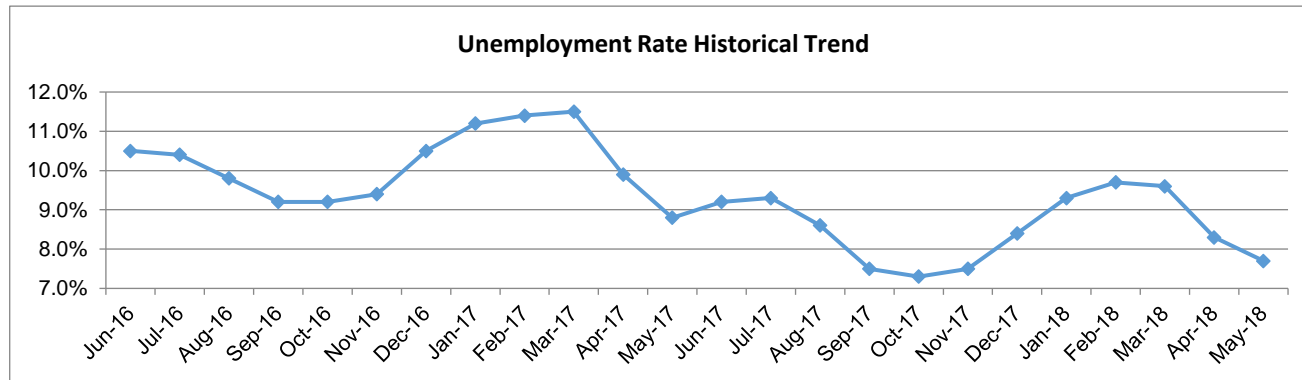


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 7.7 percent in May 2018, down from a revised 8.3 percent in April 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 8.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.7 percent for California and 3.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Apr-2018	May-2018	Change		May-2017	May-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	318,600	327,000	8,400		323,400	327,000	3,600
Total Farm	57,800	65,300	7,500		65,200	65,300	100
Total Nonfarm	260,800	261,700	900		258,200	261,700	3,500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,400	23,300	(100)		23,200	23,300	100
Mining and Logging	8,600	8,600	0		8,300	8,600	300
Construction	14,800	14,700	(100)		14,900	14,700	(200)
Manufacturing	13,600	13,600	0		13,300	13,600	300
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,900	51,900	0		51,200	51,900	700
Information	1,900	1,900	0		2,000	1,900	(100)
Financial Activities	8,200	8,100	(100)		8,200	8,100	(100)
Professional & Business Services	27,000	27,100	100		25,600	27,100	1,500
Educational & Health Services	37,300	37,200	(100)		36,400	37,200	800
Leisure & Hospitality	25,400	26,200	800		26,500	26,200	(300)
Other Services	8,000	8,000	0		7,600	8,000	400
Government	64,100	64,400	300		64,200	64,400	200

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

	May 17	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	385,500	376,500	377,400	381,500	1.1%	-1.0%
Civilian Employment	351,500	340,200	346,000	352,000	1.7%	0.1%
Civilian Unemployment	34,000	36,300	31,300	29,500	-5.8%	-13.2%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	8.8%	9.6%	8.3%	7.7%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.4%	4.2%	3.8%	3.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.1%	4.1%	3.7%	3.6%		

Total, All Industries (2)	323,400	307,100	318,600	327,000	2.6%	1.1%
Total Farm	65,200	46,900	57,800	65,300	13.0%	0.2%
Total Nonfarm	258,200	260,200	260,800	261,700	0.3%	1.4%
Total Private	194,000	196,600	196,700	197,300	0.3%	1.7%
Goods Producing	36,500	36,800	37,000	36,900	-0.3%	1.1%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,200	23,300	23,400	23,300	-0.4%	0.4%
Mining and Logging	8,300	8,600	8,600	8,600	0.0%	3.6%
Construction	14,900	14,700	14,800	14,700	-0.7%	-1.3%
Manufacturing	13,300	13,500	13,600	13,600	0.0%	2.3%
Durable Goods	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	0.0%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	8,500	8,700	8,800	8,800	0.0%	3.5%
Food Manufacturing	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700	0.0%	0.0%
Service Providing	221,700	223,400	223,800	224,800	0.4%	1.4%
Private Service Providing	157,500	159,800	159,700	160,400	0.4%	1.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,200	51,600	51,900	51,900	0.0%	1.4%
Wholesale Trade	8,400	8,800	8,800	8,800	0.0%	4.8%
Retail Trade	32,600	32,400	32,600	32,500	-0.3%	-0.3%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,500	6,400	6,400	6,400	0.0%	-1.5%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	3,800	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	-2.6%
General Merchandise Stores	6,500	6,800	6,900	6,900	0.0%	6.2%
Department Stores	1,900	2,000	2,100	2,100	0.0%	10.5%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	10,200	10,400	10,500	10,600	1.0%	3.9%
Information	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	-5.0%
Financial Activities	8,200	8,400	8,200	8,100	-1.2%	-1.2%
Finance & Insurance	5,200	5,300	5,200	5,100	-1.9%	-1.9%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,000	3,100	3,000	3,000	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	25,600	27,100	27,000	27,100	0.4%	5.9%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	9,000	9,700	9,700	9,600	-1.0%	6.7%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	3,200	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	3.1%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	13,400	14,100	14,000	14,200	1.4%	6.0%
Educational & Health Services	36,400	37,500	37,300	37,200	-0.3%	2.2%
Educational Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	34,900	36,000	35,800	35,700	-0.3%	2.3%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	13,200	13,500	13,500	13,500	0.0%	2.3%
Hospitals	8,200	8,400	8,400	8,400	0.0%	2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	26,500	25,400	25,400	26,200	3.1%	-1.1%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,700	2,500	2,600	2,600	0.0%	-3.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	23,800	22,900	22,800	23,600	3.5%	-0.8%
Food Services & Drinking Places	21,800	21,200	21,100	21,800	3.3%	0.0%
Restaurants	20,900	20,400	20,300	20,800	2.5%	-0.5%
Other Services	7,600	7,900	8,000	8,000	0.0%	5.3%
Government	64,200	63,600	64,100	64,400	0.5%	0.3%
Federal Government	10,400	10,300	10,300	10,400	1.0%	0.0%
Department of Defense	7,800	7,900	7,900	7,900	0.0%	1.3%
Federal Government excluding Department of	2,600	2,400	2,400	2,500	4.2%	-3.8%
State & Local Government	53,800	53,300	53,800	54,000	0.4%	0.4%
State Government	10,200	10,200	10,400	10,400	0.0%	2.0%
State Government Education	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,900	0.0%	5.6%
State Government Excluding Education	8,400	8,400	8,500	8,500	0.0%	1.2%
Local Government	43,600	43,100	43,400	43,600	0.5%	0.0%

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Bakersfield MSA
(Kern County)
 Industry Employment & Labor Force
 March 2017 Benchmark

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	May 17	Mar 18	Apr 18 Revised	May 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Local Government Education	30,900	30,200	30,400	30,600	0.7%	-1.0%
Local Government Excluding Education	12,700	12,900	13,000	13,000	0.0%	2.4%
County	7,800	7,900	8,000	8,000	0.0%	2.6%
City	2,700	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	3.7%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	0.0%

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 559-445-5708 or Frances Gines 951-955-3204

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