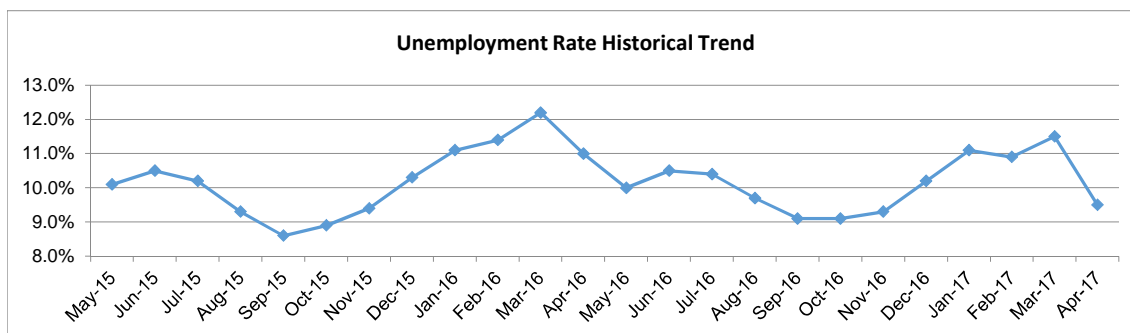


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 9.5 percent in April 2017, down from a revised 11.5 percent in March 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 11.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.5 percent for California and 4.1 percent for the nation during the same period.



| Industry | Mar-2017 | Apr-2017 | Change | | Apr-2016 | Apr-2017 | Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|--|----------|----------|--------|
| | Revised | Prelim | | | | Prelim | |
| Total, All Industries | 301,600 | 317,700 | 16,100 | | 315,600 | 317,700 | 2,100 |
| Total Farm | 43,900 | 58,400 | 14,500 | | 58,400 | 58,400 | 0 |
| Total Nonfarm | 257,700 | 259,300 | 1,600 | | 257,200 | 259,300 | 2,100 |
| Mining, Logging, and Construction | 23,100 | 23,200 | 100 | | 23,500 | 23,200 | (300) |
| Mining and Logging | 8,900 | 9,000 | 100 | | 9,300 | 9,000 | (300) |
| Construction | 14,200 | 14,200 | 0 | | 14,200 | 14,200 | 0 |
| Manufacturing | 13,800 | 13,800 | 0 | | 13,300 | 13,800 | 500 |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 51,100 | 51,500 | 400 | | 50,900 | 51,500 | 600 |
| Information | 2,000 | 2,000 | 0 | | 2,400 | 2,000 | (400) |
| Financial Activities | 8,200 | 8,100 | (100) | | 8,500 | 8,100 | (400) |
| Professional & Business Services | 26,000 | 26,800 | 800 | | 26,000 | 26,800 | 800 |
| Educational & Health Services | 35,500 | 35,500 | 0 | | 34,600 | 35,500 | 900 |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 25,300 | 25,600 | 300 | | 25,800 | 25,600 | (200) |
| Other Services | 8,000 | 8,000 | 0 | | 7,600 | 8,000 | 400 |
| Government | 64,700 | 64,800 | 100 | | 64,600 | 64,800 | 200 |

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