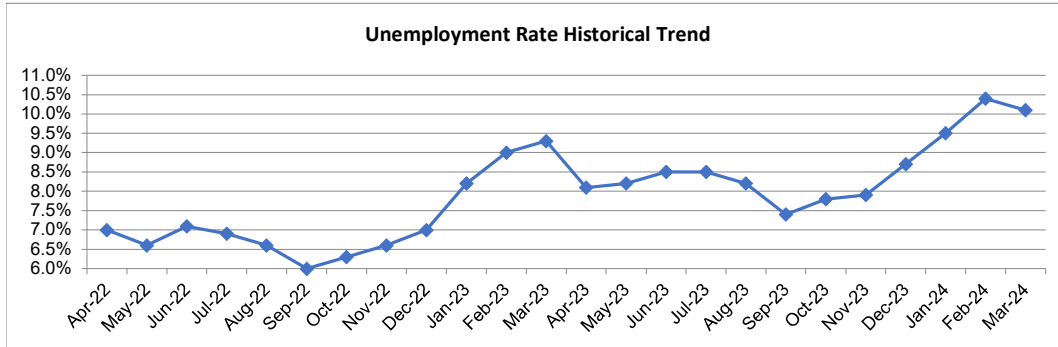


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 10.1 percent in March 2024, down from a revised 10.4 percent in February 2024, and above the year-ago estimate of 9.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.3 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Feb-2024	Mar-2024	Change		Mar-2023	Mar-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	344,000	336,100	(7,900)		330,200	336,100	5,900
Total Farm	53,100	43,800	(9,300)		41,600	43,800	2,200
Total Nonfarm	290,900	292,300	1,400		288,600	292,300	3,700
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,100	23,400	300		24,300	23,400	(900)
Mining and Logging	7,600	7,600	0		8,000	7,600	(400)
Construction	15,500	15,800	300		16,300	15,800	(500)
Manufacturing	12,400	12,400	0		12,400	12,400	0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	59,800	59,800	0		61,200	59,800	(1,400)
Information	1,700	1,700	0		1,700	1,700	0
Financial Activities	7,600	7,400	(200)		7,500	7,400	(100)
Professional and Business Services	27,400	27,600	200		26,200	27,600	1,400
Private Education and Health Services	48,600	48,700	100		46,600	48,700	2,100
Leisure and Hospitality	29,100	29,200	100		30,200	29,200	(1,000)
Other Services	9,000	9,000	0		9,000	9,000	0
Government	72,200	73,100	900		69,500	73,100	3,600

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding
 Labor force data are revised month to month
 Additional data are available on line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar 23	Jan 24	Feb 24 Revised	Mar 24 Prelim	Percent Change Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	389,700	399,100	400,100	391,700	-2.1%	0.5%
Civilian Employment	353,600	361,100	358,600	352,000	-1.8%	-0.5%
Civilian Unemployment	36,200	38,000	41,500	39,700	-4.3%	9.7%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	9.3%	9.5%	10.4%	10.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.3%		
	3.6%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%		
Total, All Industries (2)	330,200	345,400	344,000	336,100	-2.3%	1.8%
Total Farm	41,600	54,800	53,100	43,800	-17.5%	5.3%
Total Nonfarm	288,600	290,600	290,900	292,300	0.5%	1.3%
Total Private	219,100	219,200	218,700	219,200	0.2%	0.0%
Goods Producing	36,700	35,800	35,500	35,800	0.8%	-2.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	24,300	23,300	23,100	23,400	1.3%	-3.7%
Mining and Logging	8,000	7,600	7,600	7,600	0.0%	-5.0%
Construction	16,300	15,700	15,500	15,800	1.9%	-3.1%
Manufacturing	12,400	12,500	12,400	12,400	0.0%	0.0%
Durable Goods	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%	0.0%
Non-Durable Goods	7,400	7,500	7,400	7,400	0.0%	0.0%
Food Manufacturing	4,500	4,700	4,600	4,600	0.0%	2.2%
Service-Providing	251,900	254,800	255,400	256,500	0.4%	1.8%
Private Service Providing	182,400	183,400	183,200	183,400	0.1%	0.5%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	61,200	60,300	59,800	59,800	0.0%	-2.3%
Wholesale Trade	8,500	8,300	8,300	8,200	-1.2%	-3.5%
Retail Trade	32,200	31,700	31,400	31,600	0.6%	-1.9%
Food and Beverage Retailers	6,900	6,900	6,900	6,900	0.0%	0.0%
General Merchandise Retailers	7,400	7,300	7,200	7,300	1.4%	-1.4%
Department Stores	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	-6.3%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,100	0.0%	-4.5%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,500	20,300	20,100	20,000	-0.5%	-2.4%
Information	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	7,500	7,600	7,600	7,400	-2.6%	-1.3%
Finance and Insurance	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,000	-2.4%	-2.4%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3,400	3,500	3,500	3,400	-2.9%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	26,200	27,200	27,400	27,600	0.7%	5.3%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	11,200	11,700	11,900	11,800	-0.8%	5.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	12,300	12,800	12,800	13,100	2.3%	6.5%
Private Education and Health Services	46,600	48,700	48,600	48,700	0.2%	4.5%
Private Educational Services	2,100	2,100	2,200	2,200	0.0%	4.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	44,500	46,600	46,400	46,500	0.2%	4.5%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	15,900	16,700	16,800	16,900	0.6%	6.3%
Hospitals	8,000	8,200	8,200	8,300	1.2%	3.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	30,200	29,000	29,100	29,200	0.3%	-3.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,700	2,600	2,600	2,700	3.8%	0.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	27,500	26,400	26,500	26,500	0.0%	-3.6%
Food Services and Drinking Places	25,600	24,500	24,600	24,600	0.0%	-3.9%
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	24,600	23,600	23,800	23,800	0.0%	-3.3%
Other Services	9,000	8,900	9,000	9,000	0.0%	0.0%
Government	69,500	71,400	72,200	73,100	1.2%	5.2%
Federal Government	10,800	11,100	11,100	11,100	0.0%	2.8%
Department of Defense	8,200	8,400	8,300	8,300	0.0%	1.2%
Federal Government excluding Department of Defense	2,600	2,700	2,800	2,800	0.0%	7.7%
Total State and Local Government	58,700	60,300	61,100	62,000	1.5%	5.6%
State Government	9,900	9,500	9,400	9,500	1.1%	-4.0%
State Government Educational Services	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
State Government Excluding Education	8,100	7,700	7,600	7,700	1.3%	-4.9%
Local Government	48,800	50,800	51,700	52,500	1.5%	7.6%
Local Government Educational Services	33,500	34,800	35,500	36,300	2.3%	8.4%

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Bakersfield MSA
(Kern County)
 Industry Employment & Labor Force
 March 2023 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Mar 23	Jan 24	Feb 24 Revised	Mar 24 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Local Government excluding Educational Serv	15,300	16,000	16,200	16,200	0.0%	5.9%
County Government	10,300	10,600	10,800	10,800	0.0%	4.9%
City Government	2,800	3,100	3,100	3,100	0.0%	10.7%
Special Districts plus Tribes	2,200	2,300	2,300	2,300	0.0%	4.5%

Notes:

(1) Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding. The unemployment rate is calculated using unrounded data.

(2) Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike. Data may not add due to rounding.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Rosendo Flores 916-891-7571 or N/A

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