strong connector sales. Both components had a record year in 2017.

The connector industry is projected to grow +6.8% in 2018 to \$64.2 billion. SIA has not yet given an official forecast for 2018, but the semiconductor industry appears poised to have another record this year.