



WECC Global PCB Production Report For 2008

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WECC Global PCB Statistical Program

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The World Electronic Circuits Council (WECC) is a strategic partnership formed in 1998 by the major trade organizations serving member companies in the global electronic circuits industry. Its purpose is to increase the global influence and effectiveness of its member organizations for the benefit and improvement of the industry. The member associations cooperate on standards, market research, marketing, resource development, environmental issues, world trade and economic/political affairs.

The member organizations of WECC formed a working group in 2005 to pool their statistical resources and produce a global statistical report on printed circuit board (PCB) production for the benefit of their members. The WECC Global Statistics Working Group includes the following individuals and organizations:

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Availability

The *WECC Global PCB Production Reports* are available only from these participating associations to their members. The reports are not available for sale.

Methodology

The *WECC Global PCB Production Report* includes estimates of PCB production by country or region based on the data collected by the WECC organizations from their member PCB companies. The estimates in these reports may differ from estimates published by other sources due to differences in methodology. There is no hard data on worldwide PCB production, only estimates based on data collected from representative samples of the companies in the industry.

WECC has published its Global PCB Production Reports since 2005. The reports are published annually. For the sake of comparability, all of the estimates are reported in U.S. dollars. The values reported are nominal, and are not adjusted for inflation or for fluctuations in exchange rates.

Year-on-year growth rates, however, have been adjusted for currency fluctuations, due to the significant decline in the value of U.S. dollars. A table of average exchange rates for the period is included as an appendix to each report.

Confidentiality Policy

It is the WECC organizations' policy never to share any company-specific information with other associations (including the other WECC members) or with their member companies. Only aggregate data are shared for the compilation of this report. In this way, WECC maintains complete confidentiality for all member companies.

Definitions

PCB production attributed to a country or region reflects the value of the PCBs produced there, regardless of where the companies are headquartered, and should not be confused with the PCB market (i.e., where PCBs are sold).

Flexible circuit values reflect bare circuits only. Many flexible circuit producers also offer assembly and other value-added services. Because these producers sell assembled or partially assembled boards, it can be difficult for them to separate the value of the bare circuits from total sales. Based on estimates from these producers, the data shown in this report are estimates of bare board value only, not including other services or components.

Estimates of 2008 PCB Production Value

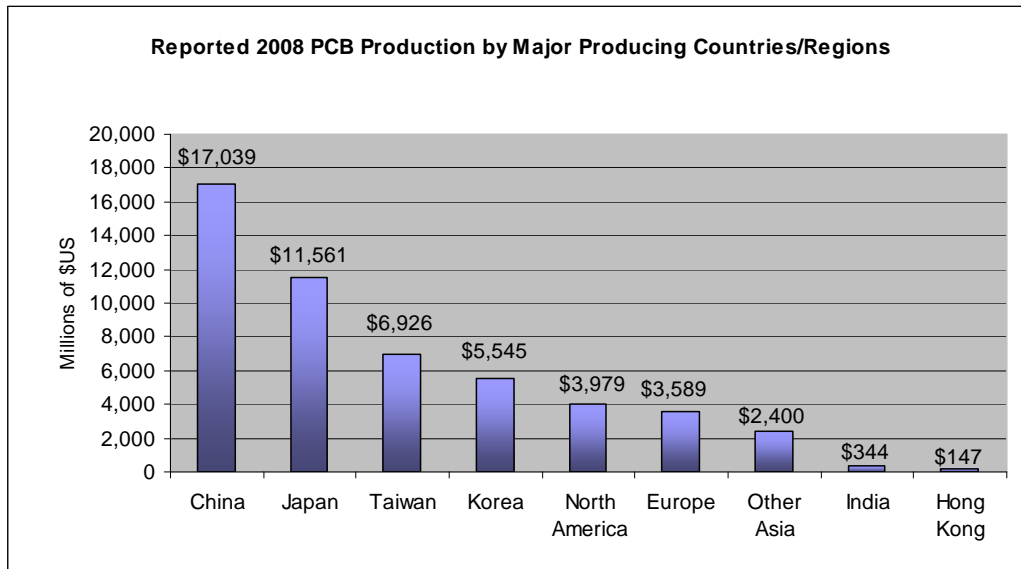
The member associations collected production data from companies producing PCBs in their countries or regions. Every effort was made to eliminate duplication between the associations' survey samples. For flexible circuits, the value of assembly and other services was deducted to estimate the value of bare circuits. These data were then extrapolated to arrive at estimates of total PCB production by country or region and by product category. The countries and regions included in this analysis produce nearly all of the world's PCBs, based on value.

