# MEMS & Sensors for Wearables Report - 2014

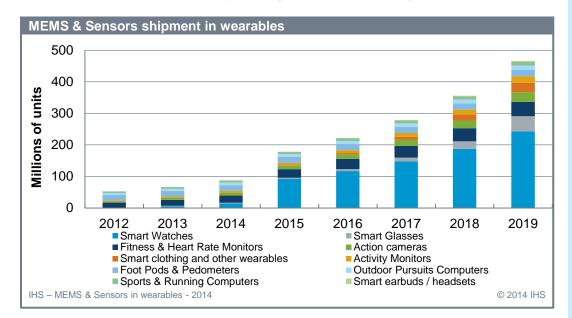


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# Consumers wearing close to 500 million sensors by 2019

Wearable electronics has rapidly emerged as the next big wave for MEMS & sensors in consumer electronics after smartphones and tablets. Accelerometers are already found in most wearable product devices today. The MEMS content in smart watches, activity monitors, smart glasses, etc., is rapidly increasing as these become a natural extension of smartphones. Gyroscopes, magnetometers, and pressure sensors contribute to an improved activity and context monitoring. Always on MEMS microphones, low-power MEMS displays and MEMS timing devices are also finding their way into wearable technology. Finally, new generations of sensors for environmental monitoring start improving our outdoor experience.



This report examines the use cases, penetration and ASP trends for sensors across all types of wearable electronics. The impact of the ecosytem on the adoption of sensors is assessed in depth e.g. the influence of dedicated operation systems and sensor hubs.

# **Key Issues Addressed**

- How big is the opportunity for sensor suppliers? Is wearable just a hype or is it a long-lasting opportunity?
- What is the opportunity for sensor hubs?
- How will specific requirements of wearable in term of power, size etc impact the sensor development.?
- Is there an opportunty for bio-sensors / health monitoring in large volume wearable electronics?
- Which sensors will be placed in wearables, which sensors will remain in smartphones, how will they interact?
- Who are the emerging sensor suppliers and wearable device makers to watch?

# **Applicable To**

- Sensor manufacturers
- Wearable electronics manufacturers
- Handset manufacturers
- Processors, connectivity ICs suppliers
- Semiconductor and MEMS foundries

### Actuals and Forecast

### Frequency, Time Period

- · 2 years historical (2012-2013)
- 6-year annual forecast (2014 2019)

#### Measures

- · Wearable device shipment
- · Sensor units and revenue forecast
- Sensor ASP
- Sensor market shares in units and revenue
- · Sensor hub forecast by processor type

#### **Products Covered**

- Smart Watches
- Smart Glasses
- · Fitness & Heart Rate Monitors
- · Action cameras
- · Activity Monitors
- Foot Pods & Pedometers
- Outdoor Pursuits Computers
  Sports & Running Computers
- · Smart earbuds / headsets
- · Smart clothing and other wearables

# **Technologies Covered**

- Motion: Accelerometer, gyroscope, magnetometer, pressure, 6-axis compass, 6-axis IMU, 9-axis IMU
- UI MEMS / Sensors: Microphones, Ambient Light, Proximity sensors, MEMS flat panel displays
- Health sensors: Pulse, pulseoximeters, skin temperature, hydration sensors
- Environmental sensors: Humidity, temperature, UV, gas sensors

# Other Topics Covered

Sensor hubs

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