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EMPLOYMENT

Unemployment

August unemployment declined from the previous recent years to 2.8%, down from 3.0% in July and down from 3.3% in August of 2014

Economic Stress Indicator

The Economic Stress Indicator (ESI) increased to 0.0082 as the ration between number available jobs and the available workforce comes closer to each other. 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. March 2015 total sales numbers were up 1.1% to \$66,953,000. This reflects continued, but slow growth for the month of March.

Year to Date Sales

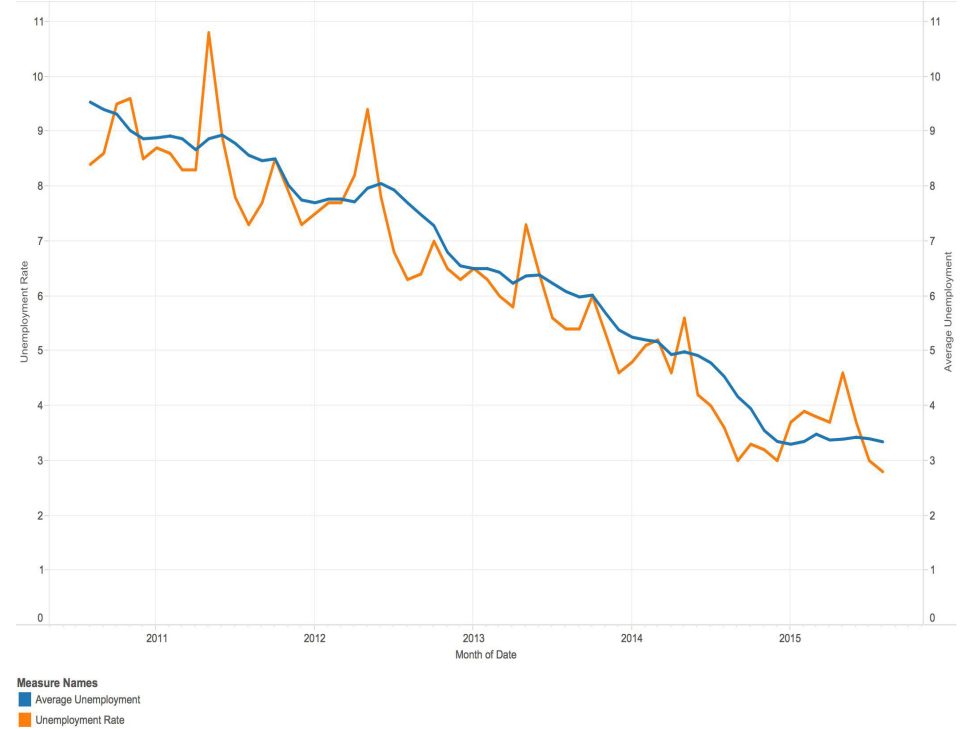
Year to Date Sales for March 2015 are \$181,674,000 up 10% from YTD sales for March of 2014.

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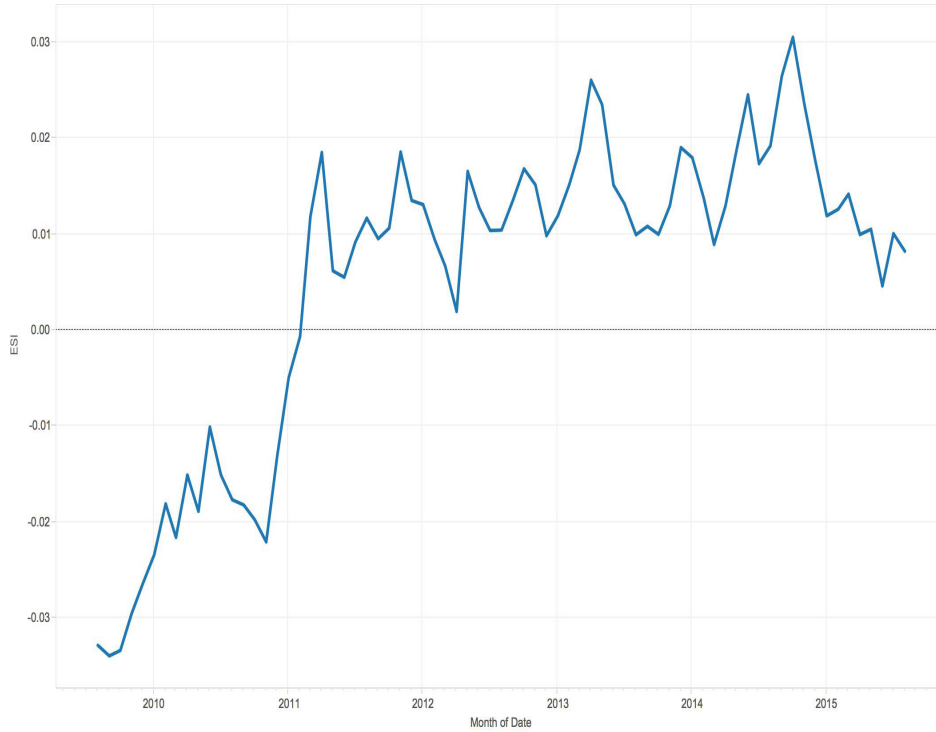
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Labor & Employment - August

