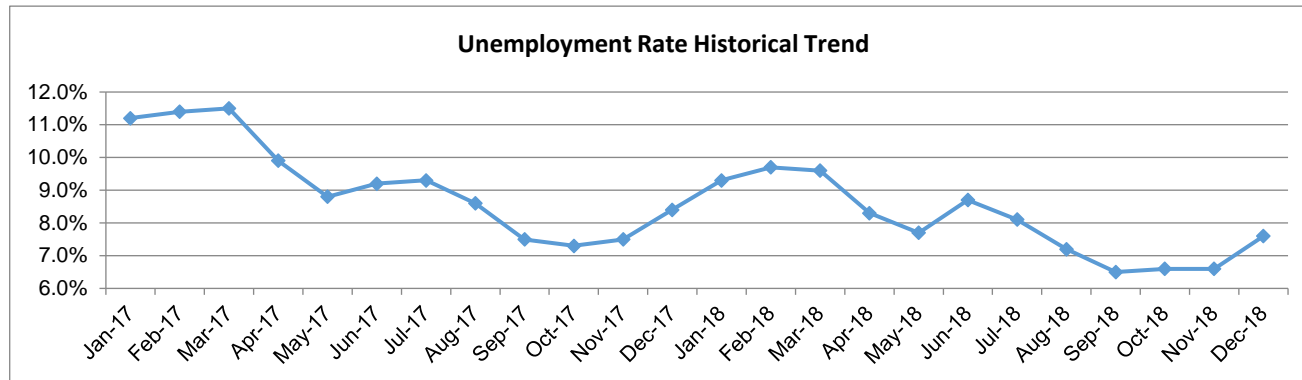


IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 7.6 percent in December 2018, up from a revised 6.6 percent in November 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 8.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.1 percent for California and 3.7 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Nov-2018	Dec-2018	Change		Dec-2017	Dec-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	332,400	324,400	(8,000)		317,700	324,400	6,700
Total Farm	64,600	56,100	(8,500)		54,900	56,100	1,200
Total Nonfarm	267,800	268,300	500		262,800	268,300	5,500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,800	23,800	0		23,900	23,800	(100)
Mining and Logging	8,800	8,900	100		8,800	8,900	100
Construction	15,000	14,900	(100)		15,100	14,900	(200)
Manufacturing	13,200	13,200	0		13,800	13,200	(600)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	53,300	53,600	300		53,500	53,600	100
Information	1,900	1,900	0		1,900	1,900	0
Financial Activities	7,900	7,900	0		8,200	7,900	(300)
Professional & Business Services	27,300	27,200	(100)		26,800	27,200	400
Educational & Health Services	38,600	39,300	700		37,200	39,300	2,100
Leisure & Hospitality	27,300	27,400	100		25,300	27,400	2,100
Other Services	8,000	8,000	0		8,000	8,000	0
Government	66,500	66,000	(500)		64,200	66,000	1,800

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

	Dec 17	Oct 18	Nov 18 Revised	Dec 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	378,900	390,600	388,000	385,500	-0.6%	1.7%
Civilian Employment	347,000	365,000	362,300	356,000	-1.7%	2.6%
Civilian Unemployment	31,900	25,600	25,700	29,500	14.8%	-7.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	8.4%	6.6%	6.6%	7.6%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.2%	4.0%	3.9%	4.1%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.9%	3.5%	3.5%	3.7%		

Total, All Industries (2)	317,700	338,400	332,400	324,400	-2.4%	2.1%
Total Farm	54,900	72,400	64,600	56,100	-13.2%	2.2%
Total Nonfarm	262,800	266,000	267,800	268,300	0.2%	2.1%
Total Private	198,600	199,900	201,300	202,300	0.5%	1.9%
Goods Producing	37,700	37,300	37,000	37,000	0.0%	-1.9%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,900	23,900	23,800	23,800	0.0%	-0.4%
Mining and Logging	8,800	8,900	8,800	8,900	1.1%	1.1%
Construction	15,100	15,000	15,000	14,900	-0.7%	-1.3%
Manufacturing	13,800	13,400	13,200	13,200	0.0%	-4.3%
Durable Goods	4,800	4,600	4,500	4,600	2.2%	-4.2%
Nondurable Goods	9,000	8,800	8,700	8,600	-1.1%	-4.4%
Food Manufacturing	5,900	6,100	5,900	5,800	-1.7%	-1.7%
Service Providing	225,100	228,700	230,800	231,300	0.2%	2.8%
Private Service Providing	160,900	162,600	164,300	165,300	0.6%	2.7%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	53,500	52,300	53,300	53,600	0.6%	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	8,900	8,800	8,900	8,800	-1.1%	-1.1%
Retail Trade	33,900	32,600	33,500	33,700	0.6%	-0.6%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	0.0%	0.0%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	4,200	3,700	4,100	4,300	4.9%	2.4%
General Merchandise Stores	7,800	7,100	7,800	7,700	-1.3%	-1.3%
Department Stores	2,400	2,100	2,200	2,300	4.5%	-4.2%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	10,700	10,900	10,900	11,100	1.8%	3.7%
Information	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	8,200	8,000	7,900	7,900	0.0%	-3.7%
Finance & Insurance	5,200	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%	-3.8%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,000	3,000	2,900	2,900	0.0%	-3.3%
Professional & Business Services	26,800	27,100	27,300	27,200	-0.4%	1.5%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	9,400	9,800	9,900	9,900	0.0%	5.3%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	0.0%	0.0%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	14,100	14,000	14,100	14,000	-0.7%	-0.7%
Educational & Health Services	37,200	38,000	38,600	39,300	1.8%	5.6%
Educational Services	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	35,700	36,500	37,100	37,800	1.9%	5.9%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	13,500	14,000	14,000	14,100	0.7%	4.4%
Hospitals	8,300	8,500	8,500	8,500	0.0%	2.4%
Leisure & Hospitality	25,300	27,300	27,300	27,400	0.4%	8.3%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,700	3.8%	8.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	22,800	24,700	24,700	24,700	0.0%	8.3%
Food Services & Drinking Places	21,000	22,500	22,500	22,600	0.4%	7.6%
Restaurants	20,300	21,200	21,400	21,500	0.5%	5.9%
Other Services	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	0.0%	0.0%
Government	64,200	66,100	66,500	66,000	-0.8%	2.8%
Federal Government	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	0.0%	0.0%
Department of Defense	7,900	7,900	7,900	7,900	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	53,700	55,600	56,000	55,500	-0.9%	3.4%
State Government	10,200	10,300	10,400	10,300	-1.0%	1.0%
State Government Education	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	5.6%
State Government Excluding Education	8,400	8,400	8,500	8,400	-1.2%	0.0%
Local Government	43,500	45,300	45,600	45,200	-0.9%	3.9%

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

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	Dec 17	Oct 18	Nov 18 Revised	Dec 18 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Local Government Education	30,600	31,800	32,400	32,200	-0.6%	5.2%
Local Government Excluding Education	12,900	13,500	13,200	13,000	-1.5%	0.8%
County	8,000	8,200	8,200	8,100	-1.2%	1.3%
City	2,800	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	2,100	2,500	2,200	2,100	-4.5%	0.0%

**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 559-230-4104 or Frances Gines 951-955-3204

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