Estimates of Total 2008 PCB Production in the World's Major Producing Areas (in millions of U.S. dollars)

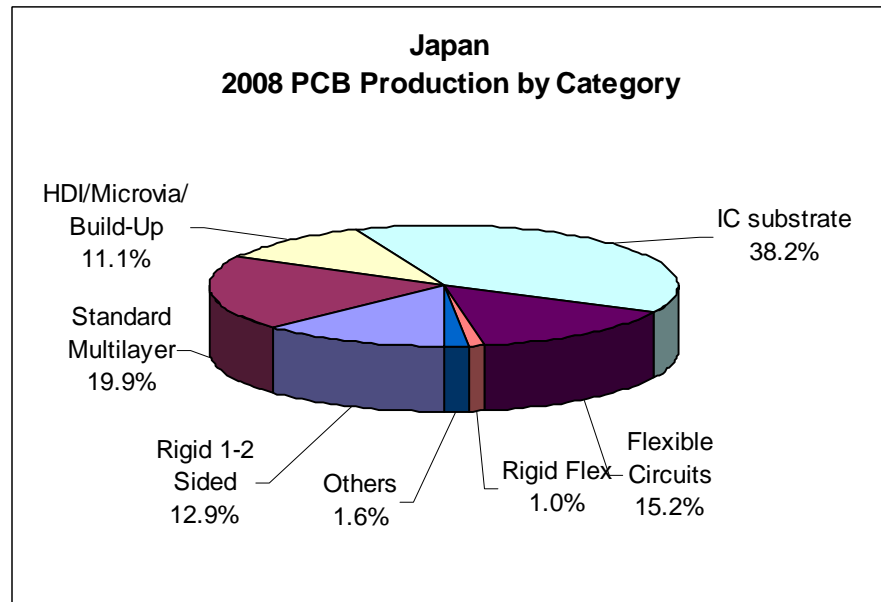
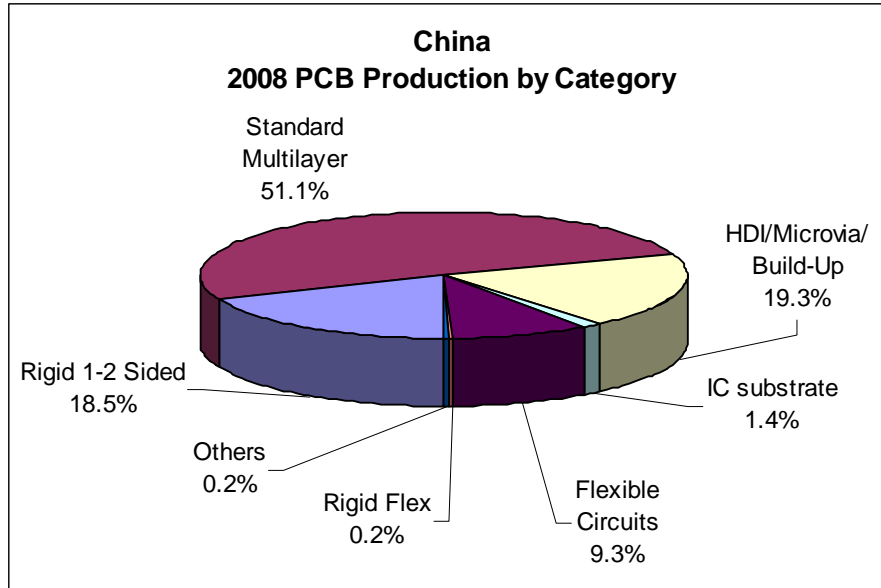
	Rigid 1-2 Sided	Standard Multilayer	HDI/ Microvia/ Build-Up	IC Substrate	Flexible Circuits	Rigid Flex	Others	Total Estimated Production Value
China	\$ 3,149	\$ 8,706	\$ 3,290	\$ 235	\$ 1,587	\$ 38	\$ 33	\$ 17,039
Hong Kong	\$ 2	\$ 105	\$ 17	\$ 23	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147
India	\$ 227	\$ 66	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9	\$ -	\$ 42	\$ 344
Japan	\$ 1,497	\$ 2,306	\$ 1,284	\$ 4,414	\$ 1,752	\$ 120	\$ 187	\$ 11,561
Korea	\$ 554	\$ 1,199	\$ 1,058	\$ 1,410	\$ 970	\$ 354	\$ -	\$ 5,545
Taiwan	\$ 501	\$ 2,025	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,316	\$ 730	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ 6,926
Other Asia*	\$ 369	\$ 48	\$ 143	\$ 414	\$ 1,317	\$ -	\$ 109	\$ 2,400
Europe	\$ 1,083	\$ 1,587	\$ 374	\$ 42	\$ 197	\$ 212	\$ 95	\$ 3,589
North America	\$ 373	\$ 2,570	\$ 714	\$ 71	\$ 144	\$ 107	\$ -	\$ 3,979
Total Production of Major PCB-Producing Countries/Regions	\$ 7,755	\$ 18,611	\$ 8,130	\$ 8,925	\$ 6,707	\$ 936	\$ 466	\$ 51,530

