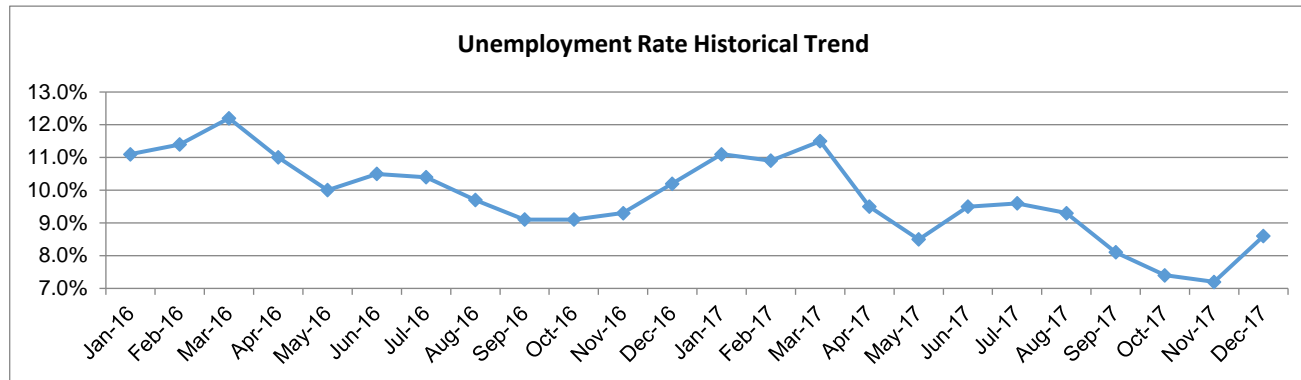


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 8.6 percent in December 2017, up from a revised 7.2 percent in November 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 10.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.2 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Change		Dec-2016	Dec-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	328,200	317,300	(10,900)		313,600	317,300	3,700
Total Farm	65,000	54,200	(10,800)		54,300	54,200	(100)
Total Nonfarm	263,200	263,100	(100)		259,300	263,100	3,800
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,400	23,200	(200)		23,400	23,200	(200)
Mining and Logging	9,000	8,900	(100)		9,000	8,900	(100)
Construction	14,400	14,300	(100)		14,400	14,300	(100)
Manufacturing	13,700	13,700	0		14,000	13,700	(300)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	54,200	54,200	0		52,700	54,200	1,500
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,000	2,000	0
Financial Activities	8,200	8,300	100		8,200	8,300	100
Professional & Business Services	25,400	25,500	100		26,400	25,500	(900)
Educational & Health Services	36,400	36,500	100		35,300	36,500	1,200
Leisure & Hospitality	25,800	25,400	(400)		24,800	25,400	600
Other Services	8,200	8,200	0		7,900	8,200	300
Government	65,900	66,100	200		64,600	66,100	1,500

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

	Dec 16	Oct 17	Nov 17	Dec 17	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	382,200	388,900	384,300	380,000	-1.1%	-0.6%
Civilian Employment	343,400	359,900	356,600	347,400	-2.6%	1.2%
Civilian Unemployment	38,800	29,000	27,700	32,600	17.7%	-16.0%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	10.2%	7.4%	7.2%	8.6%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.0%	4.3%	4.0%	4.2%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.5%	3.9%	3.9%	3.9%		

Total, All Industries (2)	313,600	334,300	328,200	317,300	-3.3%	1.2%
Total Farm	54,300	72,300	65,000	54,200	-16.6%	-0.2%
Total Nonfarm	259,300	262,000	263,200	263,100	0.0%	1.5%
Total Private	194,700	196,500	197,300	197,000	-0.2%	1.2%
Goods Producing	37,400	37,200	37,100	36,900	-0.5%	-1.3%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,400	23,500	23,400	23,200	-0.9%	-0.9%
Mining and Logging	9,000	9,000	9,000	8,900	-1.1%	-1.1%
Construction	14,400	14,500	14,400	14,300	-0.7%	-0.7%
Manufacturing	14,000	13,700	13,700	13,700	0.0%	-2.1%
Durable Goods	4,700	4,600	4,600	4,600	0.0%	-2.1%
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,100	9,100	9,100	0.0%	-2.2%
Food Manufacturing	6,400	6,200	6,200	6,300	1.6%	-1.6%
Service Providing	221,900	224,800	226,100	226,200	0.0%	1.9%
Private Service Providing	157,300	159,300	160,200	160,100	-0.1%	1.8%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	52,700	52,900	54,200	54,200	0.0%	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	9,100	9,200	9,200	9,200	0.0%	1.1%
Retail Trade	33,900	33,800	35,200	35,100	-0.3%	3.5%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,700	6,700	6,800	6,700	-1.5%	0.0%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	3,000	2,600	3,000	3,000	0.0%	0.0%
General Merchandise Stores	8,700	8,200	8,800	8,900	1.1%	2.3%
Department Stores	4,200	3,600	3,900	4,000	2.6%	-4.8%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	9,700	9,900	9,800	9,900	1.0%	2.1%
Information	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	8,200	8,300	8,200	8,300	1.2%	1.2%
Finance & Insurance	5,200	5,200	5,100	5,200	2.0%	0.0%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,100	0.0%	3.3%
Professional & Business Services	26,400	25,200	25,400	25,500	0.4%	-3.4%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	9,500	9,100	9,100	9,100	0.0%	-4.2%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,900	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	-3.4%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	14,000	13,300	13,500	13,600	0.7%	-2.9%
Educational & Health Services	35,300	36,600	36,400	36,500	0.3%	3.4%
Educational Services	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,600	-5.9%	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	33,700	34,900	34,700	34,900	0.6%	3.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	12,700	12,800	12,900	12,900	0.0%	1.6%
Hospitals	8,100	8,200	8,200	8,200	0.0%	1.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	24,800	26,100	25,800	25,400	-1.6%	2.4%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,700	3.8%	8.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	22,300	23,500	23,200	22,700	-2.2%	1.8%
Food Services & Drinking Places	20,400	21,500	21,300	20,900	-1.9%	2.5%
Restaurants	19,600	20,500	20,300	20,100	-1.0%	2.6%
Other Services	7,900	8,200	8,200	8,200	0.0%	3.8%
Government	64,600	65,500	65,900	66,100	0.3%	2.3%
Federal Government	10,400	10,300	10,300	10,500	1.9%	1.0%
Department of Defense	7,800	7,700	7,700	7,800	1.3%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,700	3.8%	3.8%
State & Local Government	54,200	55,200	55,600	55,600	0.0%	2.6%
State Government	10,100	10,100	10,200	10,200	0.0%	1.0%
State Government Education	1,700	1,700	1,800	1,800	0.0%	5.9%
State Government Excluding Education	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	44,100	45,100	45,400	45,400	0.0%	2.9%

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

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	Dec 16	Oct 17	Nov 17 Revised	Dec 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Local Government Education	31,100	32,000	32,400	32,400	0.0%	4.2%
Local Government Excluding Education	13,000	13,100	13,000	13,000	0.0%	0.0%
County	7,900	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.0%	1.3%
City	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	0.0%	-4.3%

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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