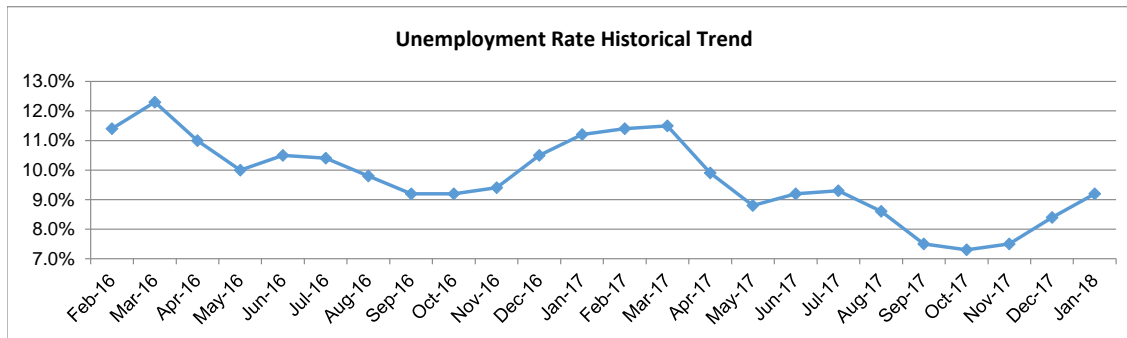


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in the Kern County was 9.2 percent in January 2018, up from a revised 8.4 percent in December 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 11.2 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.6 percent for California and 4.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Dec-2017	Jan-2018	Change		Jan-2017	Jan-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total, All Industries	317,700	313,100	(4,600)		305,900	313,100	7,200
Total Farm	54,900	53,600	(1,300)		52,900	53,600	700
Total Nonfarm	262,800	259,500	(3,300)		253,000	259,500	6,500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,900	23,800	(100)		22,500	23,800	1,300
Mining and Logging	8,800	8,800	0		8,200	8,800	600
Construction	15,100	15,000	(100)		14,300	15,000	700
Manufacturing	13,800	13,500	(300)		13,100	13,500	400
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	53,500	52,300	(1,200)		50,600	52,300	1,700
Information	1,900	1,900	0		2,000	1,900	(100)
Financial Activities	8,200	8,200	0		8,300	8,200	(100)
Professional & Business Services	26,800	26,600	(200)		25,400	26,600	1,200
Educational & Health Services	37,200	36,900	(300)		35,300	36,900	1,600
Leisure & Hospitality	25,300	25,000	(300)		24,900	25,000	100
Other Services	8,000	7,900	(100)		7,500	7,900	400
Government	64,200	63,400	(800)		63,400	63,400	0

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