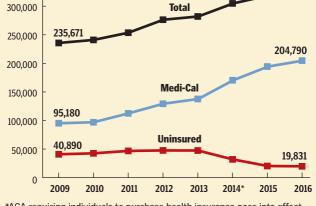
## **Kern County hospital emergency room** visits since Affordable Care Act passed 329,727

350,000



\*ACA requiring individuals to purchase health insurance goes into effect.

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