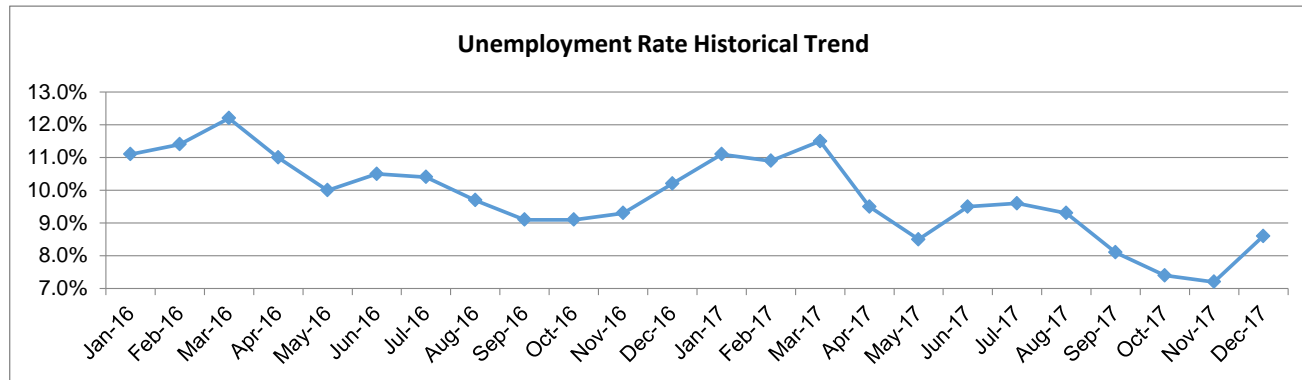


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 8.6 percent in December 2017, up from a revised 7.2 percent in November 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 10.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.2 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Change		Dec-2016	Dec-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	328,200	317,300	(10,900)		313,600	317,300	3,700
Total Farm	65,000	54,200	(10,800)		54,300	54,200	(100)
Total Nonfarm	263,200	263,100	(100)		259,300	263,100	3,800
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,400	23,200	(200)		23,400	23,200	(200)
Mining and Logging	9,000	8,900	(100)		9,000	8,900	(100)
Construction	14,400	14,300	(100)		14,400	14,300	(100)
Manufacturing	13,700	13,700	0		14,000	13,700	(300)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	54,200	54,200	0		52,700	54,200	1,500
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,000	2,000	0
Financial Activities	8,200	8,300	100		8,200	8,300	100
Professional & Business Services	25,400	25,500	100		26,400	25,500	(900)
Educational & Health Services	36,400	36,500	100		35,300	36,500	1,200
Leisure & Hospitality	25,800	25,400	(400)		24,800	25,400	600
Other Services	8,200	8,200	0		7,900	8,200	300
Government	65,900	66,100	200		64,600	66,100	1,500

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)