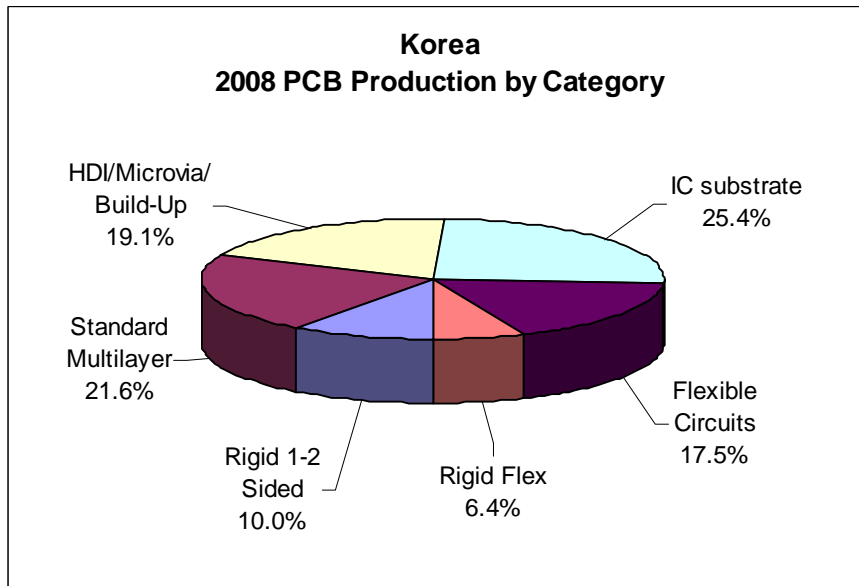
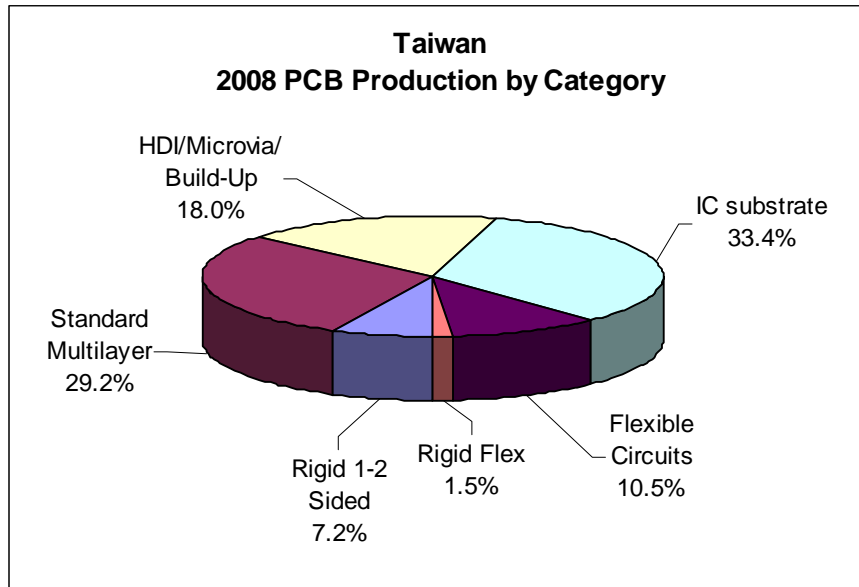
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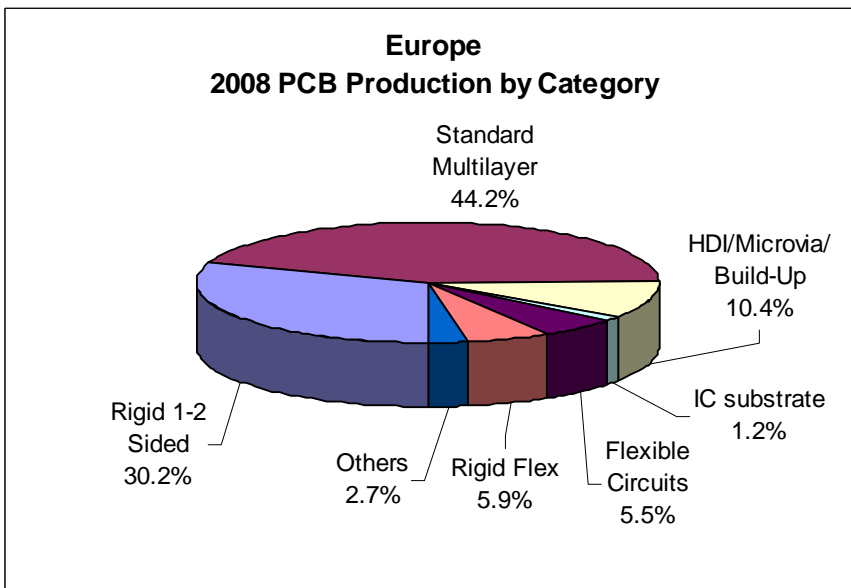
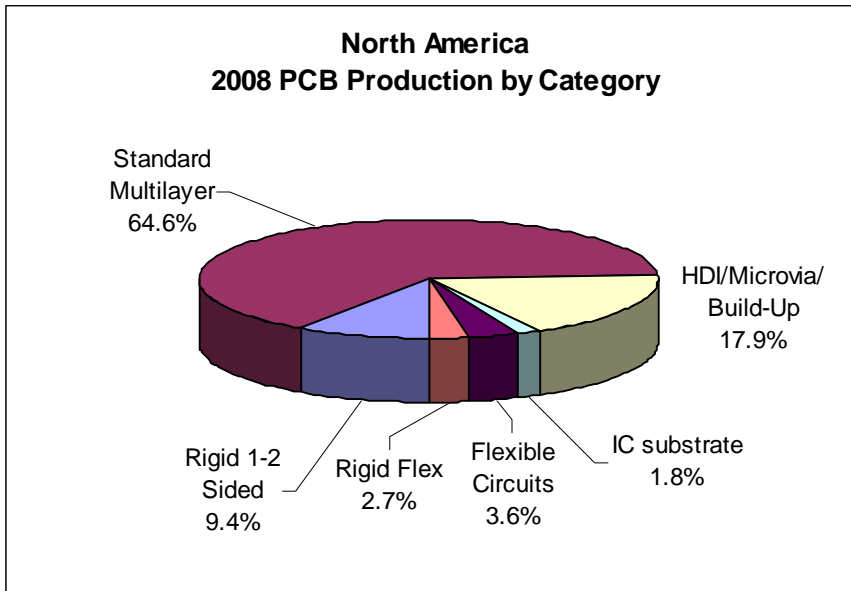
1. Flexible circuit and rigid flex estimates represent bare circuits only, not including assembly or other value-added services
2. Other Asia includes Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.
3. The revenue estimates in this report are nominal and have not been adjusted for inflation or exchange rate fluctuations. Please see the appendix on exchange rates to determine the impact on amounts in specific currencies.
4. Totals may vary slightly from the sums of the numbers in the table due to rounding.

