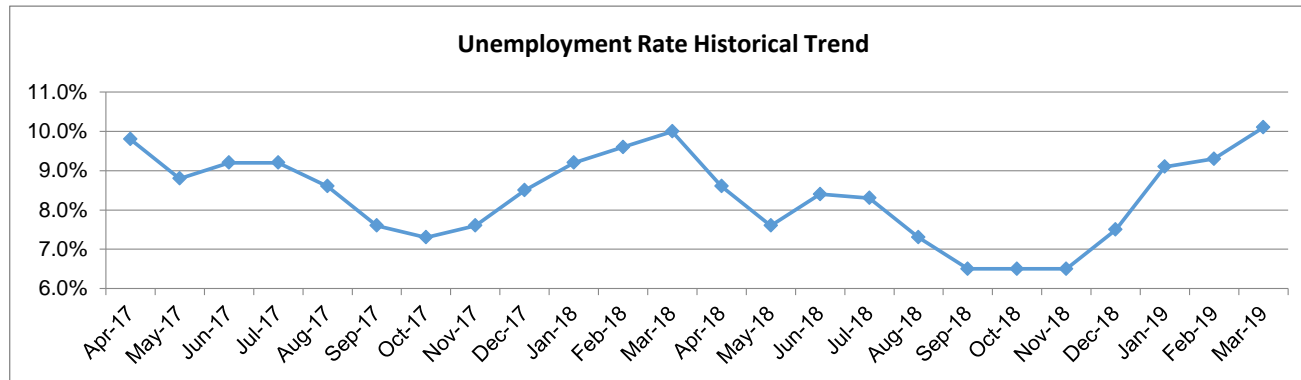


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 BAKERSFIELD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Kern County)

The unemployment rate in Kern County was 10.1 percent in March 2019, up from a revised 9.3 percent in February 2019, and above the year-ago estimate of 10.0 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.6 percent for California and 3.9 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Feb-2019	Mar-2019	Change		Mar-2018	Mar-2019	Change
	Revised	Prelim				Prelim	
Total, All Industries	325,000	319,400	(5,600)		307,000	319,400	12,400
Total Farm	54,700	48,600	(6,100)		42,400	48,600	6,200
Total Nonfarm	270,300	270,800	500		264,600	270,800	6,200
Mining, Logging, and Construction	25,900	25,600	(300)		24,500	25,600	1,100
Mining and Logging	9,300	9,300	0		9,200	9,300	100
Construction	16,600	16,300	(300)		15,300	16,300	1,000
Manufacturing	13,000	13,000	0		13,200	13,000	(200)
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	53,700	53,700	0		52,700	53,700	1,000
Information	2,000	2,000	0		2,000	2,000	0
Financial Activities	7,500	7,400	(100)		7,500	7,400	(100)
Professional & Business Services	27,200	27,000	(200)		26,600	27,000	400
Educational & Health Services	39,500	39,800	300		37,200	39,800	2,600
Leisure & Hospitality	26,400	26,500	100		26,500	26,500	0
Other Services	8,100	8,200	100		7,600	8,200	600
Government	67,000	67,600	600		66,800	67,600	800

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