

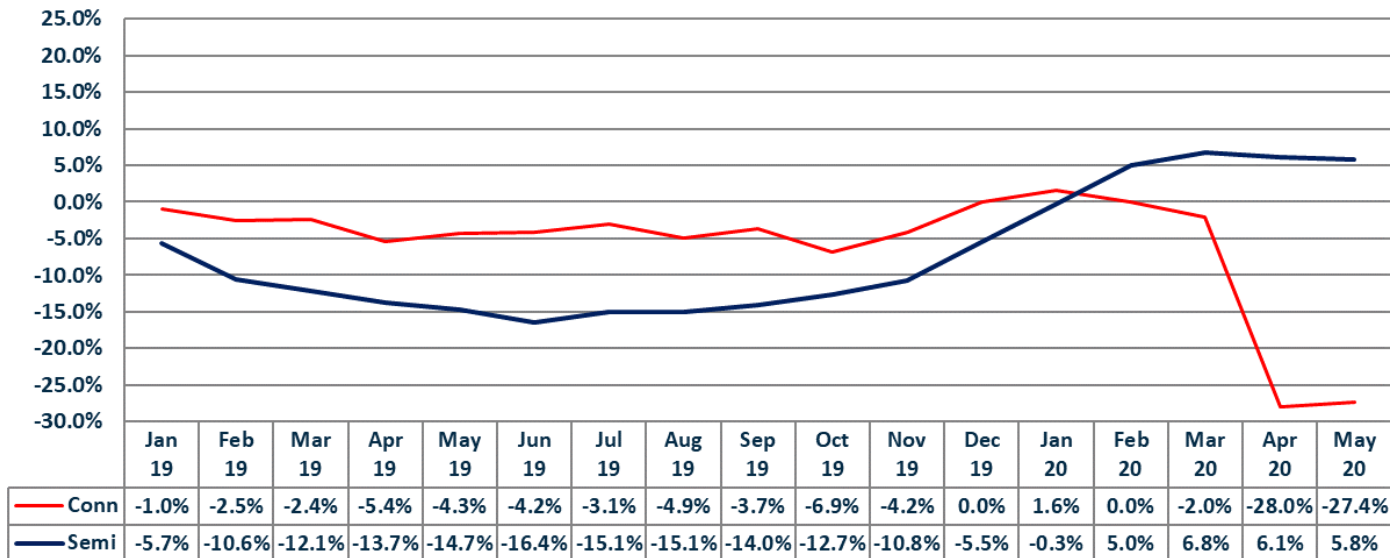
## Semis Up +5.8% in May Connector Sales Contract Fourth Consecutive Month

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported May sales of \$35.0 billion, up +5.8% from prior year, and up +1.6% sequentially. Regionally for May, the SIA reported that the Americas grew +25.5% YOY, Japan was up +1.7%, China increased +4.9%, Asia Pacific/Other increased by +2.6%. Europe was down -13.1%. The overall growth was the fourth achieved by the industry since December 2018.

Connector industry sales, measured in US dollars, were down -27.4% from the prior year but increased +9.8% sequentially. Regionally for May, YOY sales decreased -22.8% in Japan, -7.8 in China, -32.1% in North America, -27.3% in Asia Pacific, and ROW decreased -47.7%.

The following graph compares semiconductor sales performance to the connector industry since January 2019.

Monthly Sales Performance  
Year-Over-Year



The full impact of COVID-19 sales contraction is showing up significantly in connector industry performance, while semis remain positive for the last four months. The strength of the semi performance may be the result of the longer lead times, customers' expectations of improving market conditions and a reluctance of customers to give up products that they might soon need.

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

**Sales Performance  
2020 May YTD**

	<b>Semiconductors</b>	<b>Connectors</b>
<b>North America</b>	<b>21.3%</b>	<b>-14.3%</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>-5.8%</b>	<b>-17.8%</b>
<b>Japan</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>-8.6%</b>
<b>China</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>
<b>Asia Pacific/Other</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>	<b>-13.5%</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>-13.0%</b>

Source SIA & Bishop

Semi sales performance has now surpassed connector sales performance for four consecutive months. What lies ahead for both industries will depend on the success of all countries in curtailing the growth rate of COVID-19 infections and restarting their economies after the unprecedented shutdown of businesses worldwide. Many countries have started to revive their economies. China clearly has a head-start on their reopening. Hopefully, this turning point will continue without any serious setbacks.