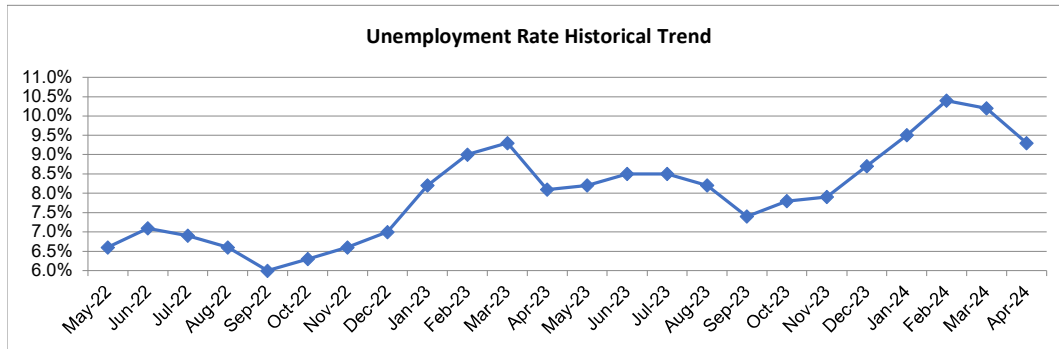


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 9.3 percent in April 2024, down from a revised 10.2 percent in March 2024, and above the year-ago estimate of 8.1 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent for California and 3.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Mar-2024	Apr-2024	Change		Apr-2023	Apr-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	335,700	350,300	14,600		337,000	350,300	13,300
Total Farm	43,800	56,800	13,000		46,600	56,800	10,200
Total Nonfarm	291,900	293,500	1,600		290,400	293,500	3,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,300	23,300	0		24,300	23,300	(1,000)
Mining and Logging	7,600	7,600	0		7,900	7,600	(300)
Construction	15,700	15,700	0		16,400	15,700	(700)
Manufacturing	12,400	12,400	0		12,300	12,400	100
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	59,700	59,900	200		61,200	59,900	(1,300)
Information	1,700	1,700	0		1,700	1,700	0
Financial Activities	7,400	7,500	100		7,500	7,500	0
Professional and Business Services	27,500	27,600	100		26,700	27,600	900
Private Education and Health Services	49,000	49,100	100		47,000	49,100	2,100
Leisure and Hospitality	29,200	29,500	300		30,100	29,500	(600)
Other Services	9,000	9,100	100		8,900	9,100	200
Government	72,700	73,400	700		70,700	73,400	2,700

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

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Industry Employment & Labor Force
 March 2023 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 23	Feb 24	Mar 24 Revised	Apr 24 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	386,700	400,100	391,900	396,800	1.3%	2.6%
Civilian Employment	355,400	358,600	352,000	360,000	2.3%	1.3%
Civilian Unemployment	31,300	41,500	39,900	36,800	-7.8%	17.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	8.1%	10.4%	10.2%	9.3%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.1%	5.6%	5.4%	4.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.1%	4.2%	3.9%	3.5%		
Total, All Industries (2)	337,000	344,000	335,700	350,300	4.3%	3.9%
Total Farm	46,600	53,100	43,800	56,800	29.7%	21.9%
Total Nonfarm	290,400	290,900	291,900	293,500	0.5%	1.1%
Total Private	219,700	218,700	219,200	220,100	0.4%	0.2%
Goods Producing	36,600	35,500	35,700	35,700	0.0%	-2.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	24,300	23,100	23,300	23,300	0.0%	-4.1%
Mining and Logging	7,900	7,600	7,600	7,600	0.0%	-3.8%
Construction	16,400	15,500	15,700	15,700	0.0%	-4.3%
Manufacturing	12,300	12,400	12,400	12,400	0.0%	0.8%
Durable Goods	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%	0.0%
Non-Durable Goods	7,300	7,400	7,400	7,400	0.0%	1.4%
Food Manufacturing	4,500	4,600	4,600	4,600	0.0%	2.2%
Service-Providing	253,800	255,400	256,200	257,800	0.6%	1.6%
Private Service Providing	183,100	183,200	183,500	184,400	0.5%	0.7%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	61,200	59,800	59,700	59,900	0.3%	-2.1%
Wholesale Trade	8,400	8,300	8,200	8,300	1.2%	-1.2%
Retail Trade	32,200	31,400	31,500	31,500	0.0%	-2.2%
Food and Beverage Retailers	7,000	6,900	6,800	6,800	0.0%	-2.9%
General Merchandise Retailers	7,400	7,200	7,200	7,300	1.4%	-1.4%
Department Stores	1,600	1,500	1,400	1,400	0.0%	-12.5%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jew	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	-8.7%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	20,600	20,100	20,000	20,100	0.5%	-2.4%
Information	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	7,500	7,600	7,400	7,500	1.4%	0.0%
Finance and Insurance	4,100	4,100	4,000	4,100	2.5%	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3,400	3,500	3,400	3,400	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	26,700	27,400	27,500	27,600	0.4%	3.4%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	11,200	11,900	11,800	11,900	0.8%	6.3%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Manage	12,800	12,800	13,000	13,000	0.0%	1.6%
Private Education and Health Services	47,000	48,600	49,000	49,100	0.2%	4.5%
Private Educational Services	2,000	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	10.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	45,000	46,400	46,800	46,900	0.2%	4.2%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	16,000	16,800	16,900	17,100	1.2%	6.9%
Hospitals	8,100	8,200	8,300	8,300	0.0%	2.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	30,100	29,100	29,200	29,500	1.0%	-2.0%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,500	2,600	2,700	2,700	0.0%	8.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	27,600	26,500	26,500	26,800	1.1%	-2.9%
Food Services and Drinking Places	25,800	24,600	24,500	24,700	0.8%	-4.3%
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	24,800	23,800	23,700	23,900	0.8%	-3.6%
Other Services	8,900	9,000	9,000	9,100	1.1%	2.2%
Government	70,700	72,200	72,700	73,400	1.0%	3.8%
Federal Government	11,000	11,100	11,100	11,100	0.0%	0.9%
Department of Defense	8,200	8,300	8,300	8,300	0.0%	1.2%
Federal Government excluding Department of	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	0.0%
Total State and Local Government	59,700	61,100	61,600	62,300	1.1%	4.4%
State Government	9,900	9,400	9,500	9,500	0.0%	-4.0%
State Government Educational Services	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
State Government Excluding Education	8,100	7,600	7,700	7,700	0.0%	-4.9%
Local Government	49,800	51,700	52,100	52,800	1.3%	6.0%
Local Government Educational Services	34,400	35,500	35,900	36,600	1.9%	6.4%

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Local Government excluding Educational Services	15,400	16,200	16,200	16,200	0.0%	5.2%
County Government	10,400	10,800	10,800	10,700	-0.9%	2.9%
City Government	2,800	3,100	3,100	3,100	0.0%	10.7%
Special Districts plus Tribes	2,200	2,300	2,300	2,400	4.3%	9.1%

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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