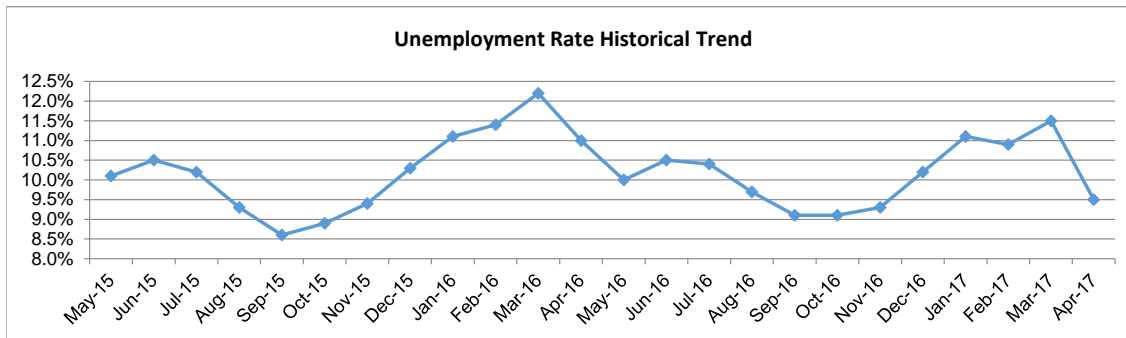


IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 9.5 percent in April 2017, down from a revised 11.5 percent in March 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 11.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.5 percent for California and 4.1 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Mar-2017	Apr-2017	Change		Apr-2016	Apr-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total, All Industries	301,600	317,700	16,100		315,600	317,700	2,100
Total Farm	43,900	58,400	14,500		58,400	58,400	0
Total Nonfarm	257,700	259,300	1,600		257,200	259,300	2,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,100	23,200	100		23,500	23,200	(300)
Mining and Logging	8,900	9,000	100		9,300	9,000	(300)
Construction	14,200	14,200	0		14,200	14,200	0
Manufacturing	13,800	13,800	0		13,300	13,800	500
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,100	51,500	400		50,900	51,500	600
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,400	2,000	(400)
Financial Activities	8,200	8,100	(100)		8,500	8,100	(400)
Professional & Business Services	26,000	26,800	800		26,000	26,800	800
Educational & Health Services	35,500	35,500	0		34,600	35,500	900
Leisure & Hospitality	25,300	25,600	300		25,800	25,600	(200)
Other Services	8,000	8,000	0		7,600	8,000	400
Government	64,700	64,800	100		64,600	64,800	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](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 16	Feb 17	Mar 17	Apr 17	Percent Change	
			Revised	Prelim	Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	389,600	386,000	378,300	383,400	1.3%	-1.6%
Civilian Employment	346,900	343,800	334,800	346,900	3.6%	0.0%
Civilian Unemployment	42,700	42,100	43,600	36,500	-16.3%	-14.5%
Civilian Unemployment Rate (CA Unemployment Rate)	11.0%	10.9%	11.5%	9.5%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	5.2%	5.1%	4.5%		
	4.7%	4.9%	4.6%	4.1%		

Total, All Industries (2)	315,600	310,800	301,600	317,700	5.3%	0.7%
Total Farm	58,400	53,300	43,900	58,400	33.0%	0.0%
Total Nonfarm	257,200	257,500	257,700	259,300	0.6%	0.8%
Total Private	192,600	193,400	193,000	194,500	0.8%	1.0%
Goods Producing	36,800	36,700	36,900	37,000	0.3%	0.5%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,500	23,000	23,100	23,200	0.4%	-1.3%
Mining and Logging	9,300	8,800	8,900	9,000	1.1%	-3.2%
Construction	14,200	14,200	14,200	14,200	0.0%	0.0%
Manufacturing	13,300	13,700	13,800	13,800	0.0%	3.8%
Durable Goods	4,800	4,600	4,600	4,600	0.0%	-4.2%
Nondurable Goods	8,500	9,100	9,200	9,200	0.0%	8.2%
Food Manufacturing	5,600	6,300	6,300	6,200	-1.6%	10.7%
Service Providing	220,400	220,800	220,800	222,300	0.7%	0.9%
Private Service Providing	155,800	156,700	156,100	157,500	0.9%	1.1%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	50,900	51,200	51,100	51,500	0.8%	1.2%
Wholesale Trade	9,000	9,100	9,100	9,100	0.0%	1.1%
Retail Trade	32,600	32,600	32,500	32,900	1.2%	0.9%
Food & Beverage Stores	6,700	6,600	6,600	6,600	0.0%	-1.5%
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	2,700	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	-7.4%
General Merchandise Stores	7,300	7,800	7,800	7,800	0.0%	6.8%
Department Stores	3,400	3,600	3,500	3,500	0.0%	2.9%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	9,300	9,500	9,500	9,500	0.0%	2.2%
Information	2,400	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0%	-16.7%
Financial Activities	8,500	8,200	8,200	8,100	-1.2%	-4.7%
Finance & Insurance	5,300	5,200	5,200	5,100	-1.9%	-3.8%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,200	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%	-6.3%
Professional & Business Services	26,000	26,200	26,000	26,800	3.1%	3.1%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	9,800	9,800	9,600	9,900	3.1%	1.0%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	2,700	2,900	2,900	3,000	3.4%	11.1%
Administrative & Support & Waste Services	13,500	13,500	13,500	13,900	3.0%	3.0%
Educational & Health Services	34,600	35,800	35,500	35,500	0.0%	2.6%
Educational Services	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	6.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	33,100	34,200	33,900	33,900	0.0%	2.4%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	12,600	12,700	12,700	12,800	0.8%	1.6%
Hospitals	7,900	8,100	8,100	8,100	0.0%	2.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	25,800	25,400	25,300	25,600	1.2%	-0.8%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,800	2,500	2,500	2,600	4.0%	-7.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	23,000	22,900	22,800	23,000	0.9%	0.0%
Food Services & Drinking Places	21,000	20,800	21,100	21,300	0.9%	1.4%
Restaurants	20,300	20,000	20,200	20,400	1.0%	0.5%
Other Services	7,600	7,900	8,000	8,000	0.0%	5.3%
Government	64,600	64,100	64,700	64,800	0.2%	0.3%
Federal Government	10,000	10,300	10,300	10,300	0.0%	3.0%
Department of Defense	7,600	7,800	7,800	7,800	0.0%	2.6%
Federal Government excluding Department of	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,500	0.0%	4.2%
State & Local Government	54,600	53,800	54,400	54,500	0.2%	-0.2%
State Government	9,900	10,100	10,100	10,100	0.0%	2.0%
State Government Education	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	6.3%
State Government Excluding Education	8,300	8,400	8,400	8,400	0.0%	1.2%
Local Government	44,700	43,700	44,300	44,400	0.2%	-0.7%

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

Data Not Seasonally Adjusted

	Apr 16	Feb 17	Mar 17 Revised	Apr 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Local Government Education	30,200	30,900	31,500	31,500	0.0%	4.3%
Local Government Excluding Education	14,500	12,800	12,800	12,900	0.8%	-11.0%
County	9,400	7,700	7,700	7,800	1.3%	-17.0%
City	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0.0%	0.0%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	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 559/445-5708 or Ann Marshall 949/341-8051

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