

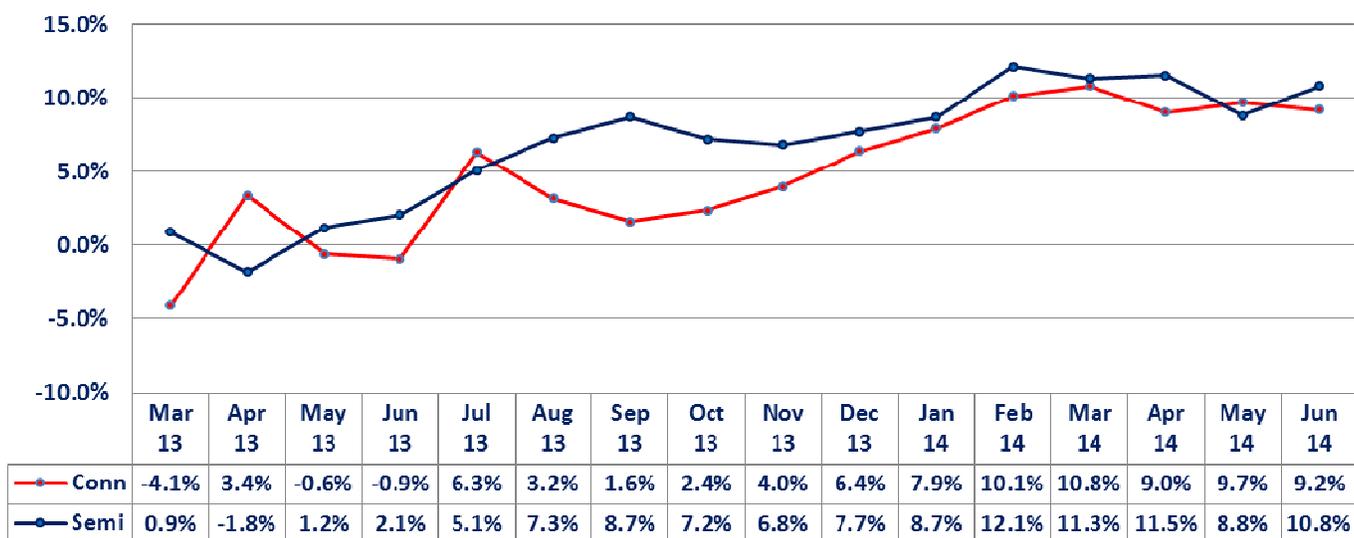
Semiconductor Sales Growth in Double-Digits for the First Half of 2014 And Up +10.8% YOY for June

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported June 2014 sales of \$27.6 billion, up +10.8% from June 2013 and up +2.6% sequentially from May. Year-to-date industry sales are up +10.5% worldwide. All regions were up YOY.

As a comparison, connector sales grew +9.2% in June, over prior year, and contracted -5.8% sequentially over May. The connector industry sales for June were up +9.6%, year-to-date, over 2013.

The following graph compares semiconductor sales performance to the connector industry.

Monthly Sales Performance Year-Over-Year



- June was the 14th consecutive month for growth in semiconductors and the 12th month for connectors. In 2014, both industries are growing better than forecast by the SIA and Bishop & Associates and will most likely end the year with near double-digit sales growth.
- Semiconductor sales growth had been better than connectors for the last nine months; however, the performance difference narrowed and connectors outperformed semiconductors in May. After one month of outperforming semiconductors, connectors again trailed slightly in June.

The following table displays year-to-date performance by geographic region for both components.

**June Sales Performance
Year-To-Date**

	Semiconductors	Connectors
North America	14.9%	8.0%
Europe	9.9%	9.9%
Japan	1.8%	9.6%
China	NA	14.9%
Asia Pacific*	11.0%	6.0%
World	10.5%	9.6%

* Including China, Source SIA & Bishop

- Year-to-date sales growth for semiconductors is slightly better than connectors.
- North America's semiconductor sales are growing twice as fast as the connector sales.
- Japan's semiconductor sales are still lagging well behind connector sales.
- Performance in both components is strong in Europe.
- As indicated by the connector growth in China, semiconductor growth is probably strongest in China versus the rest of Asia Pacific.

As noted, both components are on a run rate for sales growth near double-digits for the full year 2014.