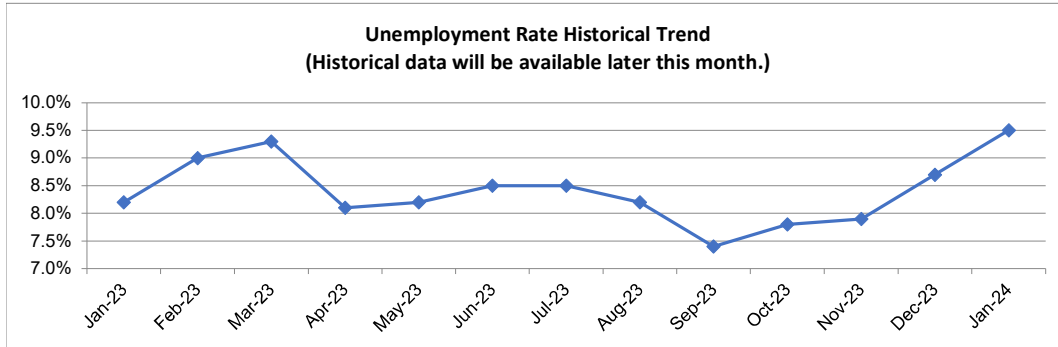


IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
(Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 9.5 percent in January 2024, up from a revised 8.7 percent in December 2023, and above the year-ago estimate of 8.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.7 percent for California and 4.1 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Dec-2023	Jan-2024	Change		Jan-2023	Jan-2024	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	353,000	345,900	(7,100)		336,300	345,900	9,600
Total Farm	56,200	54,800	(1,400)		51,300	54,800	3,500
Total Nonfarm	296,800	291,100	(5,700)		285,000	291,100	6,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,900	23,300	(600)		23,800	23,300	(500)
Mining and Logging	7,600	7,600	0		8,000	7,600	(400)
Construction	16,300	15,700	(600)		15,800	15,700	(100)
Manufacturing	12,500	12,500	0		12,500	12,500	0
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	62,800	60,700	(2,100)		61,900	60,700	(1,200)
Information	1,700	1,700	0		1,600	1,700	100
Financial Activities	7,600	7,600	0		7,500	7,600	100
Professional and Business Services	27,500	27,100	(400)		25,800	27,100	1,300
Private Education and Health Services	48,800	48,900	100		45,900	48,900	3,000
Leisure and Hospitality	29,600	29,100	(500)		29,200	29,100	(100)
Other Services	9,000	8,900	(100)		8,900	8,900	0
Government	73,400	71,300	(2,100)		67,900	71,300	3,400

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)

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	Jan 23	Nov 23	Dec 23 Revised	Jan 24 Prelim	Percent Month	Change Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	389,000	400,100	395,400	398,900	0.9%	2.5%
Civilian Employment	357,200	368,400	361,100	361,000	0.0%	1.1%
Civilian Unemployment	31,800	31,700	34,300	37,900	10.5%	19.2%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	8.2%	7.9%	8.7%	9.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	4.9%	5.1%	5.7%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	3.9%	3.5%	3.5%	4.1%		

Total, All Industries (2)	336,300	359,200	353,000	345,900	-2.0%	2.9%
Total Farm	51,300	64,100	56,200	54,800	-2.5%	6.8%
Total Nonfarm	285,000	295,100	296,800	291,100	-1.9%	2.1%
Total Private	217,100	222,700	223,400	219,800	-1.6%	1.2%
Goods Producing	36,300	36,300	36,400	35,800	-1.6%	-1.4%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,800	23,800	23,900	23,300	-2.5%	-2.1%
Mining and Logging	8,000	7,600	7,600	7,600	0.0%	-5.0%
Construction	15,800	16,200	16,300	15,700	-3.7%	-0.6%
Manufacturing	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	0.0%	0.0%
Durable Goods	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0%	0.0%
Non-Durable Goods	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	0.0%	0.0%
Food Manufacturing	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,700	2.2%	2.2%
Service-Providing	248,700	258,800	260,400	255,300	-2.0%	2.7%
Private Service Providing	180,800	186,400	187,000	184,000	-1.6%	1.8%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	61,900	62,500	62,800	60,700	-3.3%	-1.9%
Wholesale Trade	8,500	8,300	8,300	8,300	0.0%	-2.4%
Retail Trade	32,400	33,200	33,500	32,100	-4.2%	-0.9%
Food and Beverage Retailers	6,900	7,100	7,000	6,900	-1.4%	0.0%
General Merchandise Retailers	7,500	7,900	8,000	7,500	-6.3%	0.0%
Department Stores	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,600	-11.1%	0.0%
Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry	2,300	2,500	2,600	2,300	-11.5%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	21,000	21,000	21,000	20,300	-3.3%	-3.3%
Information	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	6.3%
Financial Activities	7,500	7,600	7,600	7,600	0.0%	1.3%
Finance and Insurance	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	3,400	3,500	3,500	3,500	0.0%	2.9%
Professional and Business Services	25,800	27,400	27,500	27,100	-1.5%	5.0%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	11,200	11,400	11,700	11,700	0.0%	4.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,600	2,800	2,800	2,700	-3.6%	3.8%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	12,000	13,200	13,000	12,700	-2.3%	5.8%
Private Education and Health Services	45,900	48,500	48,800	48,900	0.2%	6.5%
Private Educational Services	2,000	2,200	2,200	2,100	-4.5%	5.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	43,900	46,300	46,600	46,800	0.4%	6.6%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	15,900	16,700	16,800	16,700	-0.6%	5.0%
Hospitals	7,900	8,200	8,200	8,200	0.0%	3.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	29,200	29,700	29,600	29,100	-1.7%	-0.3%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	4.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	26,700	27,100	27,000	26,500	-1.9%	-0.7%
Food Services and Drinking Places	25,000	25,200	25,000	24,500	-2.0%	-2.0%
Restaurants and Other Eating Places	24,000	24,400	24,100	23,700	-1.7%	-1.3%
Other Services	8,900	9,000	9,000	8,900	-1.1%	0.0%
Government	67,900	72,400	73,400	71,300	-2.9%	5.0%
Federal Government	10,800	11,100	11,200	11,100	-0.9%	2.8%
Department of Defense	8,300	8,300	8,300	8,300	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government excluding Department of Defense	2,500	2,800	2,900	2,800	-3.4%	12.0%
Total State and Local Government	57,100	61,300	62,200	60,200	-3.2%	5.4%
State Government	9,900	9,600	9,500	9,500	0.0%	-4.0%
State Government Educational Services	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
State Government Excluding Education	8,100	7,800	7,700	7,700	0.0%	-4.9%
Local Government	47,200	51,700	52,700	50,700	-3.8%	7.4%
Local Government Educational Services	32,200	35,600	36,600	34,700	-5.2%	7.8%

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Local Government excluding Educational Serv	15,000	16,100	16,100	16,000	-0.6%	6.7%
County Government	10,200	10,900	10,800	10,600	-1.9%	3.9%
City Government	2,700	3,000	3,100	3,100	0.0%	14.8%
Special Districts plus Tribes	2,100	2,200	2,200	2,300	4.5%	9.5%

**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 916-891-7571 or N/A

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