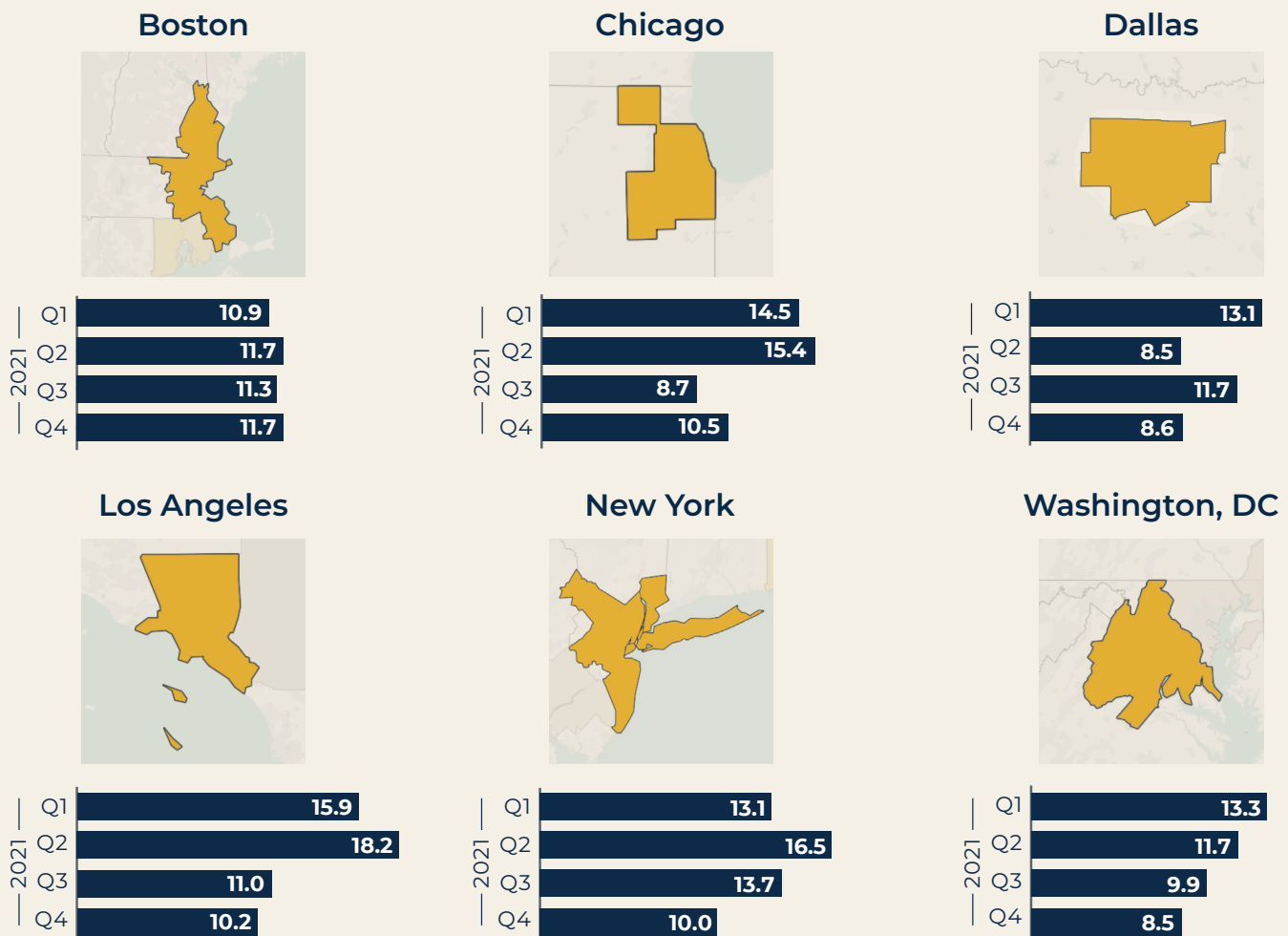


Quarterly Youth Unemployment Rates (%) in Large Metro Areas, 2021

- In 2021, quarterly youth unemployment data from six large metro areas—Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York, and Washington, DC—show that youth unemployment patterns varied across metro areas. By the end of 2021, youth unemployment rates decreased across all six metro areas except for Boston, where the youth unemployment rate increased slightly.
- In Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York, youth unemployment rates increased in the second quarter (Q2) of 2021 and then decreased in Q3, when young individuals typically start looking for summer jobs. In Boston and Chicago, youth unemployment rates increased again in Q4, whereas youth unemployment rates in Los Angeles and New York continued to decline in the final quarter of 2021.
- Unlike other metro areas, in Washington, DC, youth unemployment rates continually declined over the course of 2021. In Dallas, youth unemployment rates fluctuated, decreasing in Q2, increasing in Q3, and decreasing again in Q4.
- Following the spike in Q2 across most metro areas, youth unemployment rates in Q3 declined faster in Chicago and Los Angeles than in other metro areas. Rates gradually declined over the third and fourth quarters in all metro areas except for Boston and Chicago.



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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: Youth are defined as those ages 16-24.

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