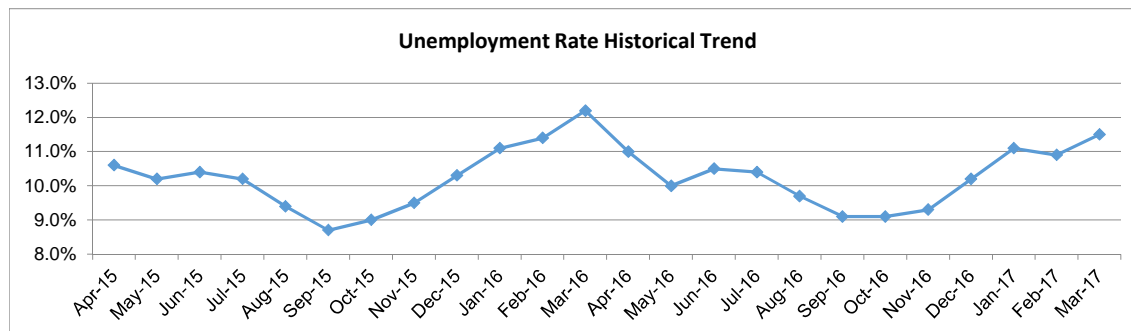


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 11.5 percent in March 2017, up from a revised 10.9 percent in February 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 12.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.1 percent for California and 4.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Feb-2017	Mar-2017	Change		Mar-2016	Mar-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	310,800	302,000	(8,800)		299,700	302,000	2,300
Total Farm	53,300	43,900	(9,400)		43,900	43,900	0
Total Nonfarm	257,500	258,100	600		255,800	258,100	2,300
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,000	23,200	200		24,000	23,200	(800)
Mining and Logging	8,800	8,900	100		9,900	8,900	(1,000)
Construction	14,200	14,300	100		14,100	14,300	200
Manufacturing	13,700	13,600	(100)		13,400	13,600	200
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,200	51,200	0		50,200	51,200	1,000
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,300	2,000	(300)
Financial Activities	8,200	8,100	(100)		8,300	8,100	(200)
Professional & Business Services	26,200	26,000	(200)		25,800	26,000	200
Educational & Health Services	35,800	35,500	(300)		34,200	35,500	1,300
Leisure & Hospitality	25,400	25,600	200		25,500	25,600	100
Other Services	7,900	8,000	100		7,600	8,000	400
Government	64,100	64,900	800		64,500	64,900	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