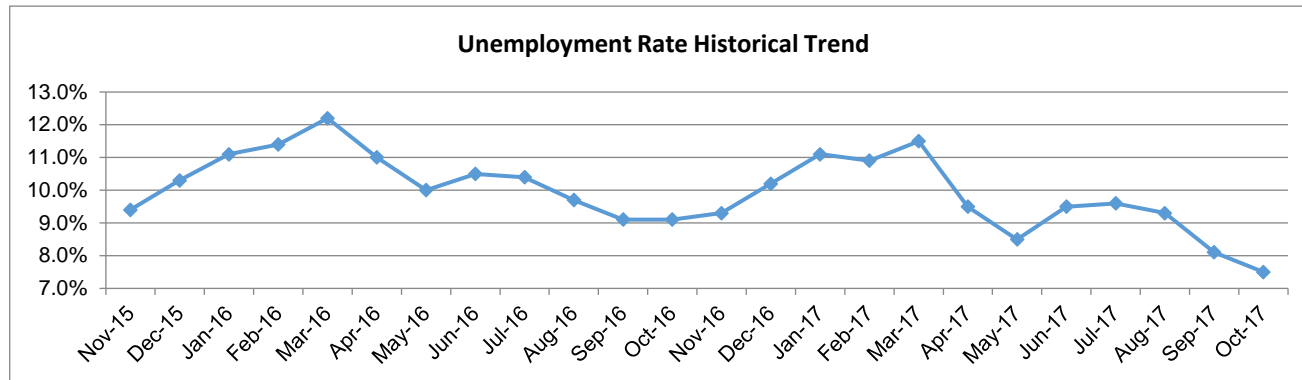


IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 7.5 percent in October 2017, down from a revised 8.1 percent in September 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.1 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.3 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Sep-2017	Oct-2017	Change		Oct-2016	Oct-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	332,900	334,000	1,100		329,000	334,000	5,000
Total Farm	74,100	72,300	(1,800)		72,100	72,300	200
Total Nonfarm	258,800	261,700	2,900		256,900	261,700	4,800
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,400	23,400	0		23,700	23,400	(300)
Mining and Logging	9,000	9,000	0		9,100	9,000	(100)
Construction	14,400	14,400	0		14,600	14,400	(200)
Manufacturing	13,700	13,500	(200)		14,000	13,500	(500)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	52,500	52,900	400		51,100	52,900	1,800
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,000	2,000	0
Financial Activities	8,100	8,300	200		8,200	8,300	100
Professional & Business Services	24,900	25,200	300		26,200	25,200	(1,000)
Educational & Health Services	35,800	36,400	600		35,100	36,400	1,300
Leisure & Hospitality	26,200	26,000	(200)		24,700	26,000	1,300
Other Services	8,200	8,200	0		8,000	8,200	200
Government	64,000	65,800	1,800		63,900	65,800	1,900

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](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Oct 16	Aug 17	Sep 17 Revised	Oct 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	390,400	391,000	391,900	389,300	-0.7%	-0.3%
Civilian Employment	354,800	354,500	360,200	360,200	0.0%	1.5%
Civilian Unemployment	35,600	36,500	31,800	29,200	-8.2%	-18.0%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	9.1%	9.3%	8.1%	7.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.2%	5.4%	4.7%	4.3%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	4.5%	4.1%	3.9%		

Total, All Industries (2)	329,000	331,200	332,900	334,000	0.3%	1.5%
Total Farm	72,100	74,700	74,100	72,300	-2.4%	0.3%
Total Nonfarm	256,900	256,500	258,800	261,700	1.1%	1.9%
Total Private	193,000	195,000	194,800	195,900	0.6%	1.5%
Goods Producing	37,700	37,300	37,100	36,900	-0.5%	-2.1%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,700	23,600	23,400	23,400	0.0%	-1.3%
Mining and Logging	9,100	9,000	9,000	9,000	0.0%	-1.1%
Construction	14,600	14,600	14,400	14,400	0.0%	-1.4%
Manufacturing	14,000	13,700	13,700	13,500	-1.5%	-3.6%
Durable Goods	4,800	4,700	4,700	4,600	-2.1%	-4.2%
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,000	9,000	8,900	-1.1%	-3.3%
Food Manufacturing	6,300	6,200	6,200	6,200	0.0%	-1.6%
Service Providing	219,200	219,200	221,700	224,800	1.4%	2.6%
Private Service Providing	155,300	157,700	157,700	159,000	0.8%	2.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,100	52,600	52,500	52,900	0.8%	3.5%
Wholesale Trade	9,000	9,200	9,200	9,200	0.0%	2.2%
Retail Trade	32,500	33,600	33,500	33,800	0.9%	4.0%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,700	6,700	6,700	6,700	0.0%	0.0%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	2,600	2,600	2,500	2,600	4.0%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	7,600	7,900	7,900	8,100	2.5%	6.6%
Department Stores	3,600	3,500	3,500	3,600	2.9%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	9,600	9,800	9,800	9,900	1.0%	3.1%
Information	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	8,200	8,200	8,100	8,300	2.5%	1.2%
Finance & Insurance	5,200	5,100	5,100	5,200	2.0%	0.0%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,000	3,100	3,000	3,100	3.3%	3.3%
Professional & Business Services	26,200	24,700	24,900	25,200	1.2%	-3.8%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	9,400	9,000	9,000	9,100	1.1%	-3.2%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	14,000	12,900	13,100	13,300	1.5%	-5.0%
Educational & Health Services	35,100	35,700	35,800	36,400	1.7%	3.7%
Educational Services	1,600	1,500	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	33,500	34,200	34,200	34,800	1.8%	3.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	12,700	12,800	12,800	12,900	0.8%	1.6%
Hospitals	8,000	8,100	8,100	8,200	1.2%	2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	24,700	26,400	26,200	26,000	-0.8%	5.3%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,500	2,700	2,600	2,600	0.0%	4.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	22,200	23,700	23,600	23,400	-0.8%	5.4%
Food Services & Drinking Places	20,300	21,600	21,600	21,500	-0.5%	5.9%
Restaurants	19,500	20,700	20,600	20,400	-1.0%	4.6%
Other Services	8,000	8,100	8,200	8,200	0.0%	2.5%
Government	63,900	61,500	64,000	65,800	2.8%	3.0%
Federal Government	10,200	10,500	10,400	10,300	-1.0%	1.0%
Department of Defense	7,700	7,800	7,700	7,700	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of	2,500	2,700	2,700	2,600	-3.7%	4.0%
State & Local Government	53,700	51,000	53,600	55,500	3.5%	3.4%
State Government	10,100	9,800	10,000	10,200	2.0%	1.0%
State Government Education	1,700	1,400	1,600	1,800	12.5%	5.9%
State Government Excluding Education	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	43,600	41,200	43,600	45,300	3.9%	3.9%

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**Bakersfield MSA**  
**(Kern County)**  
 Industry Employment & Labor Force  
 March 2016 Benchmark

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	Oct 16	Aug 17	Sep 17 Revised	Oct 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Local Government Education	30,500	28,100	30,600	32,200	5.2%	5.6%
Local Government Excluding Education	13,100	13,100	13,000	13,100	0.8%	0.0%
County	7,900	7,900	7,900	8,000	1.3%	1.3%
City	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,900	0.0%	3.6%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	2,400	2,300	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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