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## EMPLOYMENT

### Unemployment

Unemployment continues to decline with February unemployment down to 3.9%, down 5% from January of 2014 and down 24% from this time last year.

### Economic Stress Indicator

The Economic Stress Indicator (ESI) increased to 0.0013 from 0.0012 from the previous month. An ESI above 0.00 can indicate a shortage of available workers for the current jobs. Grand County typically sees higher ESI indicators at the beginning and end of tourist seasons.

## RETAIL SALES

### Monthly Sales

Sales Tax numbers are available from the State of Colorado Department of Revenue ~6 months after the close of the month. September 2014 total sales numbers of \$45,981,000 up 11% from 2013. This reflects continued growth over the past two years.

### Year to Date Sales

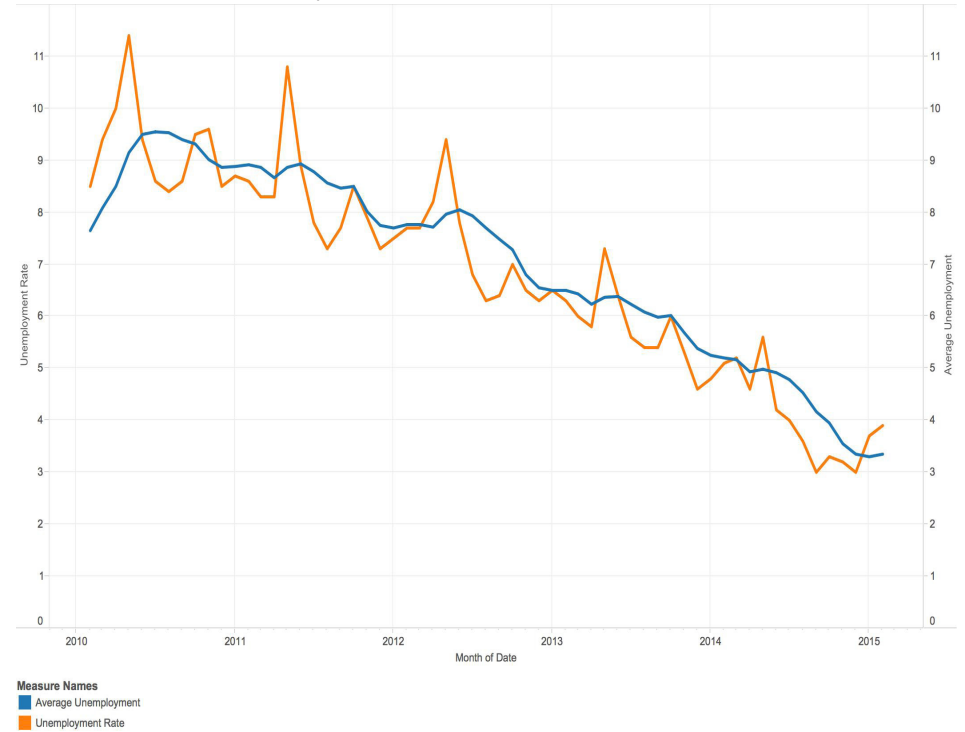
Year to Date Sales for September 2015 are \$427,453,000 up 11 % or \$4,497,000 from 2013. This shows continued growth in 2014 through the September period.

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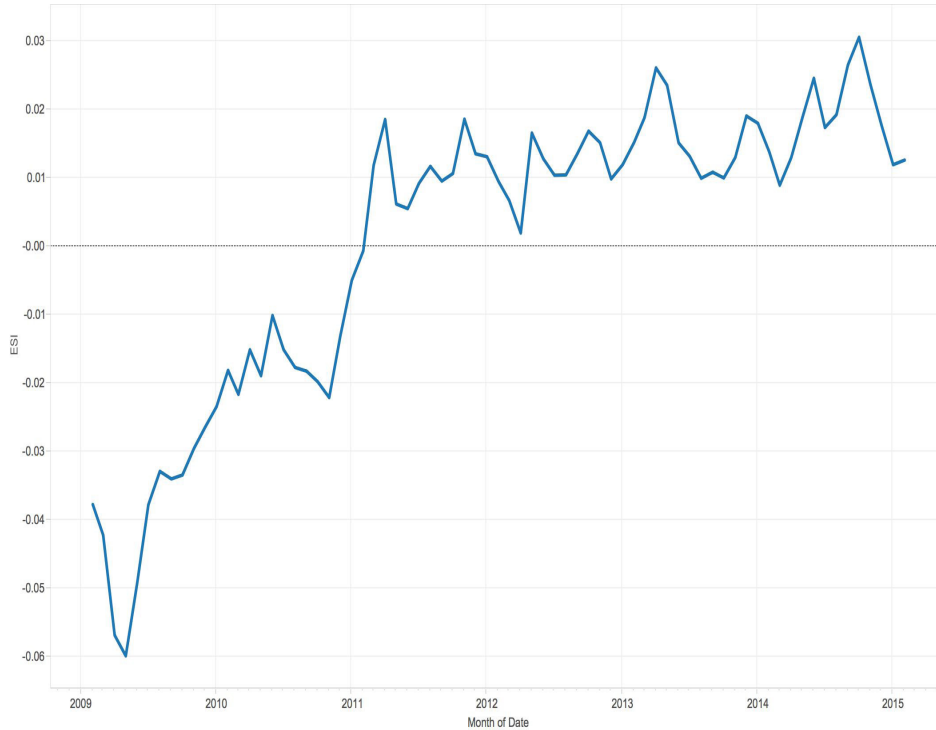
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## Labor & Employment - February