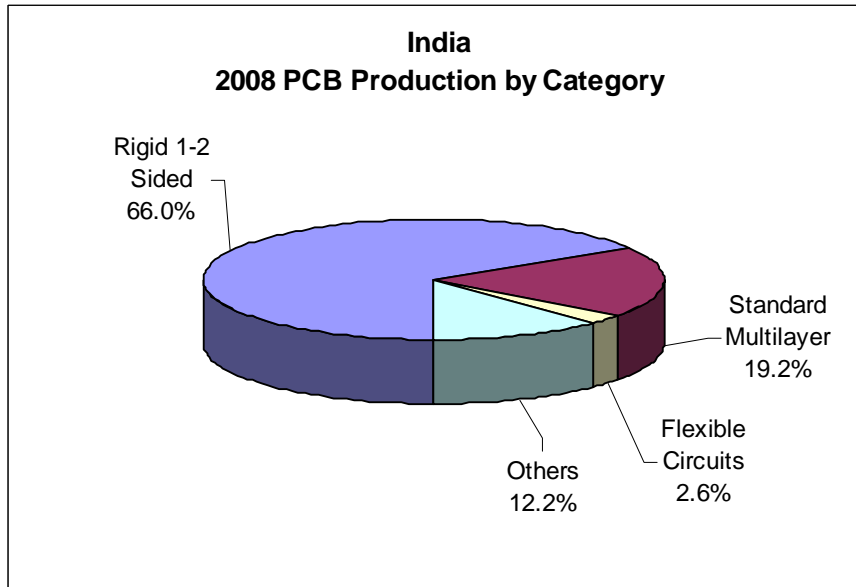
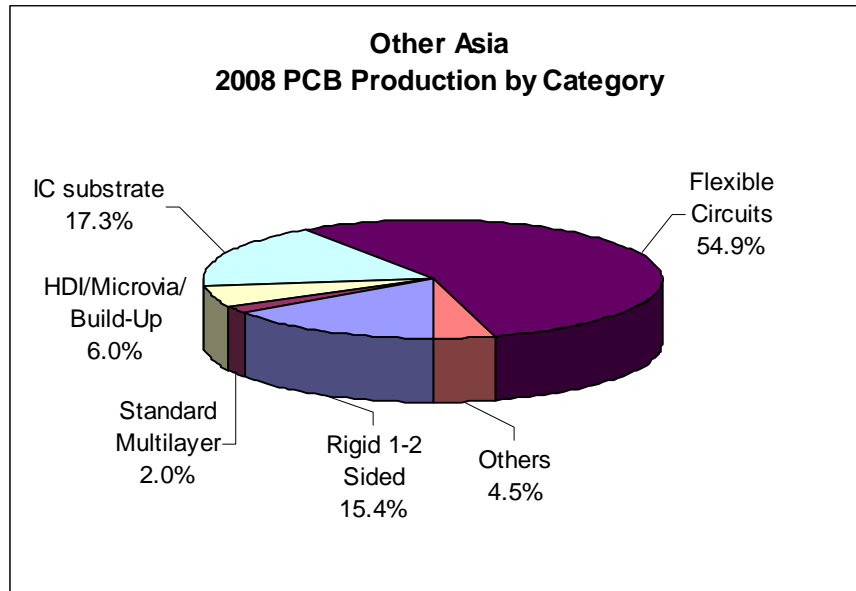


