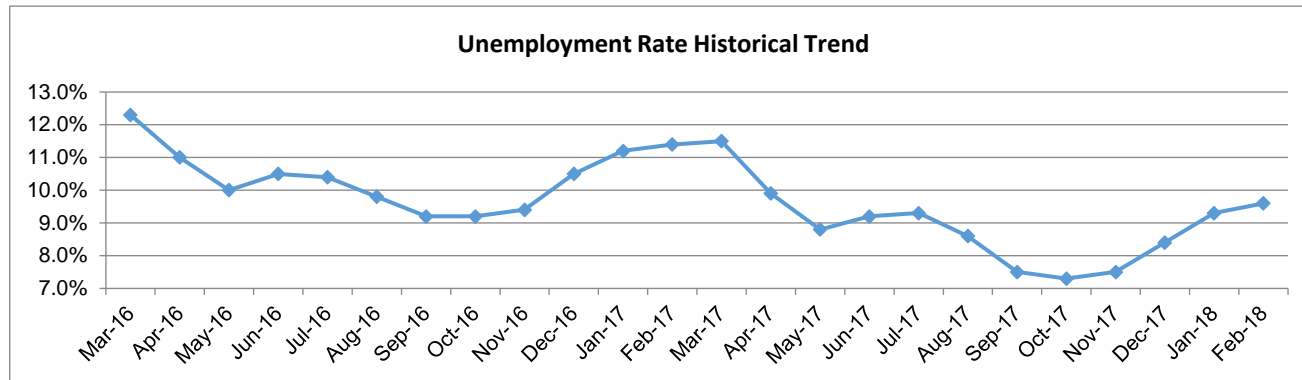


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 9.6 percent in February 2018, up from a revised 9.3 percent in January 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 11.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.5 percent for California and 4.4 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Change		Feb-2017	Feb-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	313,200	312,800	(400)		305,700	312,800	7,100
Total Farm	53,600	52,500	(1,100)		51,900	52,500	600
Total Nonfarm	259,600	260,300	700		253,800	260,300	6,500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,700	23,600	(100)		22,400	23,600	1,200
Mining and Logging	8,700	8,600	(100)		8,000	8,600	600
Construction	15,000	15,000	0		14,400	15,000	600
Manufacturing	13,500	13,500	0		13,100	13,500	400
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	52,400	51,900	(500)		50,100	51,900	1,800
Information	1,900	1,900	0		2,000	1,900	(100)
Financial Activities	8,200	8,200	0		8,100	8,200	100
Professional & Business Services	26,700	27,100	400		25,600	27,100	1,500
Educational & Health Services	36,900	37,300	400		35,900	37,300	1,400
Leisure & Hospitality	25,200	25,400	200		25,200	25,400	200
Other Services	7,900	7,900	0		7,500	7,900	400
Government	63,200	63,500	300		63,900	63,500	(400)

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

	Feb 17	Dec 17	Jan 18	Feb 18	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	384,600	379,000	382,900	384,400	0.4%	-0.1%
Civilian Employment	340,800	347,200	347,500	347,500	0.0%	2.0%
Civilian Unemployment	43,800	31,900	35,500	36,900	3.9%	-15.8%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	11.4%	8.4%	9.3%	9.6%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	4.2%	4.6%	4.5%		
	4.9%	3.9%	4.5%	4.4%		

Total, All Industries (2)	305,700	317,700	313,200	312,800	-0.1%	2.3%
Total Farm	51,900	54,900	53,600	52,500	-2.1%	1.2%
Total Nonfarm	253,800	262,800	259,600	260,300	0.3%	2.6%
Total Private	189,900	198,600	196,400	196,800	0.2%	3.6%
Goods Producing	35,500	37,700	37,200	37,100	-0.3%	4.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	22,400	23,900	23,700	23,600	-0.4%	5.4%
Mining and Logging	8,000	8,800	8,700	8,600	-1.1%	7.5%
Construction	14,400	15,100	15,000	15,000	0.0%	4.2%
Manufacturing	13,100	13,800	13,500	13,500	0.0%	3.1%
Durable Goods	4,700	4,800	4,700	4,700	0.0%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	8,400	9,000	8,800	8,800	0.0%	4.8%
Food Manufacturing	5,700	5,900	5,700	5,700	0.0%	0.0%
Service Providing	218,300	225,100	222,400	223,200	0.4%	2.2%
Private Service Providing	154,400	160,900	159,200	159,700	0.3%	3.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	50,100	53,500	52,400	51,900	-1.0%	3.6%
Wholesale Trade	8,100	8,900	8,800	8,800	0.0%	8.6%
Retail Trade	32,300	33,900	33,100	32,600	-1.5%	0.9%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,400	6,500	6,400	6,400	0.0%	0.0%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	3,700	4,200	3,900	3,700	-5.1%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	6,600	7,800	7,300	6,900	-5.5%	4.5%
Department Stores	2,100	2,400	2,200	2,100	-4.5%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	9,700	10,700	10,500	10,500	0.0%	8.2%
Information	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	-5.0%
Financial Activities	8,100	8,200	8,200	8,200	0.0%	1.2%
Finance & Insurance	5,100	5,200	5,200	5,200	0.0%	2.0%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	25,600	26,800	26,700	27,100	1.5%	5.9%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	9,400	9,400	9,600	9,800	2.1%	4.3%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	12,900	14,100	13,800	14,000	1.4%	8.5%
Educational & Health Services	35,900	37,200	36,900	37,300	1.1%	3.9%
Educational Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	34,400	35,700	35,400	35,800	1.1%	4.1%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	13,100	13,500	13,400	13,400	0.0%	2.3%
Hospitals	8,200	8,300	8,300	8,400	1.2%	2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	25,200	25,300	25,200	25,400	0.8%	0.8%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	22,700	22,800	22,700	22,900	0.9%	0.9%
Food Services & Drinking Places	20,800	21,000	20,900	21,100	1.0%	1.4%
Restaurants	19,800	20,300	20,100	20,300	1.0%	2.5%
Other Services	7,500	8,000	7,900	7,900	0.0%	5.3%
Government	63,900	64,200	63,200	63,500	0.5%	-0.6%
Federal Government	10,300	10,500	10,400	10,400	0.0%	1.0%
Department of Defense	7,800	7,900	7,900	7,900	0.0%	1.3%
Federal Government excluding Department of	2,500	2,600	2,500	2,500	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	53,600	53,700	52,800	53,100	0.6%	-0.9%
State Government	10,100	10,200	10,200	10,200	0.0%	1.0%
State Government Education	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
State Government Excluding Education	8,300	8,400	8,400	8,400	0.0%	1.2%
Local Government	43,500	43,500	42,600	42,900	0.7%	-1.4%

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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Feb 17	Dec 17	Jan 18 Revised	Feb 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Local Government Education	30,600	30,600	29,700	30,000	1.0%	-2.0%
Local Government Excluding Education	12,900	12,900	12,900	12,900	0.0%	0.0%
County	7,800	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.0%	2.6%
City	2,700	2,800	2,800	2,700	-3.6%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	2,400	2,100	2,100	2,200	4.8%	-8.3%

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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