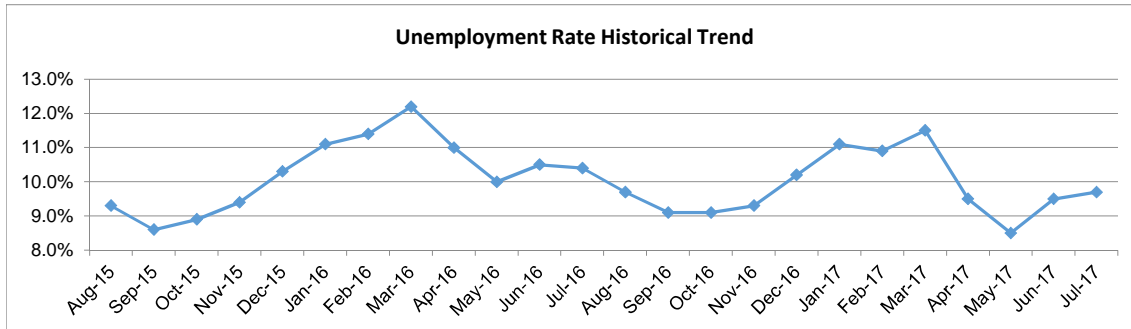


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 9.7 percent in July 2017, up from a revised 9.5 percent in June 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 10.4 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.4 percent for California and 4.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Jun-2017	Jul-2017	Change		Jul-2016	Jul-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	324,000	325,400	1,400		321,900	325,400	3,500
Total Farm	65,300	71,800	6,500		71,400	71,800	400
Total Nonfarm	258,700	253,600	(5,100)		250,500	253,600	3,100
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,500	23,600	100		23,500	23,600	100
Mining and Logging	9,100	9,100	0		9,100	9,100	0
Construction	14,400	14,500	100		14,400	14,500	100
Manufacturing	13,900	13,800	(100)		13,600	13,800	200
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,900	52,300	400		50,900	52,300	1,400
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,100	2,000	(100)
Financial Activities	8,200	8,300	100		8,400	8,300	(100)
Professional & Business Services	25,500	25,500	0		25,600	25,500	(100)
Educational & Health Services	35,200	35,000	(200)		34,600	35,000	400
Leisure & Hospitality	26,100	26,700	600		25,500	26,700	1,200
Other Services	8,000	8,100	100		7,600	8,100	500
Government	64,400	58,300	(6,100)		58,700	58,300	(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