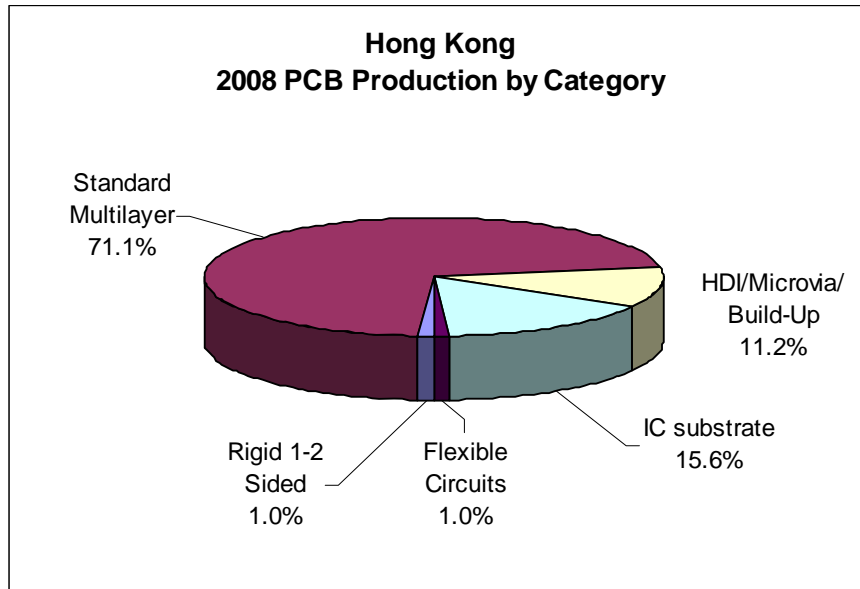
**Profiles of Major PCB Producing Countries/Regions
by Product Category**





