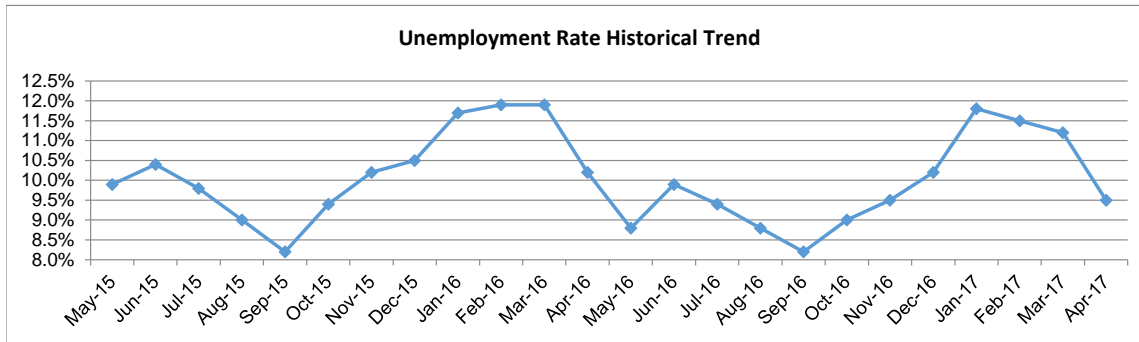


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 HANFORD-CORCORAN METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kings County)

The unemployment rate in the Kings County was 9.5 percent in April 2017, down from a revised 11.2 percent in March 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 10.2 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	44,400	45,700	1,300		46,200	45,700	(500)
Total Farm	6,300	7,200	900		8,100	7,200	(900)
Total Nonfarm	38,100	38,500	400		38,100	38,500	400
Mining, Logging, and Construction	900	900	0		900	900	0
Manufacturing	4,500	4,500	0		4,200	4,500	300
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,800	6,000	200		5,900	6,000	100
Information	200	200	0		200	200	0
Financial Activities	900	900	0		900	900	0
Professional & Business Services	1,300	1,300	0		1,300	1,300	0
Educational & Health Services	5,900	6,000	100		6,000	6,000	0
Leisure & Hospitality	3,300	3,400	100		3,300	3,400	100
Other Services	700	700	0		600	700	100
Government	14,600	14,600	0		14,800	14,600	(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

	Apr 16	Feb 17	Mar 17 Revised	Apr 17 Prelim	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	57,500	56,600	56,400	56,000	-0.7%	-2.6%
Civilian Employment	51,600	50,100	50,100	50,700	1.2%	-1.7%
Civilian Unemployment	5,900	6,500	6,300	5,300	-15.9%	-10.2%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	10.2%	11.5%	11.2%	9.5%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	5.2%	5.1%	4.5%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	4.7%	4.9%	4.6%	4.1%		

Total All Industries (2)	46,200	44,300	44,400	45,700	2.9%	-1.1%
Total Farm	8,100	6,000	6,300	7,200	14.3%	-11.1%
Total Nonfarm	38,100	38,300	38,100	38,500	1.0%	1.0%
Total Private	23,300	23,700	23,500	23,900	1.7%	2.6%
Goods Producing	5,100	5,500	5,400	5,400	0.0%	5.9%
Mining, Logging, and Construction	900	900	900	900	0.0%	0.0%
Manufacturing	4,200	4,600	4,500	4,500	0.0%	7.1%
Service Providing	33,000	32,800	32,700	33,100	1.2%	0.3%
Private Service Providing	18,200	18,200	18,100	18,500	2.2%	1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	5,900	5,800	5,800	6,000	3.4%	1.7%
Wholesale Trade	600	500	500	600	20.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,100	10.0%	10.0%
Information	200	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	900	900	900	900	0.0%	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	0.0%	0.0%
Educational & Health Services	6,000	6,000	5,900	6,000	1.7%	0.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,400	3.0%	3.0%
Other Services	600	700	700	700	0.0%	16.7%
Government	14,800	14,600	14,600	14,600	0.0%	-1.4%
Federal Government	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local Government	13,600	13,400	13,400	13,400	0.0%	-1.5%
State Government	5,500	5,300	5,300	5,300	0.0%	-3.6%
Local Government	8,100	8,100	8,100	8,100	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government Excluding Education	3,900	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	-2.6%
Special Districts plus Indian Tribes	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	-5.6%

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 Steven Gutierrez 559/445-6580

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