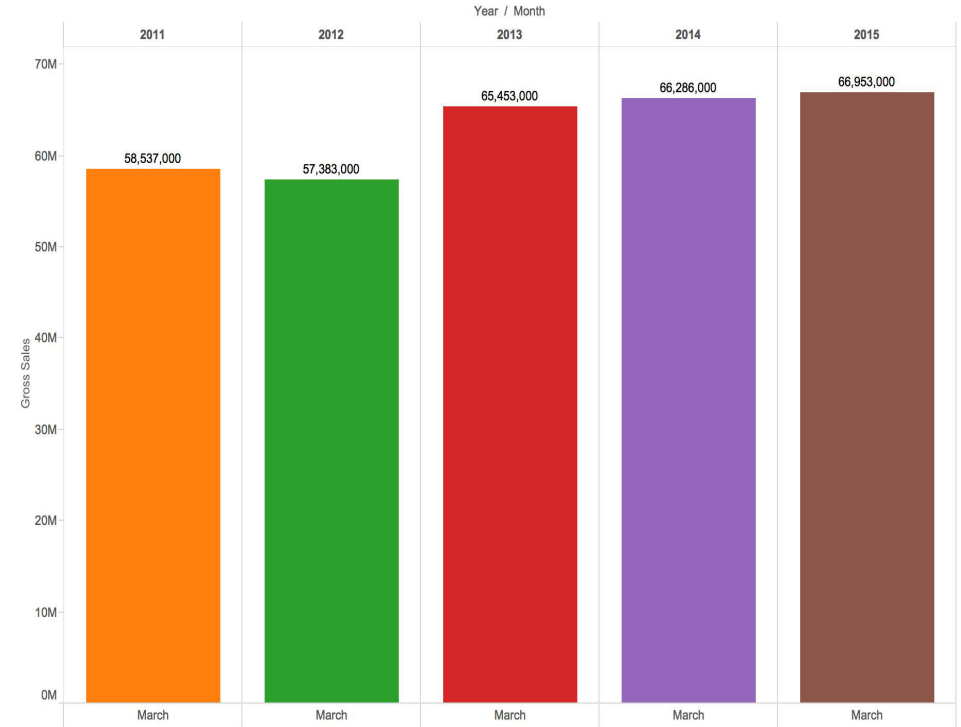


Period	Unemployment Rate	Average Unemployment
Feb-2011	8.6	8.9
Aug-2011	7.3	8.5
Feb-2012	7.7	7.8
Aug-2012	6.3	7.7
Feb-2013	6.3	6.5
Aug-2013	5.4	6.1
Feb-2014	5.1	5.2
Aug-2014	3.3	4.5
Feb-2015	3.9	3.4
Aug-2015	2.8	3.3

Economic Stress Indicator (ESI) - August



Monthly Sales - March



Period	Employed Workers	Civilian Labor Force
August - 2014	8,859	9,191
August - 2015	8,951	9,211
Ratio	1.010	1.002

Year	Total Sales
March, 2011	\$58,537,000
March, 2012	\$57,383,000
March, 2013	\$65,453,000
March, 2014	\$66,286,000
March, 2015	\$66,953,000

