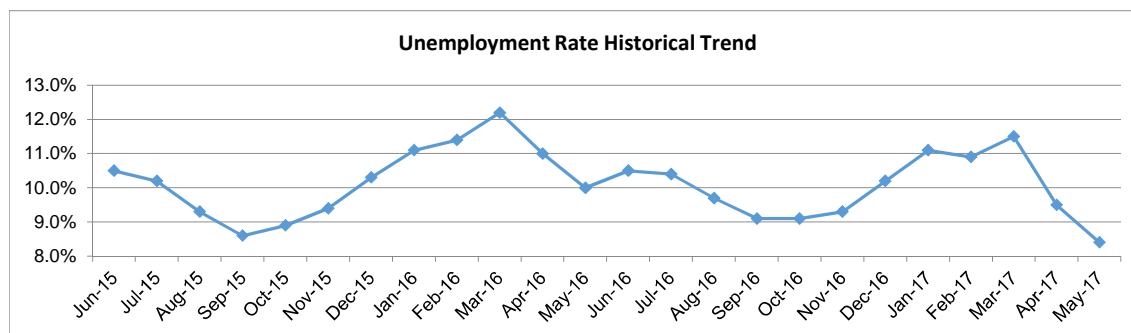


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 8.4 percent in May 2017, down from a revised 9.5 percent in April 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 10.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.2 percent for California and 4.1 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Apr-2017	May-2017	Change		May-2016	May-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	316,900	323,600	6,700		321,300	323,600	2,300
Total Farm	58,400	64,600	6,200		64,700	64,600	(100)
Total Nonfarm	258,500	259,000	500		256,600	259,000	2,400
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,100	23,400	300		23,300	23,400	100
Mining and Logging	8,900	9,000	100		9,200	9,000	(200)
Construction	14,200	14,400	200		14,100	14,400	300
Manufacturing	13,800	13,700	(100)		13,200	13,700	500
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,400	51,800	400		51,200	51,800	600
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,000	2,000	0
Financial Activities	8,100	8,200	100		8,500	8,200	(300)
Professional & Business Services	26,500	26,000	(500)		25,700	26,000	300
Educational & Health Services	35,500	35,600	100		34,500	35,600	1,100
Leisure & Hospitality	25,500	25,400	(100)		25,800	25,400	(400)
Other Services	8,000	8,100	100		7,500	8,100	600
Government	64,600	64,800	200		64,900	64,800	(100)

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)