

# Employers' Training Resource

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## 9th Annual "Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet" Job and Resource Fair

The Bakersfield Employment Development Department in partnership with America's Job Center of California held its annual "Honor a Hero, Hire a Vet" Job and Resource Fair on Thurs. June 25th at the Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center. This event was open to all Job Seekers, Veterans, National Guards and Reservists returning from active duty. The week prior to the event, Veterans also had the opportunity to obtain no-cost haircuts; career counseling; access to the career closet and a job fair readiness / resume workshop.

### Event Highlights

- 118 Veterans Attended
- 564 Job Seekers Attended
- 21 Veterans were hired on the spot
- 69 Employers and 14 Resources Participated
- 100% of Employer Participants stated they would like to participate next year

**Please take a moment to view a video of the 2015 Event**

<https://youtu.be/qSGZ3INfnkU>



**Pre-Apprenticeship Class Graduates Ready to Join Labor Workforce**

A graduation ceremony was held July 10th at the IBEW Labor Union located at 3921 North Sillect Avenue, Bakersfield, CA for the second class of students from the Multi-Craft Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program - an innovative training program that prepares workers for public infrastructure construction jobs.

19 Trainees were honored at the ceremony hosted by the Kern, Inyo, Mono Building and Construction Trades Council, America's Job Center serving Kern, Inyo and Mono Counties in partnership with the Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board and the Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.

The Trainees started the six-week program on June 1st. A grant from the California Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Worker Additional Assistance Project funded the training.

Officials have praised the Pre-Apprenticeship class as an important training tool and a valuable option for those who need and want new skills. Such job-training programs are particularly critical in the 14-county Central Valley, where studies show that roughly \$36 billion in public infrastructure projects are projected to roll out between 2010 and 2020.

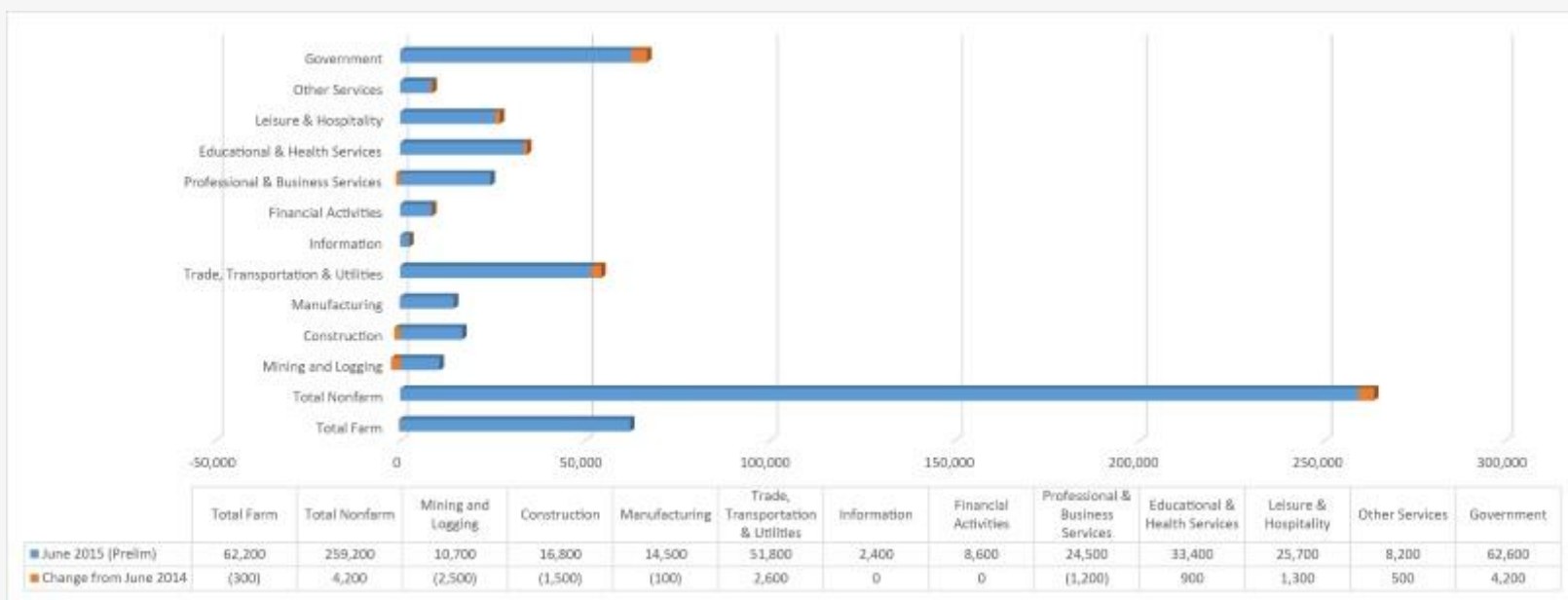
In partnership with the Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board (FRWIB), the Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties Building and Construction Trades Council conducted two pre-apprenticeship classes in Fresno last year and this is the second in Bakersfield. Officials say the majority of Trainees who completed these classes found work as apprentices or in other jobs.