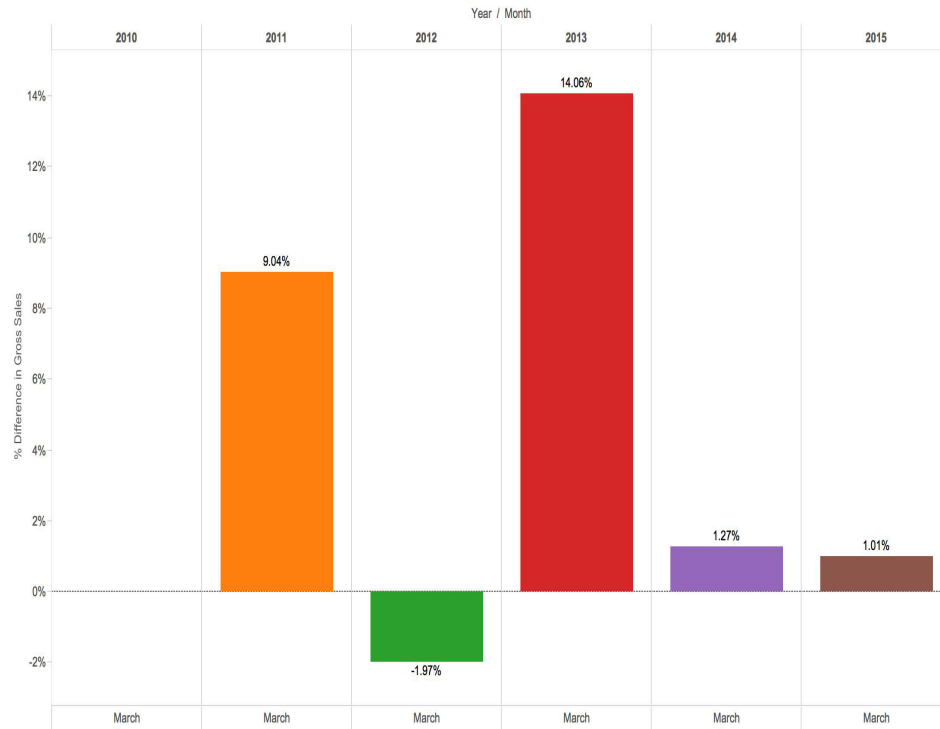
Economic Stress Indicator = Employed Worker Ratio - Labor Force Ratio
November 2014 ESI = 1.010 - 1.002 = 0.0082

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

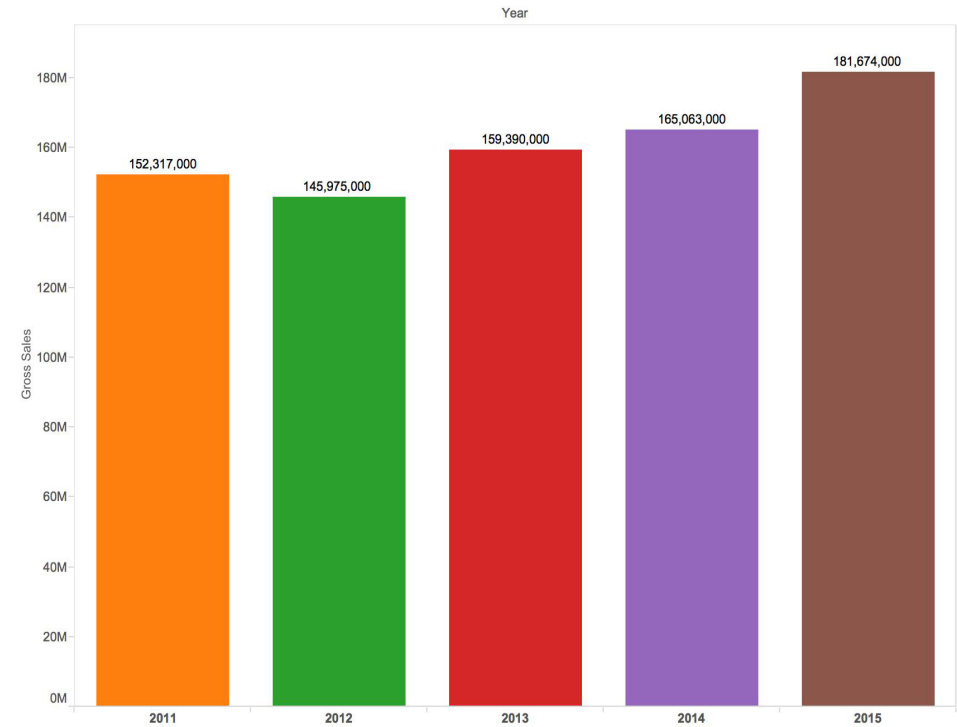
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Year-Over-Year Monthly Sales Growth - March



