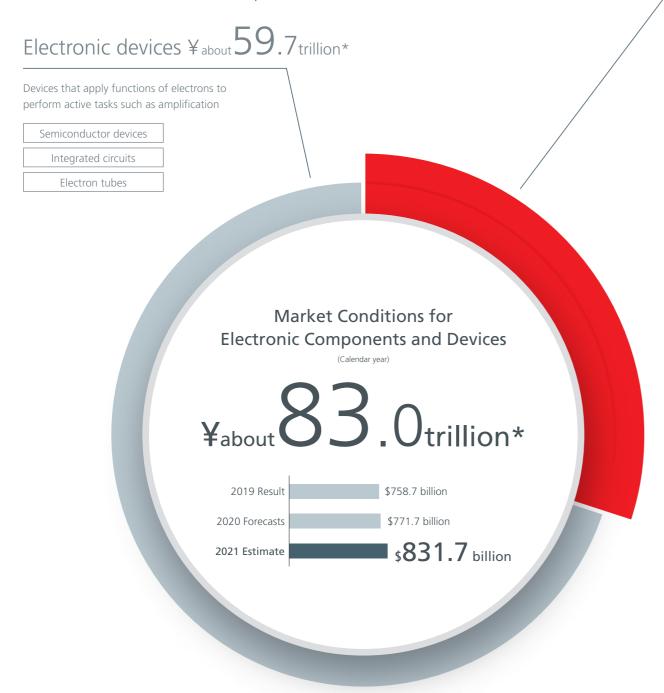
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Market Environment and Business Development

Continued Growth in Needs as a Result of Greater Electronics Use

Needs for electronic components are expanding, and actual demand, although in varying degrees, is exhibiting an upward trend due to the proliferation of smartphones and the greater use of electronics in automobiles and other products that had remained free of electronics until now.

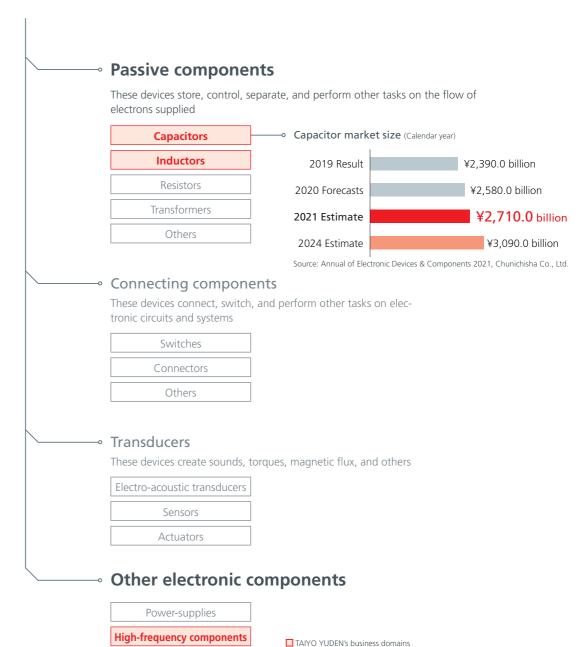


* The forecasts as of 2020 (dollar-based) calculated using the average exchange rate for 2020 (1 dollar = ¥107.5). Note: Figures from 2020 Production Forecasts for the Global Electronics and Information Technology Industries, Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association (JEITA); the electronic components and devices category is as defined in JEITA's statistical breakdown of global electronic component shipments

General electronic components



Components that work with and supplement electronic devices



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