Youth Unemployment Rates in Metro Areas, 2019 to 2020

Metro area	% change (0 100 200 300)	2019 %	2019 Rank	2020 %	2020 Rank
United States		**8.4**	–	**15.1**	–
Orlando		3.9	3	14.1	22
Burlington, VT		2.5	1	8.8	6
Denver		5.2	10	17.4	40
Baltimore		6.1	15	19.0	45
Nashville		4.5	6	14.0	21
Sacramento		4.7	7	14.5	25
Cincinnati		6.1	16	16.9	38
San Antonio		6.2	18	17.0	39
San Francisco		6.8	24	17.7	41
Boston		5.7	13	14.7	27
Seattle		7.2	26	17.8	42
Los Angeles		8.6	34	20.7	48
Wichita		4.2	4	9.9	11
Manchester		5.7	14	13.3	17
Providence		8.2	29	18.3	43
Detroit		10.0	47	22.1	49
Las Vegas		11.3	49	24.7	50
Miami		9.2	39	19.9	46
Riverside		6.9	25	14.7	28
Chicago		9.6	45	19.9	47
Indianapolis		6.6	21	13.4	18
Honolulu		6.7	22	13.6	20
New York City		9.3	41	18.5	44
Minneapolis		6.7	23	12.9	15
Phoenix		7.7	28	14.6	26
Provo		4.7	8	8.9	7
Oklahoma City		6.1	17	11.5	13
Columbus, OH		8.2	30	14.8	29
Little Rock		5.5	11	9.9	12
Philadelphia		9.1	37	16.2	37
Dallas		7.4	27	13.0	16
Sioux Falls		4.8	9	8.4	5
Memphis		8.5	33	14.8	30
Charlotte		9.2	40	15.7	36
Atlanta		8.3	31	14.1	23
San Diego		8.9	36	14.9	31
Albuquerque		9.5	44	15.1	32
Washington, DC		9.7	46	15.4	33
Houston		9.3	42	14.1	24
Boise City		3.8	2	5.6	1
Ogden		4.3	5	6.3	2
Pittsburgh		8.7	35	12.5	14
Portland, OR		9.4	43	13.4	19
St. Louis		10.9	48	15.5	34
Fargo		5.6	12	7.9	3
Salt Lake City		6.5	20	9.1	9
Tampa		12.4	50	15.6	35
Kansas City		6.3	19	7.9	4
Birmingham		8.3	32	8.9	8
Omaha		9.1	38	9.3	10

0–4.9% | 5.0–9.9% | 10.0–14.9% | 15.0–19.9% | 20.0–24.9%

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

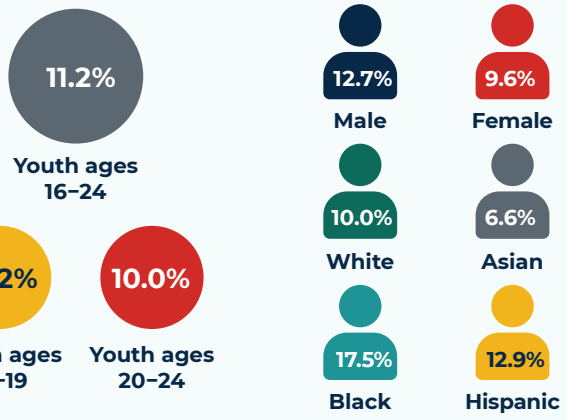
Note: Estimates do not account for seasonal patterns.

In 2019, the youth unemployment rate was at its lowest level in 20 years. Among the 50 large metro areas where data were available, it ranged from 2.5 to 12.4 percent.

In 2020, unemployment among youth increased across all large metro areas. Those with the largest percentage change in youth unemployment, compared to the previous year, were Orlando; Burlington (VT); Denver; Baltimore; Nashville; Sacramento; Cincinnati; San Antonio; San Francisco; and Boston. Unemployment rates in these 10 areas increased by more than 150 percent. In a total of 22 metro areas, youth unemployment rates more than doubled from 2019 to 2020.

In 2020, in absolute terms, the metro areas with the highest youth unemployment rates included Las Vegas, Detroit, and Los Angeles, with more than one out of five youth reported to be unemployed. Other metro areas in which the youth unemployment rate was above the national average (15.1 percent) included Washington, DC; St. Louis; Tampa; Charlotte; Philadelphia; Cincinnati; San Antonio; Denver; San Francisco; Seattle; Providence; New York City; Baltimore; Chicago; and Miami.

Youth unemployment in February 2021



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