Year-to-Date Total Sales - March



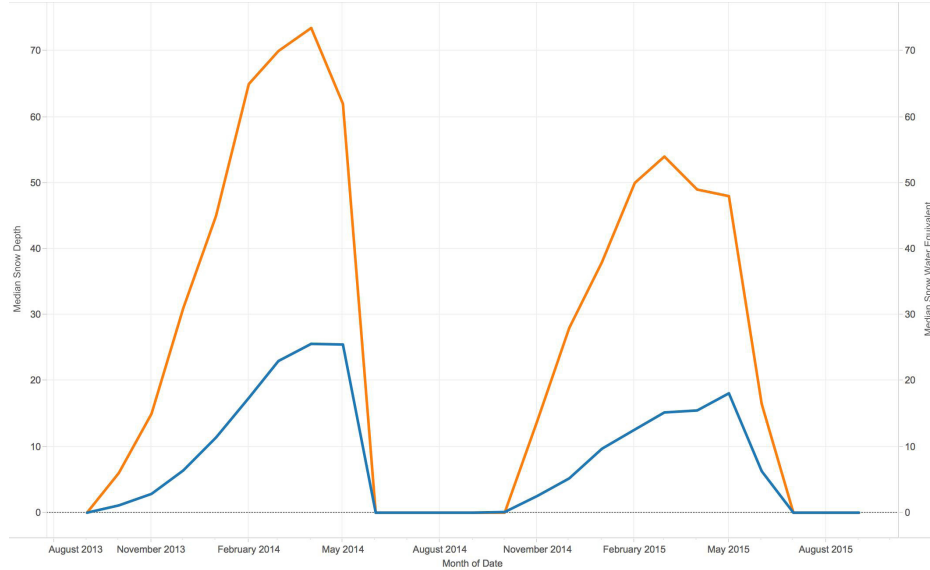
Year	Percent Change
March, 2011	+ 9.04%
March, 2012	- 1.97%
March, 2013	+ 14.06%
March, 2014	+ 1.27%
March, 2015	+ 1.01%

Year	YTD Total Sales
2011	\$152,317,000
2012	\$145,975,000
2013	\$159,390,000
2014	\$165,063,000
2015	\$181,674,000

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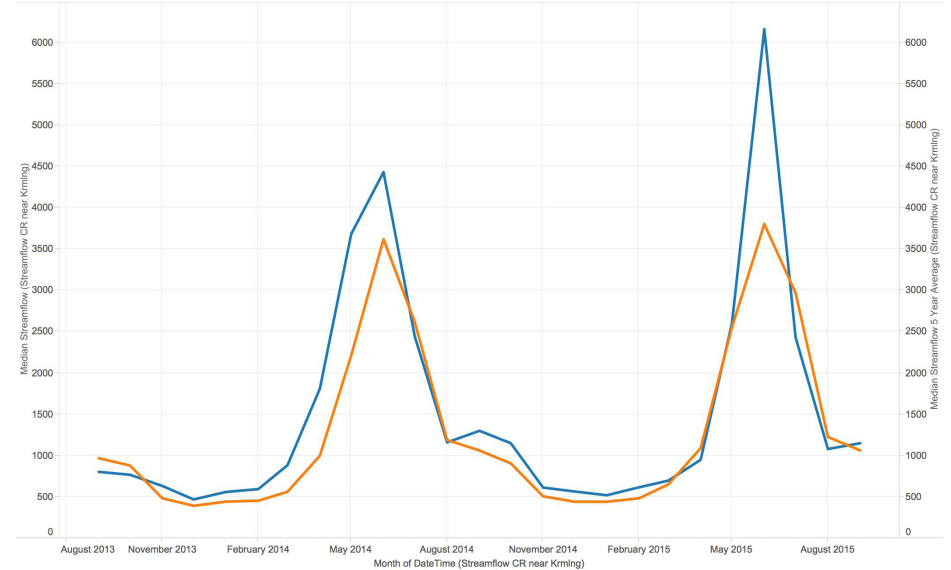
Daily Snow-pack - Berthoud Pass



