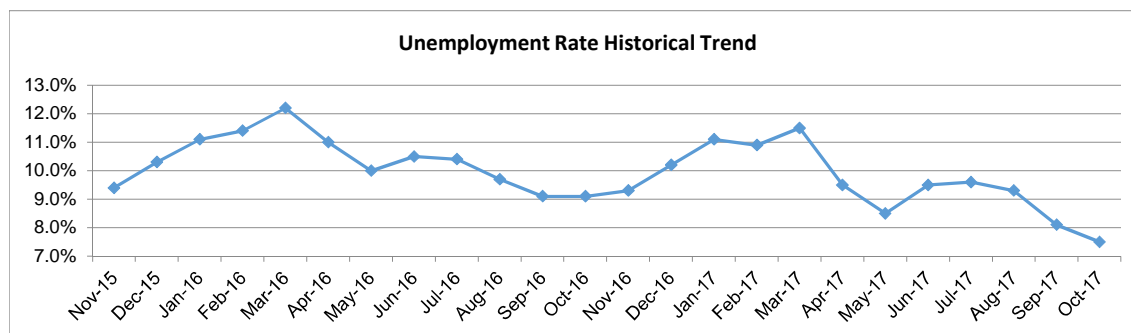


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 7.5 percent in October 2017, down from a revised 8.1 percent in September 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.1 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.3 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Sep-2017	Oct-2017	Change		Oct-2016	Oct-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	332,900	334,000	1,100		329,000	334,000	5,000
Total Farm	74,100	72,300	(1,800)		72,100	72,300	200
Total Nonfarm	258,800	261,700	2,900		256,900	261,700	4,800
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,400	23,400	0		23,700	23,400	(300)
Mining and Logging	9,000	9,000	0		9,100	9,000	(100)
Construction	14,400	14,400	0		14,600	14,400	(200)
Manufacturing	13,700	13,500	(200)		14,000	13,500	(500)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	52,500	52,900	400		51,100	52,900	1,800
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,000	2,000	0
Financial Activities	8,100	8,300	200		8,200	8,300	100
Professional & Business Services	24,900	25,200	300		26,200	25,200	(1,000)
Educational & Health Services	35,800	36,400	600		35,100	36,400	1,300
Leisure & Hospitality	26,200	26,000	(200)		24,700	26,000	1,300
Other Services	8,200	8,200	0		8,000	8,200	200
Government	64,000	65,800	1,800		63,900	65,800	1,900

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)