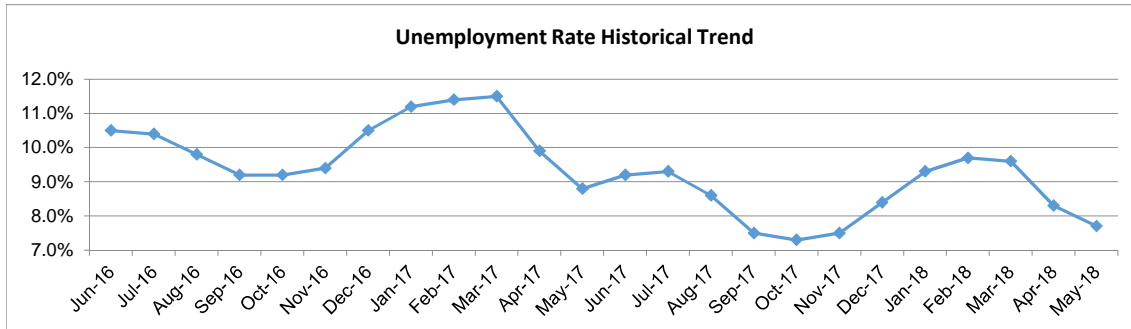


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 7.7 percent in May 2018, down from a revised 8.3 percent in April 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 8.8 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.7 percent for California and 3.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Apr-2018	May-2018	Change		May-2017	May-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	318,600	327,000	8,400		323,400	327,000	3,600
Total Farm	57,800	65,300	7,500		65,200	65,300	100
Total Nonfarm	260,800	261,700	900		258,200	261,700	3,500
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,400	23,300	(100)		23,200	23,300	100
Mining and Logging	8,600	8,600	0		8,300	8,600	300
Construction	14,800	14,700	(100)		14,900	14,700	(200)
Manufacturing	13,600	13,600	0		13,300	13,600	300
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,900	51,900	0		51,200	51,900	700
Information	1,900	1,900	0		2,000	1,900	(100)
Financial Activities	8,200	8,100	(100)		8,200	8,100	(100)
Professional & Business Services	27,000	27,100	100		25,600	27,100	1,500
Educational & Health Services	37,300	37,200	(100)		36,400	37,200	800
Leisure & Hospitality	25,400	26,200	800		26,500	26,200	(300)
Other Services	8,000	8,000	0		7,600	8,000	400
Government	64,100	64,400	300		64,200	64,400	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