

Analysts cut 2012 PC, chip shipment forecasts

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(AP)—Research firms say that what looked like a good year for computers and chips has fizzled.

IHS [iSuppli](#) says global chip shipments are set to fall by 0.1 percent this year. That's down from a previous forecast for growth of up to 3 percent. It's the first annual decline since [recession](#)-colored 2009.

iSuppli says the big reason behind the decline is that PC sales are anemic.

IDC, another research firm, agrees. It now expects [PC shipments](#) to grow just 0.9 percent this year. That's down from a forecast of 5 percent growth issued in March.

IDC says sales have been weak so far this year, and a bounce from the impending release of Windows 8 may not be as strong as it had expected.

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