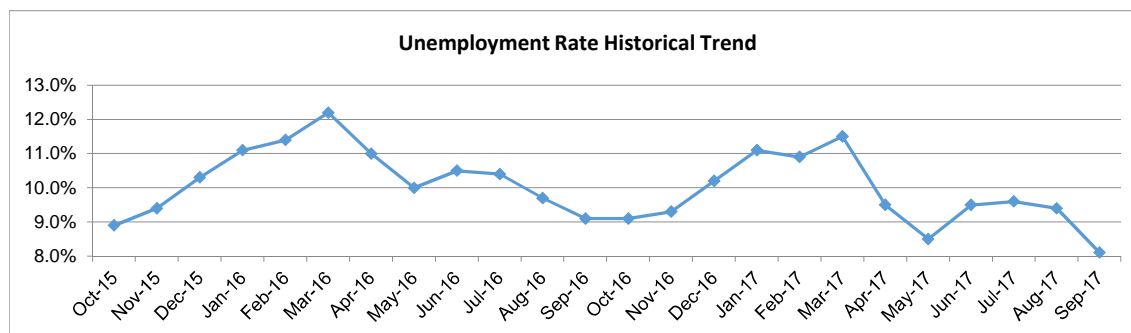


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 8.1 percent in September 2017, down from a revised 9.4 percent in August 2017, and below the year-ago estimate of 9.1 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.7 percent for California and 4.1 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Aug-2017	Sep-2017	Change		Sep-2016	Sep-2017	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	331,200	332,900	1,700		328,300	332,900	4,600
Total Farm	74,700	73,900	(800)		73,300	73,900	600
Total Nonfarm	256,500	259,000	2,500		255,000	259,000	4,000
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,600	23,400	(200)		23,600	23,400	(200)
Mining and Logging	9,000	9,000	0		9,000	9,000	0
Construction	14,600	14,400	(200)		14,600	14,400	(200)
Manufacturing	13,700	13,700	0		14,400	13,700	(700)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	52,600	52,500	(100)		50,900	52,500	1,600
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,000	2,000	0
Financial Activities	8,200	8,100	(100)		8,200	8,100	(100)
Professional & Business Services	24,700	25,100	400		26,100	25,100	(1,000)
Educational & Health Services	35,700	35,800	100		34,900	35,800	900
Leisure & Hospitality	26,400	26,100	(300)		25,100	26,100	1,000
Other Services	8,100	8,200	100		7,900	8,200	300
Government	61,500	64,100	2,600		61,900	64,100	2,200

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