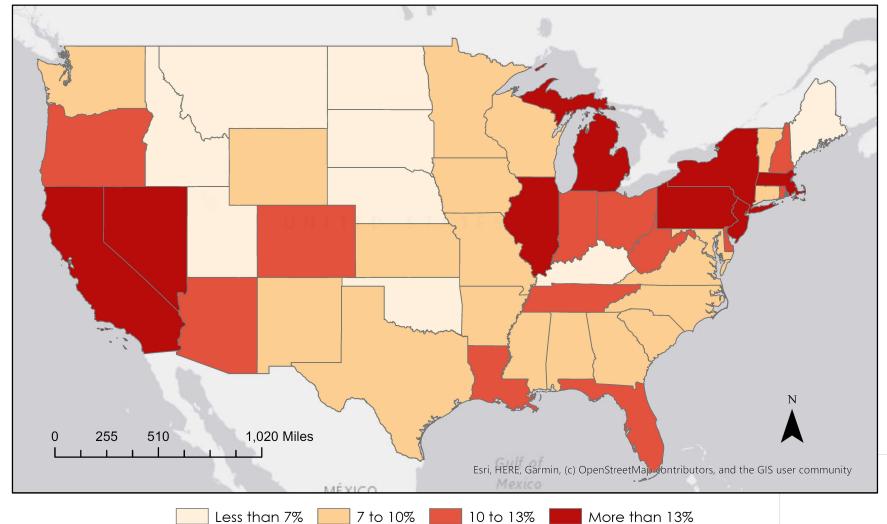
Rise in US Unemployment, 2020

June 2020 Rate of Unemployment by State



With the onset of COVID-19, the US economy has seen its worst downturn in roughly a century. In the second quarter of the year, the US GDP shrunk by 32.9%, the worst ever recorded. As of July 31, new unemployment claims were over 1 million for the 19th straight week. Additionally, some people are not counted as "unemployed" if they are still technically on staff with their employer but unable to work, or if they are not looking for work because of the pandemic conditions. These maps and charts offer several different ways of visualizing the current situation: current unemployment rate by state, the rise in the national unemployment rate over the last year, and the spike in number of jobless claims in states with the nation's most populous cities.

Map scale 1:30,000,000

Sources: Basemap from Esri. Data compiled from the US Census Bureau, the US Chamber of Commerce, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Economic Policy Institute State of Working America Data Library.

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Change in Percent Unemployment

