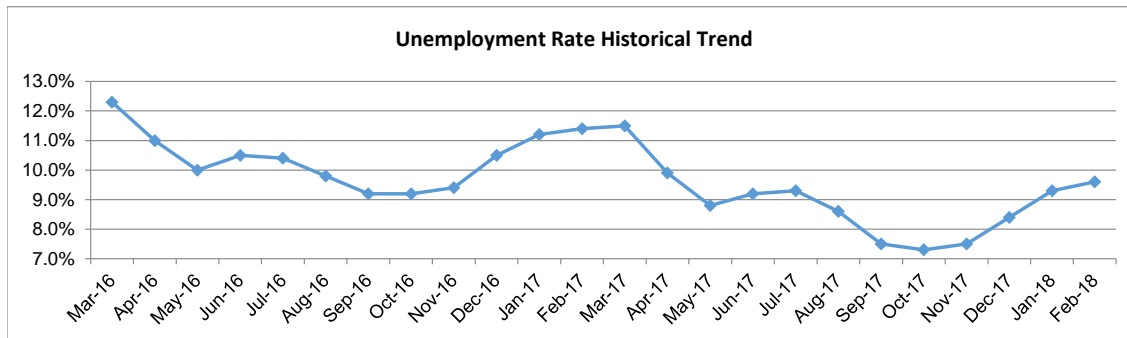


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 9.6 percent in February 2018, up from a revised 9.3 percent in January 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 11.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.5 percent for California and 4.4 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jan-2018	Feb-2018	Change		Feb-2017	Feb-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total, All Industries	313,200	312,800	(400)		305,700	312,800	7,100
Total Farm	53,600	52,500	(1,100)		51,900	52,500	600
Total Nonfarm	259,600	260,300	700		253,800	260,300	6,500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,700	23,600	(100)		22,400	23,600	1,200
Mining and Logging	8,700	8,600	(100)		8,000	8,600	600
Construction	15,000	15,000	0		14,400	15,000	600
Manufacturing	13,500	13,500	0		13,100	13,500	400
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	52,400	51,900	(500)		50,100	51,900	1,800
Information	1,900	1,900	0		2,000	1,900	(100)
Financial Activities	8,200	8,200	0		8,100	8,200	100
Professional & Business Services	26,700	27,100	400		25,600	27,100	1,500
Educational & Health Services	36,900	37,300	400		35,900	37,300	1,400
Leisure & Hospitality	25,200	25,400	200		25,200	25,400	200
Other Services	7,900	7,900	0		7,500	7,900	400
Government	63,200	63,500	300		63,900	63,500	(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