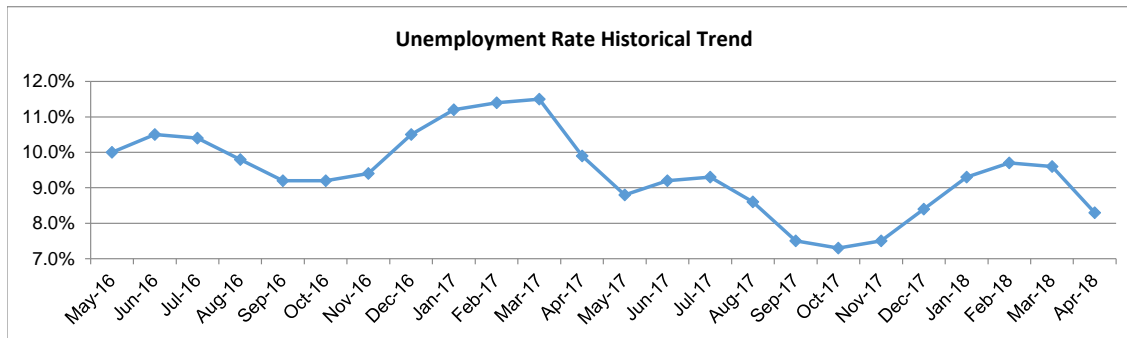


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 8.3 percent in April 2018, down from a revised 9.6 percent in March 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.9 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.8 percent for California and 3.7 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Mar-2018	Apr-2018	Change		Apr-2017	Apr-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total, All Industries	307,100	318,100	11,000		314,900	318,100	3,200
Total Farm	46,900	57,800	10,900		57,800	57,800	0
Total Nonfarm	260,200	260,300	100		257,100	260,300	3,200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,300	23,300	0		23,200	23,300	100
Mining and Logging	8,600	8,600	0		8,200	8,600	400
Construction	14,700	14,700	0		15,000	14,700	(300)
Manufacturing	13,500	13,600	100		13,200	13,600	400
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,600	51,700	100		50,700	51,700	1,000
Information	1,900	1,900	0		2,000	1,900	(100)
Financial Activities	8,400	8,200	(200)		8,200	8,200	0
Professional & Business Services	27,100	27,100	0		25,500	27,100	1,600
Educational & Health Services	37,500	37,200	(300)		36,300	37,200	900
Leisure & Hospitality	25,400	25,300	(100)		26,100	25,300	(800)
Other Services	7,900	8,000	100		7,600	8,000	400
Government	63,600	64,000	400		64,300	64,000	(300)

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)