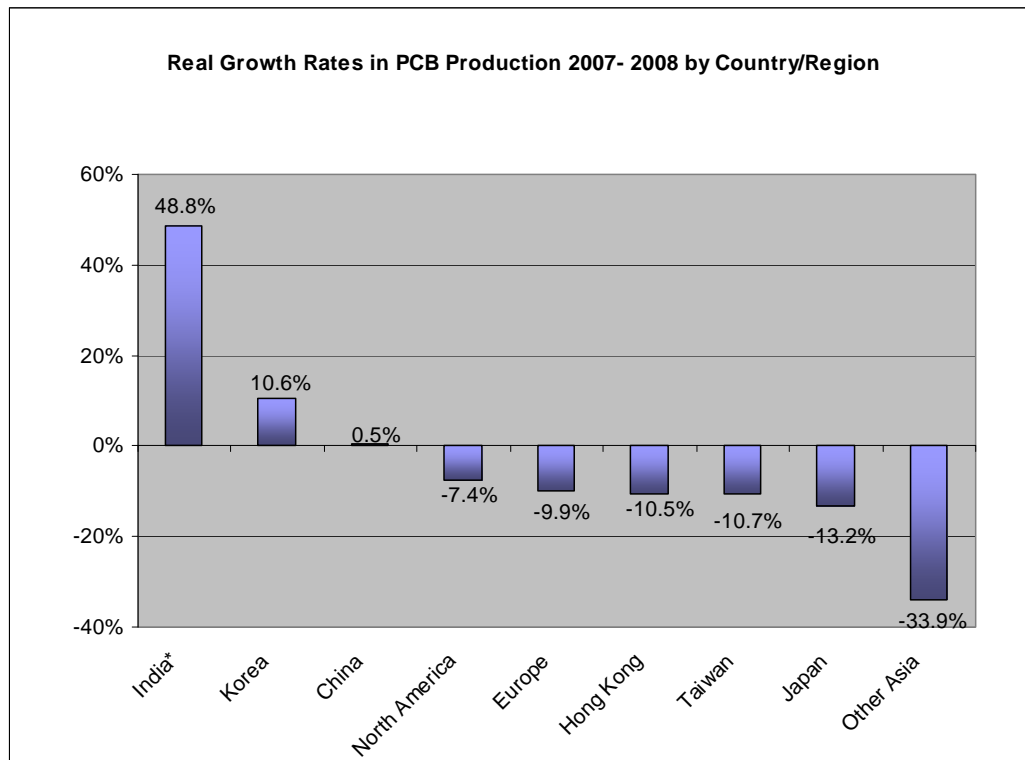






Industry Growth

Based on a comparison of the 2007 and 2008 estimates from the WECC PCB production surveys, and adjusting to factor out the effects of exchange rate fluctuations, the PCB industry worldwide decreased 6.6 percent from 2007 to 2008.



Notes:

1. The growth rates shown in the graph above are based on data in 2007 constant dollars in which exchange rate fluctuations were factored out.
2. The growth rate for India may not be an accurate reflection of actual PCB production growth from 2007 to 2008 because two different sources were used for the data collected in the two years. The estimates for 2007 were based on a consensus of industry experts on IPC's World PCB Consensus Committee. The 2008 data was provided by the Indian Printed Circuit Association (IPCA) based on surveys of its members.

Appendix: Average Exchange Rates for 2008

		2007 Average Exchange Rate (=1.00 USD)	2008 Average Exchange Rate (=1.00 USD)	Currency (ISO Code)	% Change
ASIA/PACIFIC	Australia	1.20	1.20	AUD	0.1%
	China	7.62	6.96	CNY	-8.6%
	Hong Kong	7.80	7.79	HKD	-0.2%
	India	41.36	43.81	INR	5.9%
	Indonesia	9138.50	9684.89	IDR	6.0%
	Japan	117.81	103.47	JPY	-12.2%
	Malaysia	3.45	3.34	MYR	-3.1%
	New Zealand	1.36	1.43	NZK	4.7%
	North Korea	140.00	140.00	KPW	0.0%
	Pakistan	60.82	70.80	PKR	16.4%
	Philippines	46.21	44.57	PHP	-3.6%
	Singapore	1.51	1.42	SGD	-6.1%
	South Korea	935.27	1102.84	KRW	17.9%
	Taiwan	32.88	31.56	TWD	-4.0%
	Thailand	32.53	33.27	THB	2.3%
Vietnam	16421.39	16708.34	VND	1.7%	
EUROPE	Austria	0.73	0.68	EUR	-6.5%
	Belgium	0.73	0.68	EUR	-6.5%
	Czech Republic	20.33	17.10	CZK	-15.9%
	Denmark	5.44	5.10	DKK	-6.4%
	Finland	0.73	0.68	EUR	-6.5%
	France	0.73	0.68	EUR	-6.5%
	Germany	0.73	0.68	EUR	-6.5%
	Hungary	184.02	172.70	HUF	-6.2%
	Ireland	0.73	0.68	EUR	-6.5%
	Italy	0.73	0.68	EUR	-6.5%
	Netherlands	0.73	0.68	EUR	-6.5%
	Norway	5.86	5.65	NOK	-3.7%
	Poland	2.77	2.41	PLN	-12.9%
	Portugal	0.73	0.68	EUR	-6.5%
	Russia	25.58	24.87	RUB	-2.8%
	Slovakia	24.74	21.42	SKK	-13.4%
	Spain	0.73	0.68	EUR	-6.5%
	Sweden	6.76	6.59	SEK	-2.5%
	Switzerland	1.20	1.08	CHF	-9.8%
	Turkey	1.31	1.31	TRY	-0.4%
United Kingdom	0.50	0.54	GBP	9.0%	
THE AMERICAS	Canada	1.07	1.07	CAD	-0.7%
	Mexico	10.94	11.17	MXN	2.1%
	USA	1.00	1.00	USD	0.0%

Source: www.oanda.com/convert/fxhistory