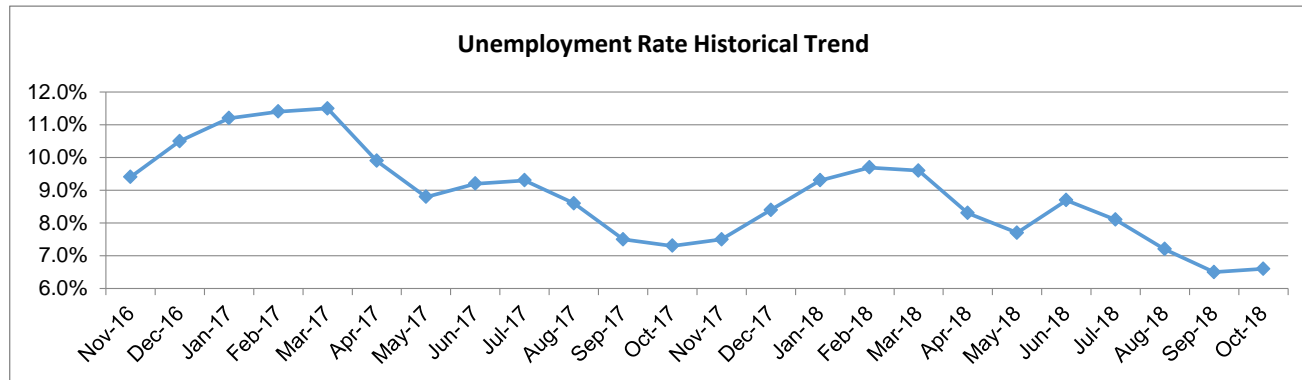


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 6.6 percent in October 2018, up from a revised 6.5 percent in September 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 7.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.0 percent for California and 3.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Sep-2018	Oct-2018	Change		Oct-2017	Oct-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	337,100	338,400	1,300		333,400	338,400	5,000
Total Farm	73,500	72,400	(1,100)		71,600	72,400	800
Total Nonfarm	263,600	266,000	2,400		261,800	266,000	4,200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,800	24,100	300		24,200	24,100	(100)
Mining and Logging	8,900	9,000	100		8,800	9,000	200
Construction	14,900	15,100	200		15,400	15,100	(300)
Manufacturing	13,400	13,500	100		13,800	13,500	(300)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,500	52,200	700		52,200	52,200	0
Information	1,900	1,900	0		1,900	1,900	0
Financial Activities	8,000	8,000	0		8,200	8,000	(200)
Professional & Business Services	27,300	27,100	(200)		26,200	27,100	900
Educational & Health Services	38,300	37,800	(500)		37,400	37,800	400
Leisure & Hospitality	27,100	27,300	200		25,800	27,300	1,500
Other Services	8,000	8,000	0		8,100	8,000	(100)
Government	64,300	66,100	1,800		64,000	66,100	2,100

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)