

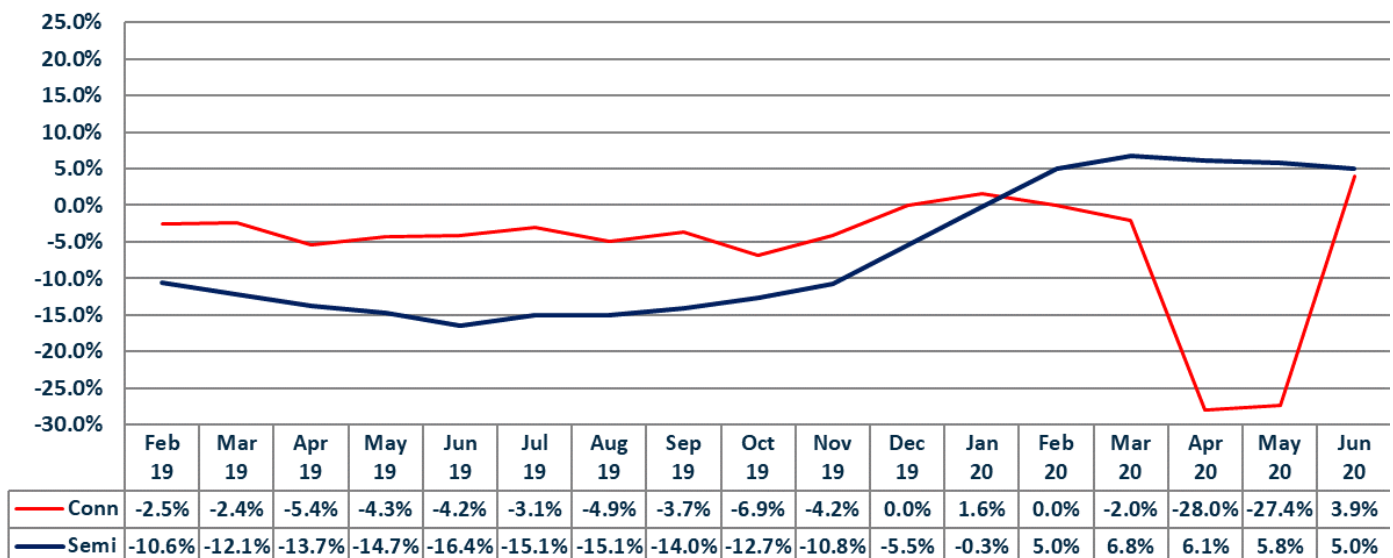
## Semis Up +5.0% in June Sales Grow for the Fifth Consecutive Month

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported June sales of \$34.5 billion, up +5.0% from the prior year, and down -1.2% sequentially. Regionally for June, the SIA reported that the Americas grew +28.8% YOY, China increased +4.7% and Asia Pacific/Other increased by +0.4%. Europe was down -17.1% and Japan was down -2.4%. The YOY sales growth was the fifth achieved by the industry since December 2018.

Connector industry sales, measured in US dollars, were up +3.9% from the prior year and increased +37.1% sequentially as the industry had some recovery from the COVID shutdowns. Regionally for June, YOY sales decreased -28.7% in Japan and -2.8% in Europe. Sales increased +16.9% in China, +10.2% in North America, +1.8% in Asia Pacific, and +9.4% in ROW.

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

Monthly Sales Performance  
Year-Over-Year



As seen in the above graph, connector industry performance has started to recover, while semis remain positive in the mid-single-digits for the last five months. The continuing strength of the semi performance may result from 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 June YTD**

	<b>Semiconductors</b>	<b>Connectors</b>
<b>North America</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>-10.3%</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>	<b>-15.4%</b>
<b>Japan</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>-12.5%</b>
<b>China</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>
<b>Asia Pacific/Other</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>	<b>-11.0%</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>-10.2%</b>

Source SIA & Bishop

Semi sales performance has now surpassed connector sales performance for five 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. We do not anticipate that there will be significant setbacks in the industry performance in the next two quarters. Although COVID will be around for several more months, or longer, the world now seems capable of dealing with it while they get on with business.