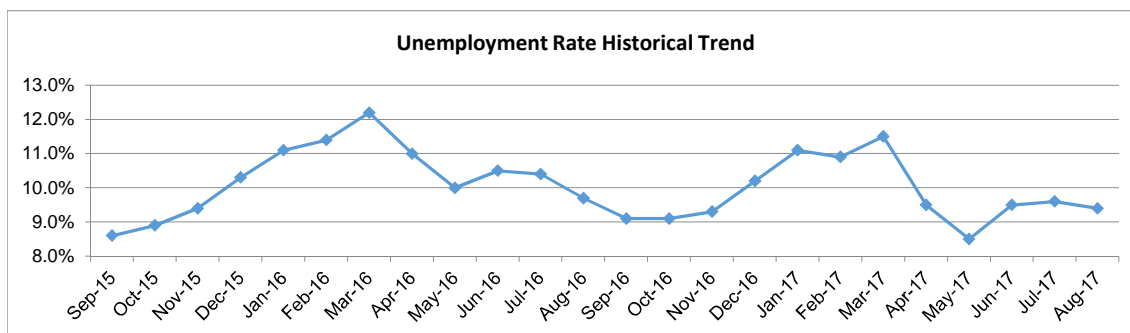


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 9.4 percent in August 2017, down from a revised 9.6 percent in July 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.4 percent for California and 4.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jul-2017	Aug-2017	Change		Aug-2016	Aug-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	325,700	331,700	6,000		325,700	331,700	6,000
Total Farm	71,800	75,700	3,900		73,700	75,700	2,000
Total Nonfarm	253,900	256,000	2,100		252,000	256,000	4,000
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,600	23,600	0		23,500	23,600	100
Mining and Logging	9,100	9,000	(100)		9,000	9,000	0
Construction	14,500	14,600	100		14,500	14,600	100
Manufacturing	13,800	14,100	300		13,900	14,100	200
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	52,500	52,500	0		51,100	52,500	1,400
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,000	2,000	0
Financial Activities	8,300	8,300	0		8,400	8,300	(100)
Professional & Business Services	25,500	24,900	(600)		25,600	24,900	(700)
Educational & Health Services	35,000	35,100	100		35,000	35,100	100
Leisure & Hospitality	26,700	26,400	(300)		25,300	26,400	1,100
Other Services	8,100	8,200	100		8,000	8,200	200
Government	58,400	60,900	2,500		59,200	60,900	1,700

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