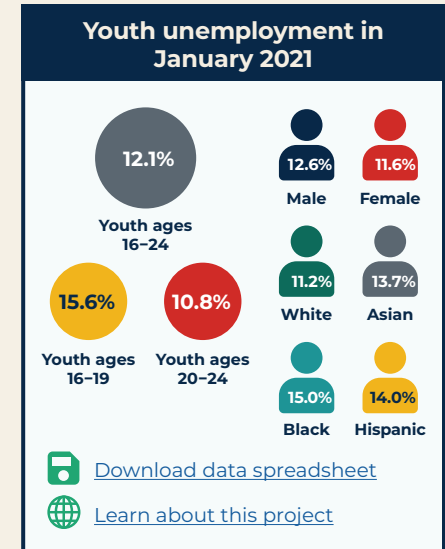
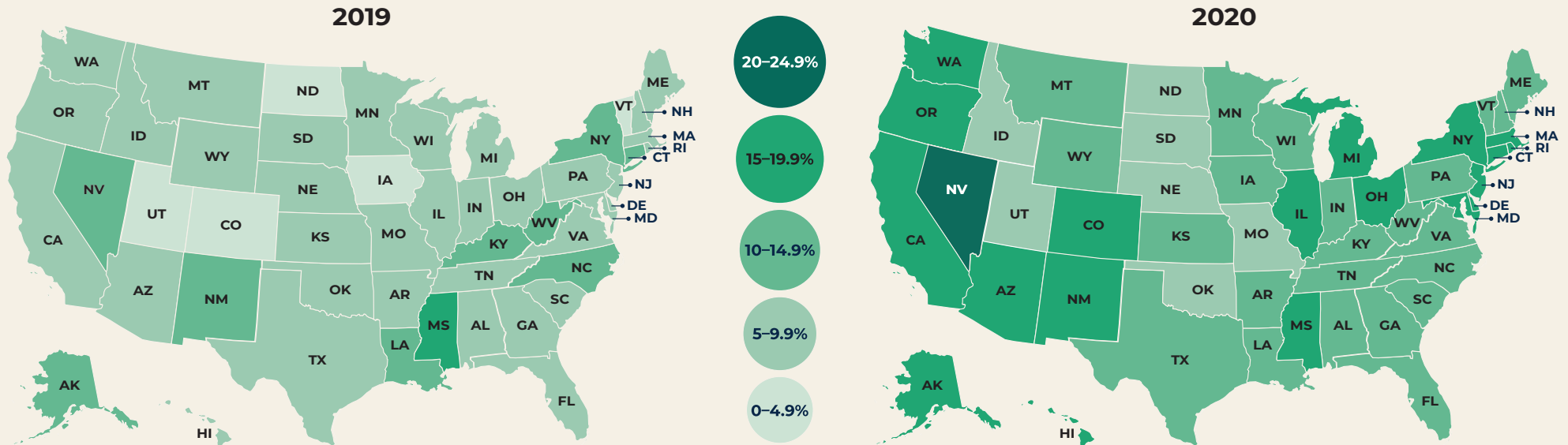


State-Level Youth Unemployment Rates (%) from 2019 to 2020

- In 2020, youth unemployment increased significantly across all states due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on economic activity and employment opportunities for youth. In 2020 every state experienced a jump in youth unemployment rates from 2019, as indicated by the darker green shades in the figure below.
- Higher levels of youth unemployment were particularly concentrated in the West Coast and Northeast. These parts of the country were hit hardest by COVID-19 early on in the pandemic, which in turn led to stricter stay-at-home orders and state policies aimed at addressing the spread of the virus. These regional impacts on economic activity led to a decrease in youth employment opportunities.
- As 2020 came to end, states started rolling out COVID-19 vaccines, providing a first glimpse of hope for economic recovery. However, early on states are experiencing differences in vaccine distribution rates and challenges they face. Therefore, the path to economic recovery and youth employment opportunities will likely differ from state to state as 2021 continues.



State-level youth unemployment rates



Source: Mathematica estimates based on the monthly Current Population Survey and using the Bureau of Labor Statistics' definition of unemployed and civil labor force.

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