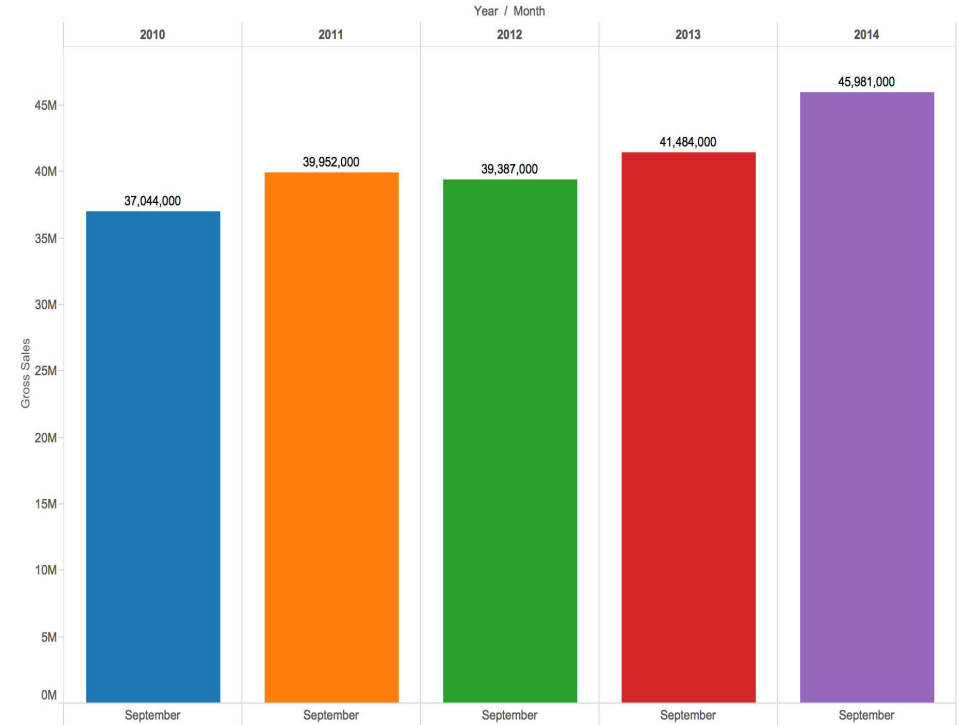


Period	Unemployment Rate	Average Unemployment
Aug-2010	8.4	9.3
Feb-2011	8.6	8.9
Aug-2011	7.3	8.5
Feb-2012	7.7	7.8
Aug-2012	6.3	7.7
Feb-2013	6.3	6.5
Aug-2013	5.4	6.1
Feb-2014	5.1	5.2
Aug-2014	3.3	4.5
Feb-2015	3.9	3.4

## Economic Stress Indicator (ESI) - February



## Monthly Sales - September



Period	Employed Workers	Civilian Labor Force
February - 2014	9,009	9,453
February - 2015	9,184	9,558
Ratio	1.019	1.007

Year	Total Sales
September, 2010	\$37,044,000
September, 2011	\$39,952,000
September, 2012	\$39,387,000
September, 2013	\$41,484,000
September, 2014	\$45,981,000

