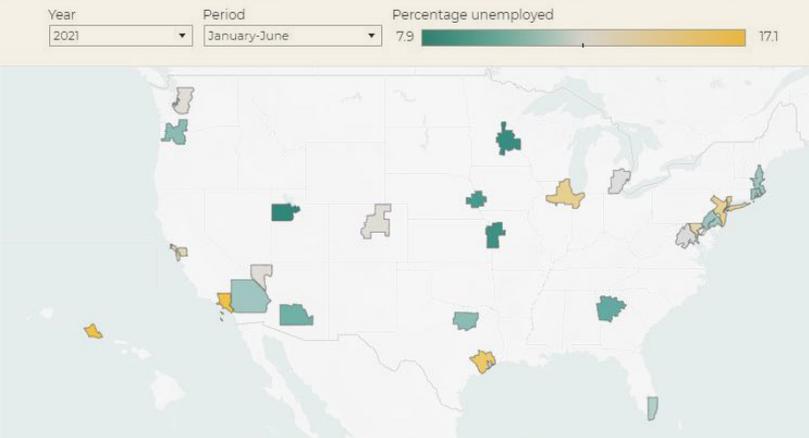


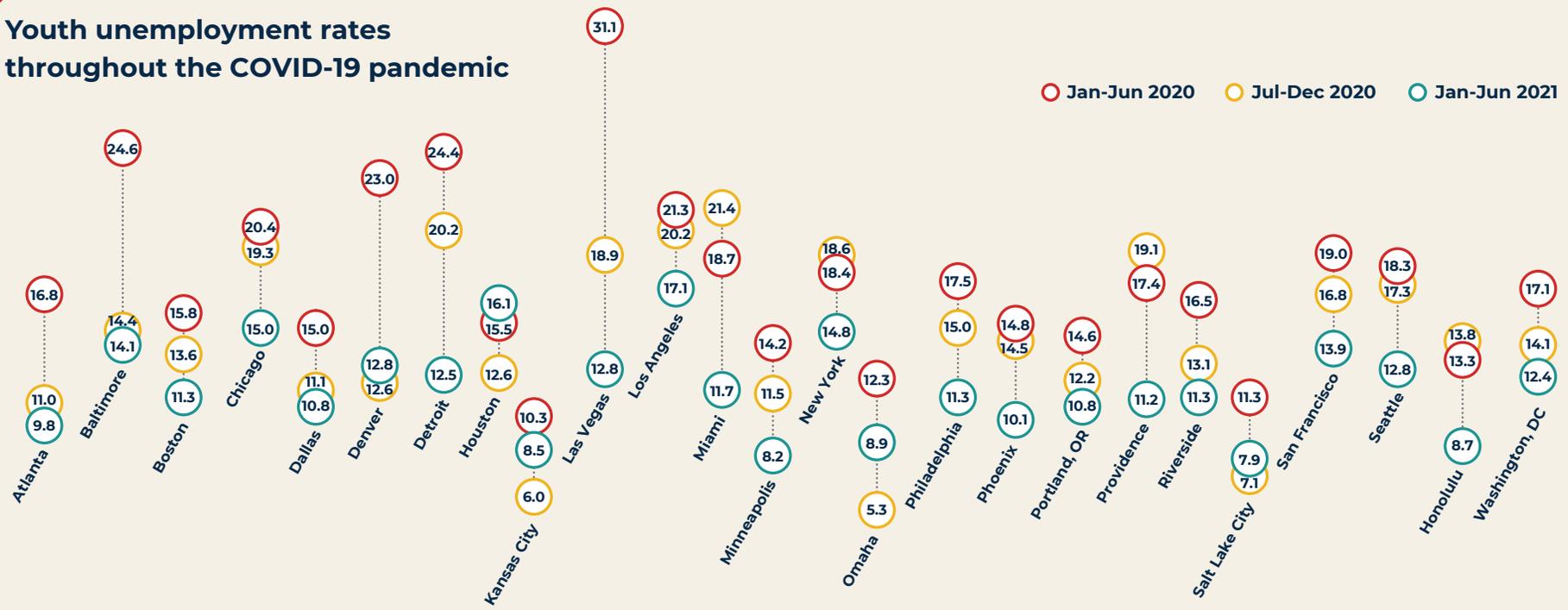
# COVID-19 Effects and Youth Unemployment Rates in Metro Areas, January-June 2021

Semi-annual youth unemployment rates in selected metro areas



- In the first half of 2020, when many businesses shut down in response to COVID, youth unemployment rates peaked. Afterward, the rates decreased gradually in almost all the selected metro areas where data are available.
- Only Houston had a higher unemployment rate in the first half of 2021 than it did during the initial 2020 outbreak of COVID-19.
- The five metro areas with the highest youth unemployment rates, ranked from highest to lowest, were Baltimore, New York, Chicago, Houston, and Los Angeles—all with a rate of 14.1 percent or higher.
- The five metro areas with the lowest youth unemployment rates, ranked from lowest to highest, were Salt Lake City, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Honolulu, and Omaha—all with a rate of 8.9 percent or lower.

## Youth unemployment rates throughout the COVID-19 pandemic



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

Notes: Estimates do not account for any seasonal patterns. Explore the interactive database [here](#).

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