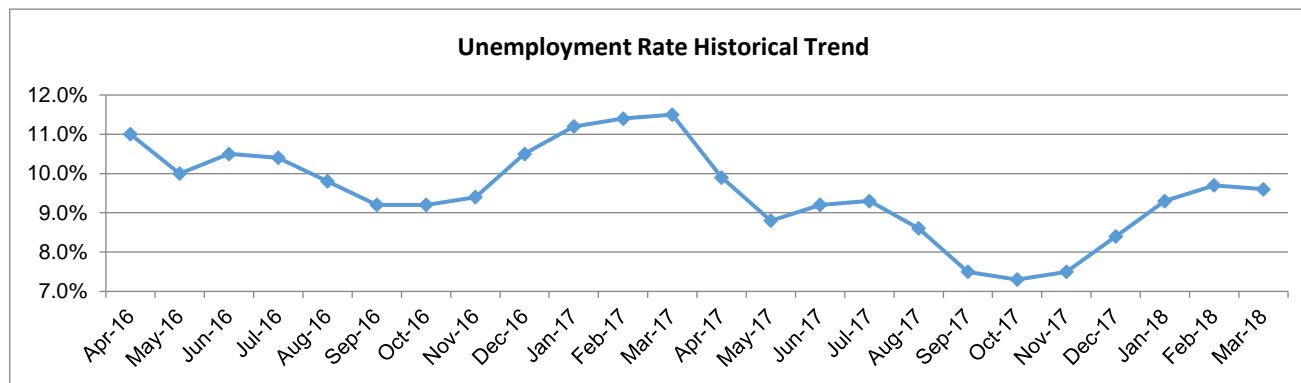


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 9.6 percent in March 2018, down from a revised 9.7 percent in February 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 11.5 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.2 percent for California and 4.1 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Feb-2018	Mar-2018	Change		Mar-2017	Mar-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	312,500	307,000	(5,500)		303,100	307,000	3,900
Total Farm	52,500	46,900	(5,600)		46,800	46,900	100
Total Nonfarm	260,000	260,100	100		256,300	260,100	3,800
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,600	23,200	(400)		22,800	23,200	400
Mining and Logging	8,600	8,600	0		8,100	8,600	500
Construction	15,000	14,600	(400)		14,700	14,600	(100)
Manufacturing	13,500	13,500	0		13,100	13,500	400
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,900	51,500	(400)		50,200	51,500	1,300
Information	1,900	1,900	0		2,000	1,900	(100)
Financial Activities	8,200	8,400	200		8,300	8,400	100
Professional & Business Services	27,100	27,000	(100)		25,900	27,000	1,100
Educational & Health Services	37,300	37,500	200		36,100	37,500	1,400
Leisure & Hospitality	25,100	25,500	400		25,600	25,500	(100)
Other Services	7,900	7,900	0		7,600	7,900	300
Government	63,500	63,700	200		64,700	63,700	(1,000)

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 17	Jan 18	Feb 18 Revised	Mar 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	381,700	382,900	384,300	376,500	-2.0%	-1.4%
Civilian Employment	337,900	347,500	347,100	340,300	-2.0%	0.7%
Civilian Unemployment	43,700	35,500	37,100	36,200	-2.4%	-17.2%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	11.5%	9.3%	9.7%	9.6%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.2%	4.6%	4.5%	4.2%		
	4.6%	4.5%	4.4%	4.1%		

Total, All Industries (2)	303,100	313,200	312,500	307,000	-1.8%	1.3%
Total Farm	46,800	53,600	52,500	46,900	-10.7%	0.2%
Total Nonfarm	256,300	259,600	260,000	260,100	0.0%	1.5%
Total Private	191,600	196,400	196,500	196,400	-0.1%	2.5%
Goods Producing	35,900	37,200	37,100	36,700	-1.1%	2.2%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	22,800	23,700	23,600	23,200	-1.7%	1.8%
Mining and Logging	8,100	8,700	8,600	8,600	0.0%	6.2%
Construction	14,700	15,000	15,000	14,600	-2.7%	-0.7%
Manufacturing	13,100	13,500	13,500	13,500	0.0%	3.1%
Durable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,700	4,800	2.1%	2.1%
Nondurable Goods	8,400	8,800	8,800	8,700	-1.1%	3.6%
Food Manufacturing	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700	0.0%	0.0%
Service Providing	220,400	222,400	222,900	223,400	0.2%	1.4%
Private Service Providing	155,700	159,200	159,400	159,700	0.2%	2.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	50,200	52,400	51,900	51,500	-0.8%	2.6%
Wholesale Trade	8,300	8,800	8,800	8,800	0.0%	6.0%
Retail Trade	32,200	33,100	32,600	32,300	-0.9%	0.3%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,400	6,400	6,400	6,400	0.0%	0.0%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	3,600	3,900	3,700	3,700	0.0%	2.8%
General Merchandise Stores	6,600	7,300	6,900	6,800	-1.4%	3.0%
Department Stores	2,000	2,200	2,100	2,000	-4.8%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	9,700	10,500	10,500	10,400	-1.0%	7.2%
Information	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	-5.0%
Financial Activities	8,300	8,200	8,200	8,400	2.4%	1.2%
Finance & Insurance	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,300	1.9%	1.9%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,100	3,000	3,000	3,100	3.3%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	25,900	26,700	27,100	27,000	-0.4%	4.2%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	9,300	9,600	9,800	9,700	-1.0%	4.3%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	13,300	13,800	14,000	14,000	0.0%	5.3%
Educational & Health Services	36,100	36,900	37,300	37,500	0.5%	3.9%
Educational Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	34,600	35,400	35,800	36,000	0.6%	4.0%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	13,200	13,400	13,400	13,400	0.0%	1.5%
Hospitals	8,200	8,300	8,400	8,400	0.0%	2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	25,600	25,200	25,100	25,500	1.6%	-0.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	23,100	22,700	22,600	23,000	1.8%	-0.4%
Food Services & Drinking Places	21,200	20,900	21,000	21,300	1.4%	0.5%
Restaurants	20,200	20,100	20,200	20,400	1.0%	1.0%
Other Services	7,600	7,900	7,900	7,900	0.0%	3.9%
Government	64,700	63,200	63,500	63,700	0.3%	-1.5%
Federal Government	10,400	10,400	10,400	10,300	-1.0%	-1.0%
Department of Defense	7,900	7,900	7,900	7,900	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,400	-4.0%	-4.0%
State & Local Government	54,300	52,800	53,100	53,400	0.6%	-1.7%
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	44,200	42,600	42,900	43,200	0.7%	-2.3%

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

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	Mar 17	Jan 18	Feb 18 Revised	Mar 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Local Government Education	31,300	29,700	30,000	30,300	1.0%	-3.2%
Local Government Excluding Education	12,900	12,900	12,900	12,900	0.0%	0.0%
County	7,800	8,000	7,900	7,900	0.0%	1.3%
City	2,700	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	3.7%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	2,400	2,100	2,200	2,200	0.0%	-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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