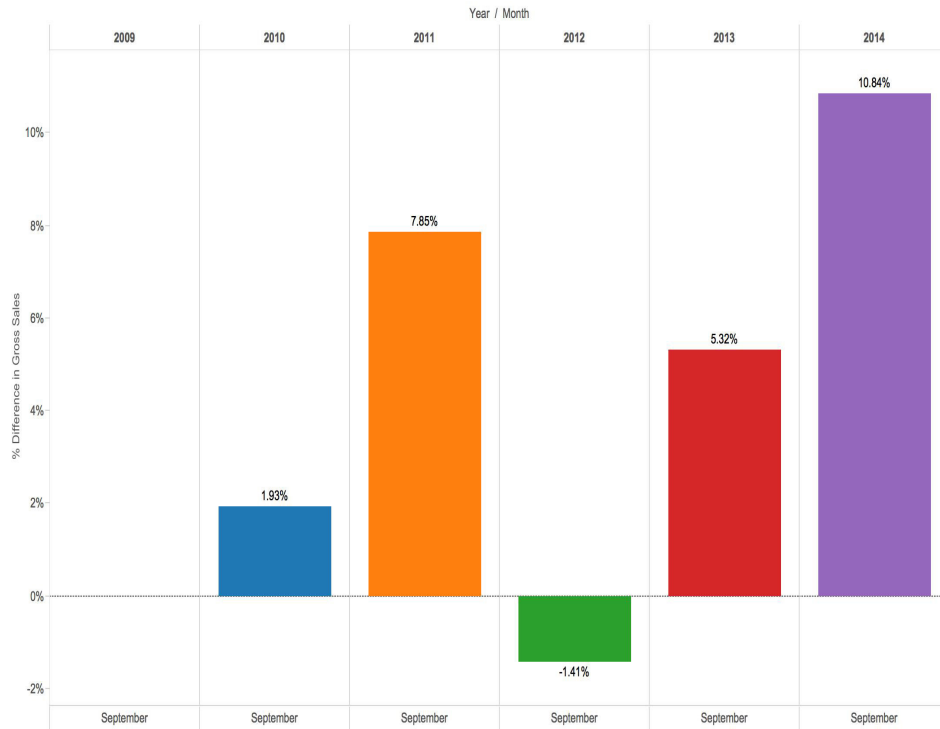
*Economic Stress Indicator = Employed Worker Ratio - Labor Force Ratio*  
 November 2014 ESI = 1.019 - 1.007 = 0.0013

*Note: Optimal balance (least amount of stress) between Employee Workers and Labor Force = 0.00. Higher than 0.00 can be an indicator of a shortage of workers and below 0.00 can indicate a shortage of jobs*

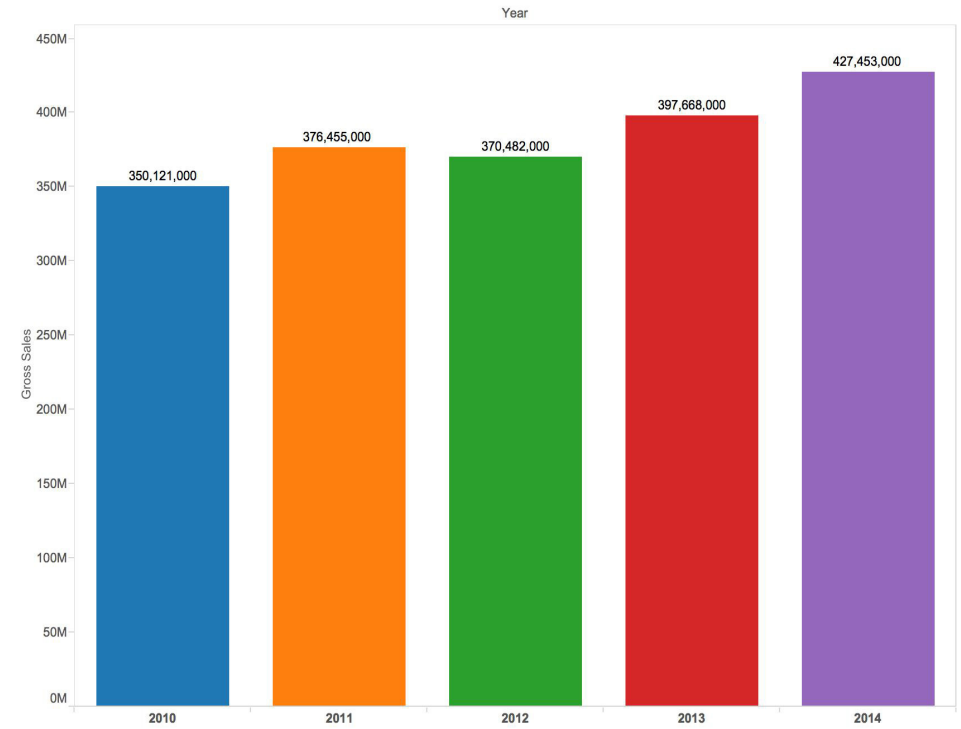
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Year-Over-Year Monthly Sales Growth - September



