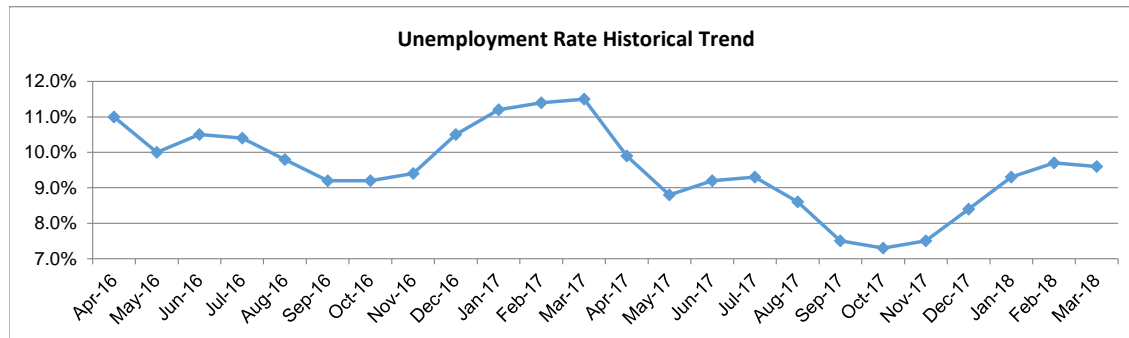


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)  
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 9.6 percent in March 2018, down from a revised 9.7 percent in February 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 11.5 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	Feb-2018	Mar-2018	Change		Mar-2017	Mar-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	

Total, All Industries	312,500	307,000	(5,500)		303,100	307,000	3,900
Total Farm	52,500	46,900	(5,600)		46,800	46,900	100
Total Nonfarm	260,000	260,100	100		256,300	260,100	3,800
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,600	23,200	(400)		22,800	23,200	400
Mining and Logging	8,600	8,600	0		8,100	8,600	500
Construction	15,000	14,600	(400)		14,700	14,600	(100)
Manufacturing	13,500	13,500	0		13,100	13,500	400
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,900	51,500	(400)		50,200	51,500	1,300
Information	1,900	1,900	0		2,000	1,900	(100)
Financial Activities	8,200	8,400	200		8,300	8,400	100
Professional & Business Services	27,100	27,000	(100)		25,900	27,000	1,100
Educational & Health Services	37,300	37,500	200		36,100	37,500	1,400
Leisure & Hospitality	25,100	25,500	400		25,600	25,500	(100)
Other Services	7,900	7,900	0		7,600	7,900	300
Government	63,500	63,700	200		64,700	63,700	(1,000)

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)