Measure Names
 ■ Median Snow Depth
 ■ Median Snow Water Equivalent

Source: Natural Resources Conservation Service

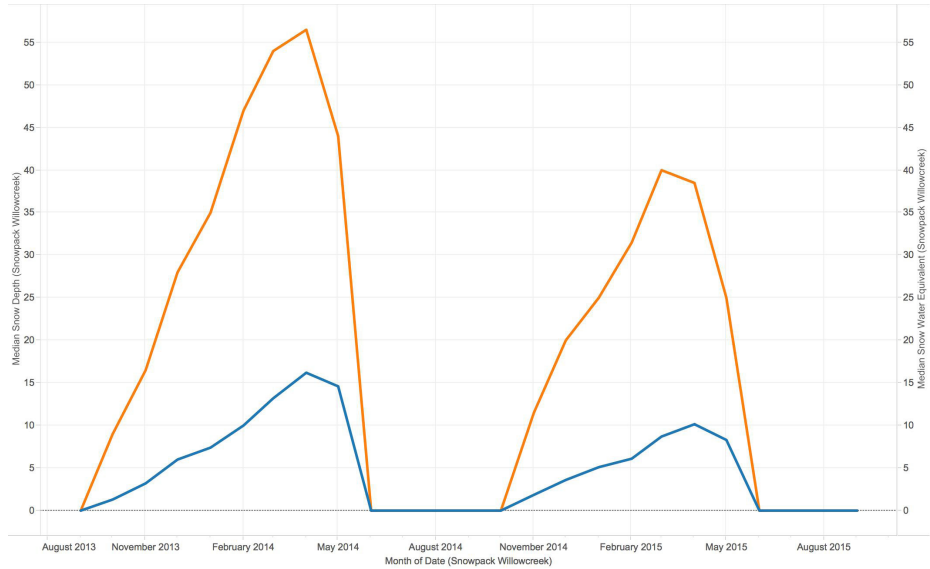
Daily Stream Flows - Colorado River near Kremmling



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

Source: United State Geological Survey

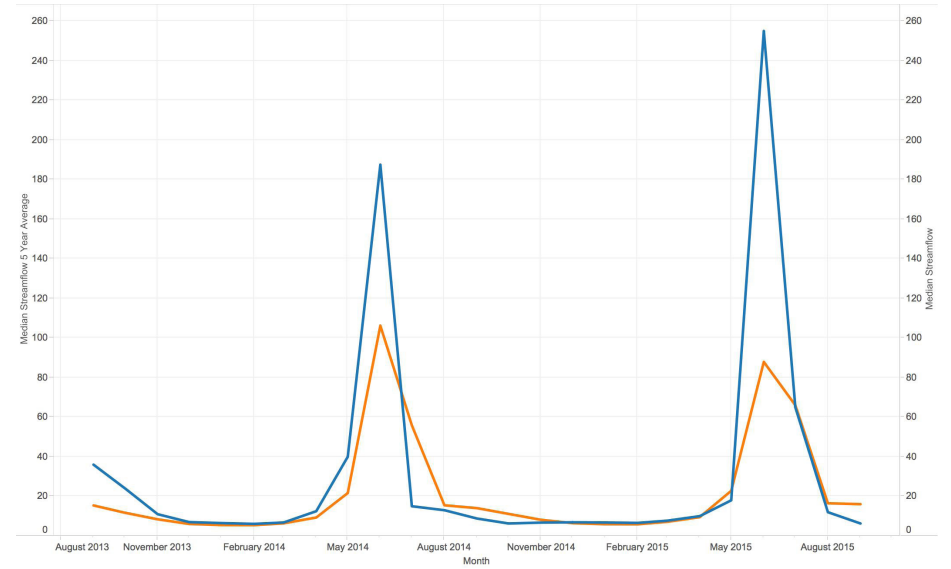
Daily Snow-pack - Willow Creek Pass



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