## Labor Market Trends

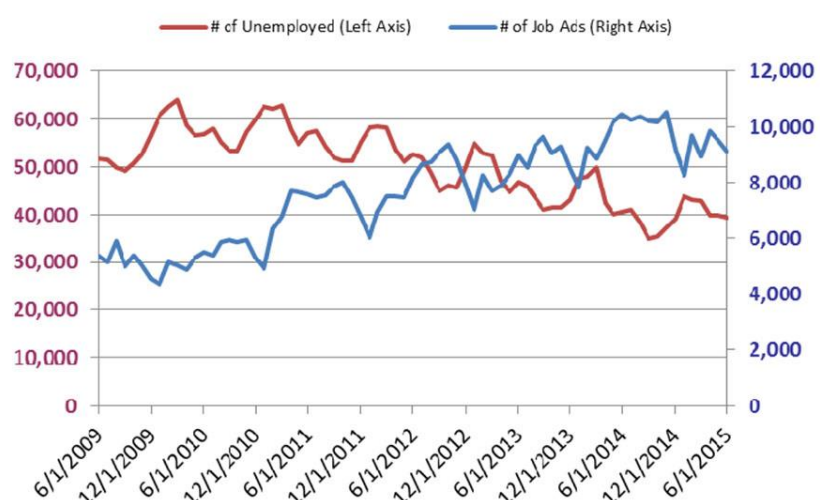
The Kern County Monthly Employment Report (May 2015 to June 2015) shows a decrease in unemployment, labor force and employment.

Highlights from the report include:

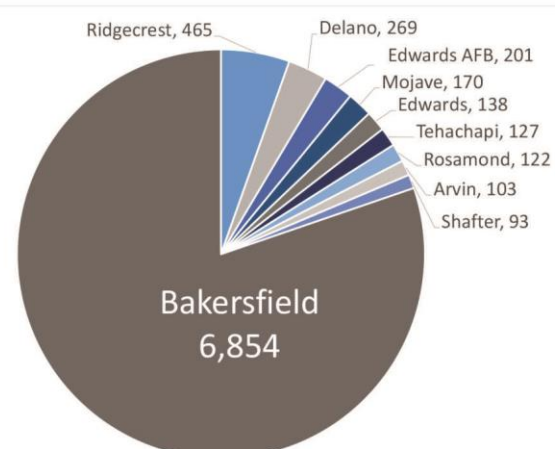
- Kern County's unemployment rate was 9.9% in June 2015, down from a revised 10.0% in May 2015 and below the year-ago estimate of 10.3%
- This compares to the unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.2% for California and 5.5% for the Nation
- Labor force decreased by 0.2%
- Employment decreased by 0.1%
- Unemployment decreased by 1.3 %
- Six sectors had month-over employment gains with Government and Non-Farm both reporting the largest gain of 4,200 jobs added for each sector
- Mining and Logging had the largest month-over employment loss, with a decline of 2,500 jobs



Number of Job Ads vs. Number of Unemployed



Cities with Most Job Ads



## Occupations with Most Job Ads

Registered Nurses - 690  
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers - 468  
Receptionists and Information Clerks - 168  
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers - 165  
Retail Salespersons - 162  
Customer Service Representatives - 144  
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General - 144  
Executive Secretaries & Executive Administrative Assistants - 138  
Physical Therapists - 134  
Office Clerks, General - 12

## Employers with Most Job Ads

Mercy Hospital - 295  
TruStaff - 142  
Kern Community College District - 130  
Air Force Materiel Command - 120  
Act 1 - 105  
Robert Half International - 92  
Kern High School District - 75  
Kaiser Permanente - 73  
Supplemental Health Care - 72  
CTG - Computer Task Group - 69

*Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality.*

*Labor force data are revised month to month*

*Additional data is available online at [www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)*

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