

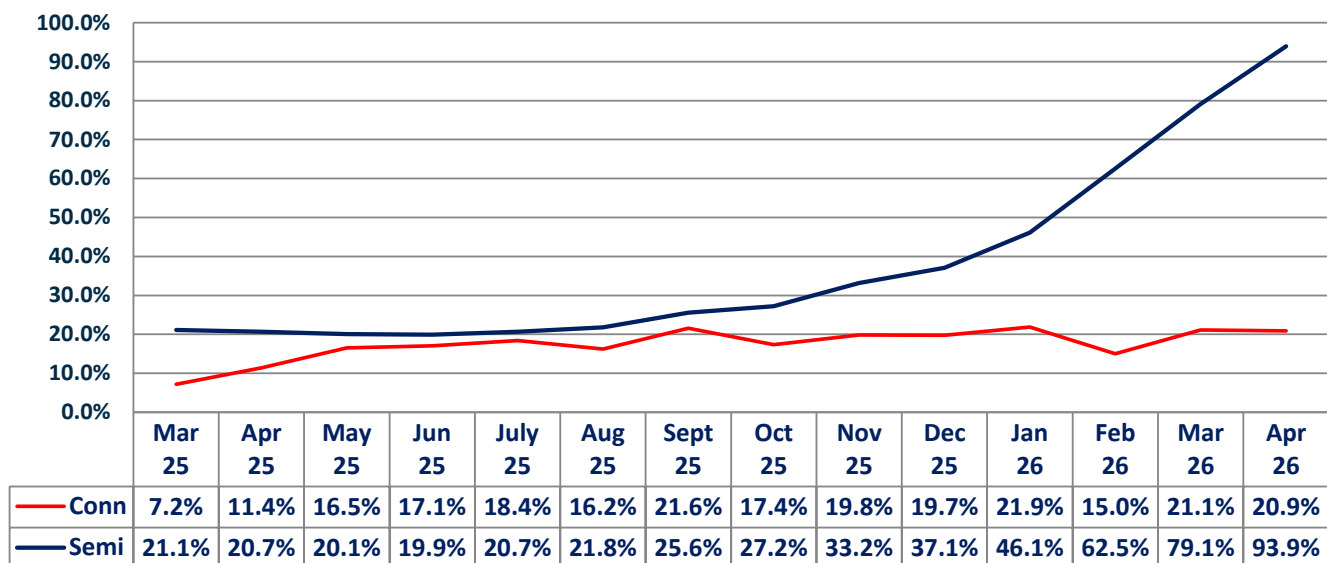
April Semi Sales Up +93.9%

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported April sales of \$110.5 billion, up +93.9% over April of 2025's total of \$56.9 billion. Year-over-year, the Americas increased +115.8%, China increased +78.6%, Asia Pacific/All Other increased +114.9%, Europe grew +54.7%, and Japan increased +15.6%. Sequentially sales increased by +11.0% from March 2026 sales of \$99.5 billion.

Connector industry sales in April were up +20.9% from the prior year. Regionally for April, YOY sales increased, +23.4% in North America, +14.5% in Europe, +1.7% in Japan, +26.0% in China, +26.3% in Asia Pacific and +13.7% in ROW.

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

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



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

Also, on June 5th, "the SIA endorsed the World Semiconductor Trade Statistics' (WSTS) Spring 2026 global semiconductor sales forecast, which projects annual global sales will grow by 90% to \$1.5 trillion in 2026. In 2027, global sales are projected to exceed \$1.9 trillion."

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

Sales Performance 2026 April YTD

	Semiconductors	Connectors
North America	72.8%	19.4%
Europe	42.7%	15.7%
Japan	4.1%	3.7%
China	64.5%	20.3%
Asia Pacific/Other	100.5%	35.9%
World	70.4%	19.6%

Source SIA & Bishop

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Some interesting trends and comments include:

- “Global semiconductor sales increased on a month-to-month basis for the 14th consecutive month in April, and the global market continues to notch robust year-to-year growth driven by sales into the Asia-Pacific region, the Americas, and China,” said John Neuffer, SIA president and CEO.
- In a recent study by The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) in partnership with Deloitte, it was stated that “In total, a single AI server rack contains over 4,500 packaged chips.” With this many chips, the computing power, memory, and hardware necessary to connect this will equate to thousands of connectors, including IC sockets, high-speed data/networking ports, and power connectors. This once again highlights the strong relationship between the connector industry and the semiconductor industry!
- After SIA member companies IBM and GlobalFoundries were awarded research awards, in May, by the CHIPS Research and Development Office (CRDO) to advance quantum computing technology, SIA President and CEO John Neuffer made the following statement. “Research is the engine of American semiconductor innovation, and today’s awards are a meaningful step toward promoting U.S. strength in the transformative technologies of the future. We commend the Commerce Department for investing in groundbreaking research to secure U.S. leadership in quantum computing. We look forward to working with the Administration to ensure the remaining CHIPS R&D dollars continue to be deployed to sharpen America’s competitive edge in semiconductors and computing.” According to SIA, “Semiconductor R&D is essential for U.S. chip companies to drive innovation and assert their competitiveness on the global stage. The U.S. semiconductor industry invests an average of one-fifth of revenues into R&D annually to advance chip technology.”

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