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## Inland unemployment to rise to 16 percent by mid-2010, economists say

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The economy has at least another year of weakness before a person seeking a job in Inland Southern California can expect to see some solid offerings, a team of economists said this morning.

Unemployment, most recently pegged by state officials to be at an all-time high of 12.9 percent in Riverside and San Bernardino counties, will rise to almost 16 percent in the middle of 2010 before the region's job market starts coming back, said Brad Kemp, an economist with Los Angeles-based Beacon Economics.

The current recession, considered the worst downturn in 70 years, will cost the Inland region about 150,000 jobs before conditions improve.

Kemp and Christopher Thornberg, founding member of Beacon Economics, were at the University of Redlands this morning to deliver their semiannual forecast on the Inland economy.

The economists told a large crowd of Inland business leaders that this cycle, while painful, will end and that conditions will get better. But the job market will be the last facet of the economy to recover as businesses try to get back into full productivity with fewer people.

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