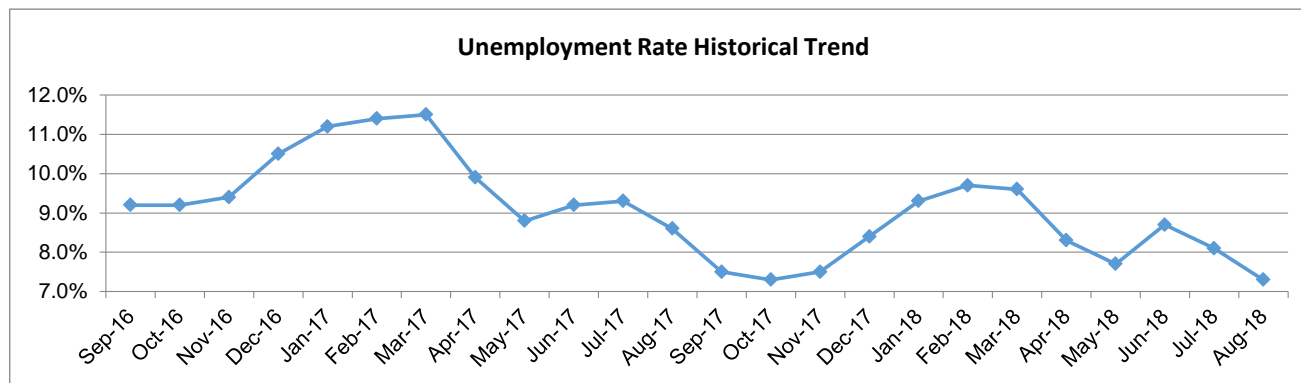


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 7.3 percent in August 2018, down from a revised 8.1 percent in July 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 8.6 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.3 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jul-2018	Aug-2018	Change		Aug-2017	Aug-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	327,300	335,400	8,100		329,000	335,400	6,400
Total Farm	68,800	73,300	4,500		73,000	73,300	300
Total Nonfarm	258,500	262,100	3,600		256,000	262,100	6,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,800	23,900	100		23,800	23,900	100
Mining and Logging	8,900	8,900	0		8,800	8,900	100
Construction	14,900	15,000	100		15,000	15,000	0
Manufacturing	13,800	13,800	0		13,900	13,800	(100)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,600	51,800	200		52,100	51,800	(300)
Information	1,900	1,900	0		1,900	1,900	0
Financial Activities	8,100	8,100	0		8,100	8,100	0
Professional & Business Services	27,500	27,400	(100)		25,800	27,400	1,600
Educational & Health Services	37,400	38,400	1,000		36,700	38,400	1,700
Leisure & Hospitality	27,000	27,300	300		25,700	27,300	1,600
Other Services	8,000	8,000	0		7,900	8,000	100
Government	59,400	61,500	2,100		60,100	61,500	1,400

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