

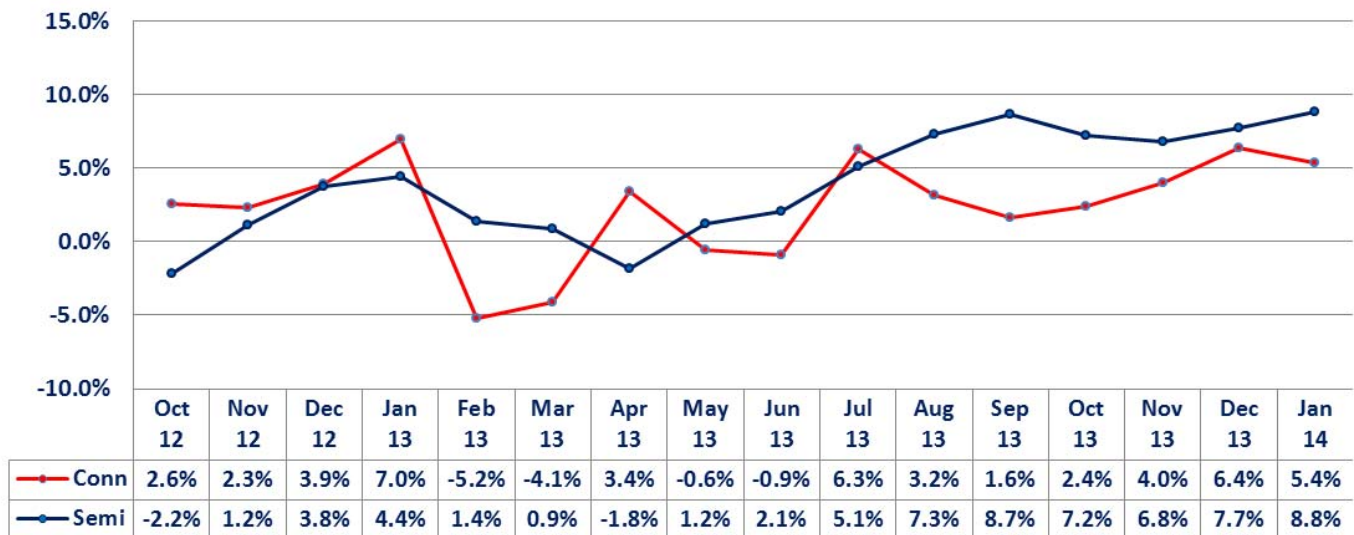
## Semiconductor Sales Grow +8.8% YOY in January Best January on Record

The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) reported January 2014 sales of \$26.3 billion, up +8.8% from January 2013 and down -1.4% sequentially from December.

As a comparison, January 2014 connector sales grew +5.4% versus January 2013.

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

### Monthly Sales Performance Year-Over-Year



- January year-over-year growth of +8.8% was the seventh consecutive month of high single-digit gains for the semiconductor sales and the highest-ever January sales. This performance bodes well for the connector industry growth in the first quarter 2014 and beyond.
- Semiconductor sales growth have been positive in 11 out of the last 12 months. Connector sales growth have been positive in eight out of the last 12 months.

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

**January Sales Performance  
Year-To-Date**

	<b>Semiconductors</b>	<b>Connectors</b>
<b>North America</b>	<b>17.3%</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>11.0%</b>
<b>Japan</b>	<b>-4.7%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<b>China</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>13.0%</b>
<b>Asia Pacific*</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>
<b>World</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>

\* Including China

- January performance for semiconductors outperformed connectors.
- Japanese connector performance was better than semiconductors.
- Semiconductors outperformed connectors in North America and Asia Pacific.
- Connector and semiconductor growth were nearly identical in Europe.

Continued semiconductor growth is a positive indicator for connector growth in 2014.