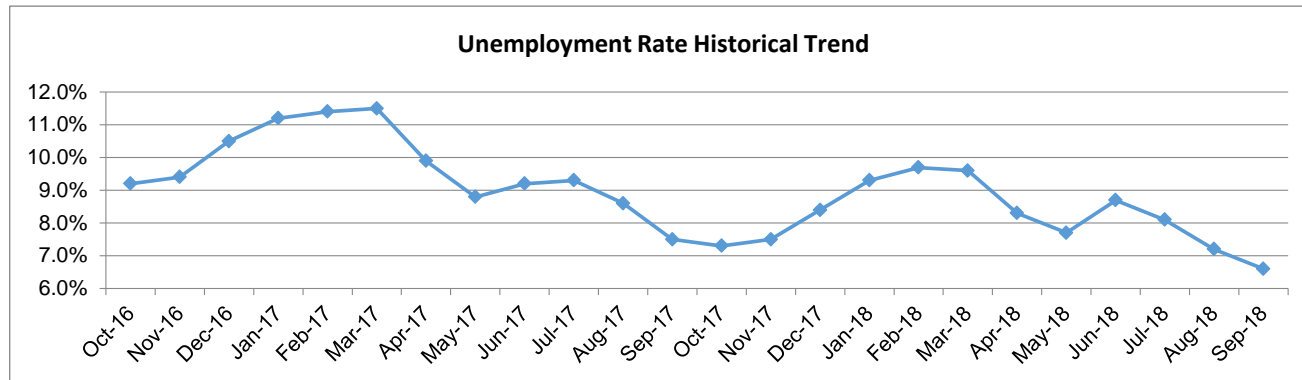


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 6.6 percent in September 2018, down from a revised 7.2 percent in August 2018, and below the year-ago estimate of 7.5 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 3.9 percent for California and 3.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Aug-2018	Sep-2018	Change		Sep-2017	Sep-2018	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	331,100	336,100	5,000		332,000	336,100	4,100
Total Farm	68,800	73,500	4,700		73,200	73,500	300
Total Nonfarm	262,300	262,600	300		258,800	262,600	3,800
Mining, Logging, and Construction	23,900	23,800	(100)		24,100	23,800	(300)
Mining and Logging	8,900	8,900	0		8,800	8,900	100
Construction	15,000	14,900	(100)		15,300	14,900	(400)
Manufacturing	13,800	13,600	(200)		13,900	13,600	(300)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	51,900	51,600	(300)		51,800	51,600	(200)
Information	1,900	1,900	0		1,900	1,900	0
Financial Activities	8,100	8,000	(100)		8,200	8,000	(200)
Professional & Business Services	27,500	27,100	(400)		25,900	27,100	1,200
Educational & Health Services	38,300	38,300	0		36,700	38,300	1,600
Leisure & Hospitality	27,200	26,900	(300)		25,800	26,900	1,100
Other Services	8,000	8,000	0		8,000	8,000	0
Government	61,700	63,400	1,700		62,500	63,400	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