Year-to-Date Total Sales - September



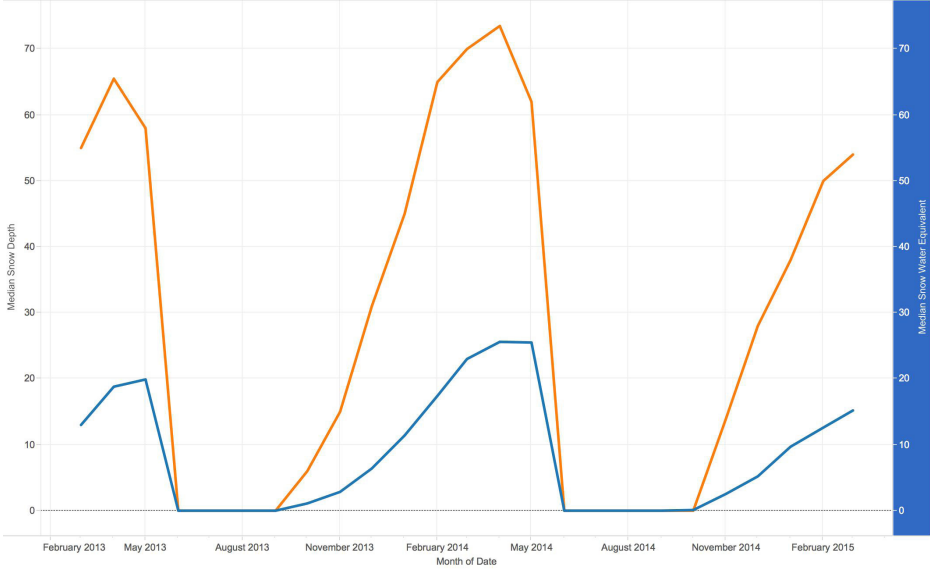
Year	Percent Change
September, 2010	+ 1.93%
September, 2011	+ 7.85%
September, 2012	- 1.14%
September, 2013	+ 5.32%
September, 2014	+ 10.84%

Year	YTD Total Sales
2010	\$350,121,000
2011	\$376,455,000
2012	\$370,482,000
2013	\$397,668,000
2014	\$427,453,000

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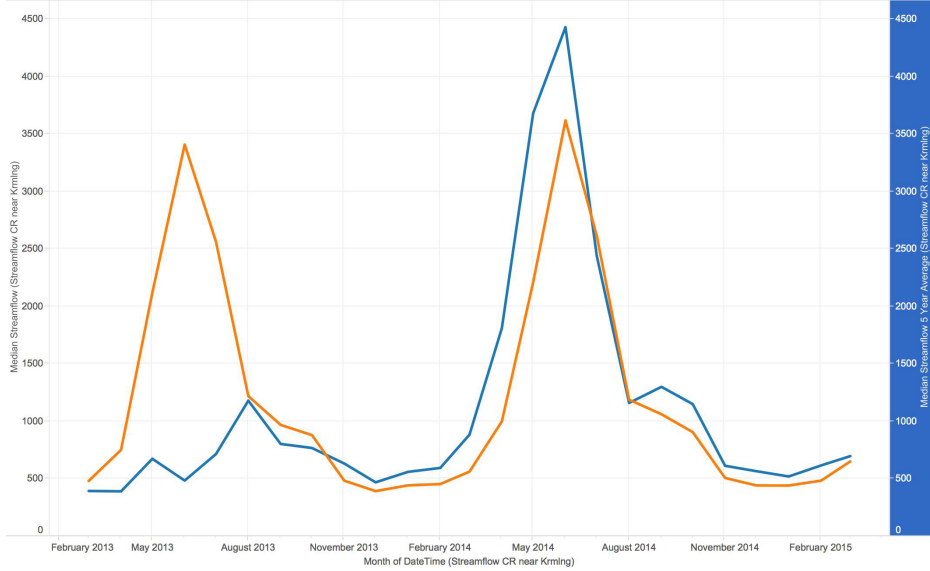
Daily Snow-pack - Berthoud Pass



