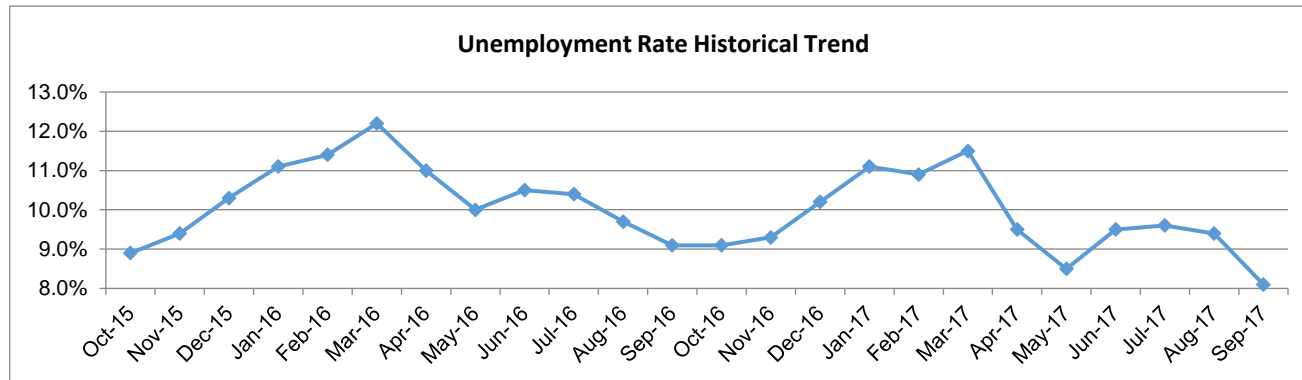


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 8.1 percent in September 2017, down from a revised 9.4 percent in August 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.1 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.7 percent for California and 4.1 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Aug-2017	Sep-2017	Change		Sep-2016	Sep-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	331,200	332,900	1,700		328,300	332,900	4,600
Total Farm	74,700	73,900	(800)		73,300	73,900	600
Total Nonfarm	256,500	259,000	2,500		255,000	259,000	4,000
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,600	23,400	(200)		23,600	23,400	(200)
Mining and Logging	9,000	9,000	0		9,000	9,000	0
Construction	14,600	14,400	(200)		14,600	14,400	(200)
Manufacturing	13,700	13,700	0		14,400	13,700	(700)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	52,600	52,500	(100)		50,900	52,500	1,600
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,000	2,000	0
Financial Activities	8,200	8,100	(100)		8,200	8,100	(100)
Professional & Business Services	24,700	25,100	400		26,100	25,100	(1,000)
Educational & Health Services	35,700	35,800	100		34,900	35,800	900
Leisure & Hospitality	26,400	26,100	(300)		25,100	26,100	1,000
Other Services	8,100	8,200	100		7,900	8,200	300
Government	61,500	64,100	2,600		61,900	64,100	2,200

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

	Sep 16	Jul 17	Aug 17 Revised	Sep 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	390,500	388,000	391,800	392,100	0.1%	0.4%
Civilian Employment	355,000	350,600	355,000	360,100	1.4%	1.4%
Civilian Unemployment	35,600	37,400	36,800	31,900	-13.3%	-10.4%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	9.1%	9.6%	9.4%	8.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.2%	5.4%	5.4%	4.7%		
	4.8%	4.6%	4.5%	4.1%		

Total, All Industries (2)	328,300	325,700	331,200	332,900	0.5%	1.4%
Total Farm	73,300	71,800	74,700	73,900	-1.1%	0.8%
Total Nonfarm	255,000	253,900	256,500	259,000	1.0%	1.6%
Total Private	193,100	195,500	195,000	194,900	-0.1%	0.9%
Goods Producing	38,000	37,400	37,300	37,100	-0.5%	-2.4%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,600	23,600	23,600	23,400	-0.8%	-0.8%
Mining and Logging	9,000	9,100	9,000	9,000	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	14,600	14,500	14,600	14,400	-1.4%	-1.4%
Manufacturing	14,400	13,800	13,700	13,700	0.0%	-4.9%
Durable Goods	4,800	4,700	4,700	4,700	0.0%	-2.1%
Nondurable Goods	9,600	9,100	9,000	9,000	0.0%	-6.3%
Food Manufacturing	6,800	6,100	6,200	6,200	0.0%	-8.8%
Service Providing	217,000	216,500	219,200	221,900	1.2%	2.3%
Private Service Providing	155,100	158,100	157,700	157,800	0.1%	1.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	50,900	52,500	52,600	52,500	-0.2%	3.1%
Wholesale Trade	9,000	9,200	9,200	9,200	0.0%	2.2%
Retail Trade	32,200	33,500	33,600	33,500	-0.3%	4.0%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,700	6,600	6,700	6,700	0.0%	0.0%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	2,600	2,500	2,600	2,500	-3.8%	-3.8%
General Merchandise Stores	7,400	7,800	7,900	7,900	0.0%	6.8%
Department Stores	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	9,700	9,800	9,800	9,800	0.0%	1.0%
Information	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	8,200	8,300	8,200	8,100	-1.2%	-1.2%
Finance & Insurance	5,200	5,200	5,100	5,100	0.0%	-1.9%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,000	-3.2%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	26,100	25,500	24,700	25,100	1.6%	-3.8%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	9,300	9,300	9,000	9,100	1.1%	-2.2%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,800	2,900	2,800	2,800	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	14,000	13,300	12,900	13,200	2.3%	-5.7%
Educational & Health Services	34,900	35,000	35,700	35,800	0.3%	2.6%
Educational Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,600	6.7%	6.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	33,400	33,500	34,200	34,200	0.0%	2.4%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	12,600	12,800	12,800	12,800	0.0%	1.6%
Hospitals	8,000	8,200	8,100	8,100	0.0%	1.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	25,100	26,700	26,400	26,100	-1.1%	4.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,500	2,800	2,700	2,600	-3.7%	4.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	22,600	23,900	23,700	23,500	-0.8%	4.0%
Food Services & Drinking Places	20,600	21,700	21,600	21,500	-0.5%	4.4%
Restaurants	19,800	20,800	20,700	20,600	-0.5%	4.0%
Other Services	7,900	8,100	8,100	8,200	1.2%	3.8%
Government	61,900	58,400	61,500	64,100	4.2%	3.6%
Federal Government	10,400	10,500	10,500	10,500	0.0%	1.0%
Department of Defense	7,800	7,800	7,800	7,800	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of	2,600	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	3.8%
State & Local Government	51,500	47,900	51,000	53,600	5.1%	4.1%
State Government	10,000	9,900	9,800	10,000	2.0%	0.0%
State Government Education	1,600	1,500	1,400	1,600	14.3%	0.0%
State Government Excluding Education	8,400	8,400	8,400	8,400	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	41,500	38,000	41,200	43,600	5.8%	5.1%

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

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	Sep 16	Jul 17	Aug 17 Revised	Sep 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Local Government Education	28,300	25,000	28,100	30,600	8.9%	8.1%
Local Government Excluding Education	13,200	13,000	13,100	13,000	-0.8%	-1.5%
County	8,000	7,800	7,900	7,900	0.0%	-1.3%
City	2,800	2,900	2,900	2,800	-3.4%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,300	0.0%	-4.2%

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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