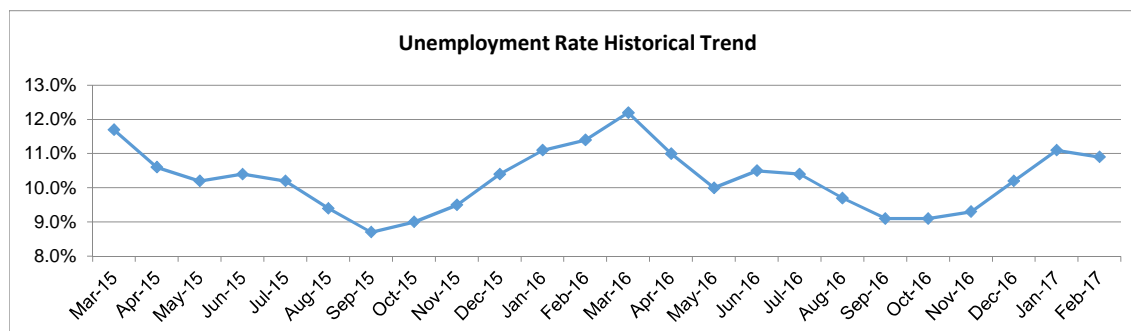


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 10.9 percent in February 2017, down from a revised 11.1 percent in January 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 11.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.2 percent for California and 4.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jan-2017	Feb-2017	Change		Feb-2016	Feb-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	310,700	309,800	(900)		309,400	309,800	400
Total Farm	55,300	53,300	(2,000)		53,300	53,300	0
Total Nonfarm	255,400	256,500	1,100		256,100	256,500	400
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,100	23,000	(100)		25,000	23,000	(2,000)
Mining and Logging	8,900	8,800	(100)		10,200	8,800	(1,400)
Construction	14,200	14,200	0		14,800	14,200	(600)
Manufacturing	13,800	13,700	(100)		13,400	13,700	300
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,100	51,200	100		50,200	51,200	1,000
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,600	2,000	(600)
Financial Activities	8,200	8,200	0		8,400	8,200	(200)
Professional & Business Services	26,300	26,100	(200)		25,900	26,100	200
Educational & Health Services	35,300	35,900	600		34,200	35,900	1,700
Leisure & Hospitality	25,000	25,400	400		25,200	25,400	200
Other Services	7,900	7,900	0		7,400	7,900	500
Government	62,700	63,100	400		63,800	63,100	(700)

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