Measure Names  
 ■ Median Snow Depth  
 ■ Median Snow Water Equivalent

Source: Natural Resources Conservation Service

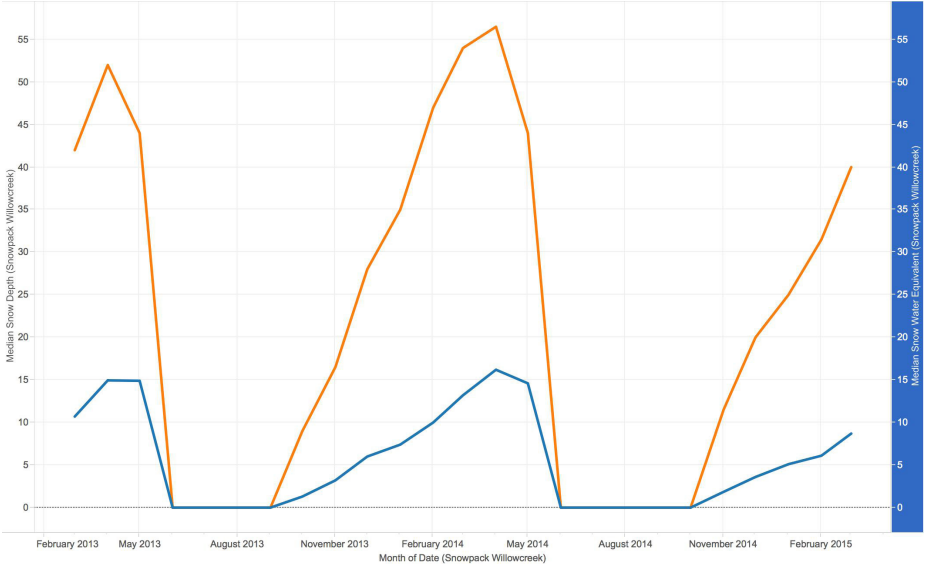
Daily Stream Flows - Colorado River near Kremmling



Measure Names  
 ■ Median Streamflow (Streamflow CR near Krmg)  
 ■ Median Streamflow 5 Year Average (Streamflow CR near Krmg)

Source: United State Geological Survey

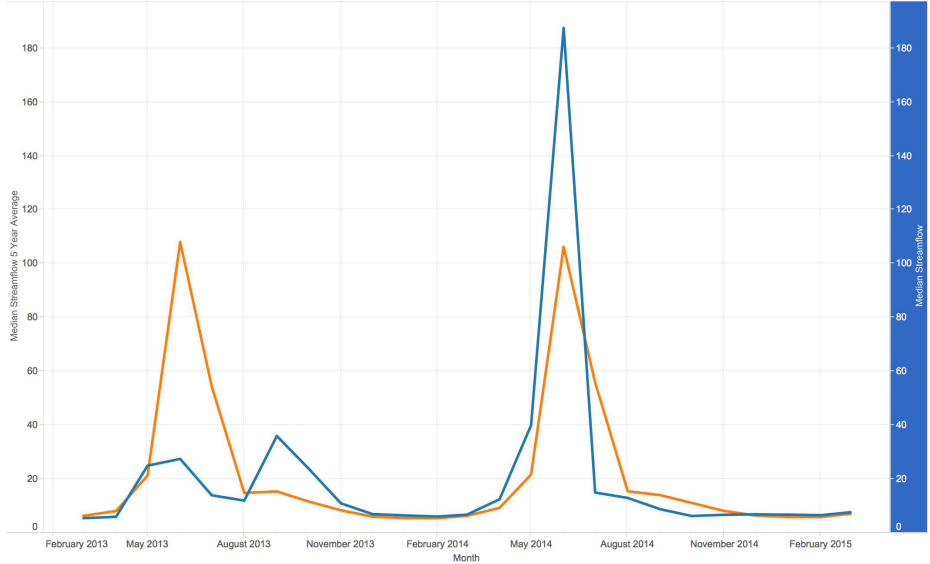
Daily Snow-pack - Willow Creek Pass



Measure Names  
 ■ Median Snow Depth (Snowpack Willowcreek)  
 ■ Median Snow Water Equivalent (Snowpack Willowcreek)

Source: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Daily Stream Flows - Fraser River near Winter Park



Measure Names  
 ■ Median Streamflow  
 ■ Median Streamflow 5 Year Average

Source: United State Geological Survey