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October 2020: All Industries

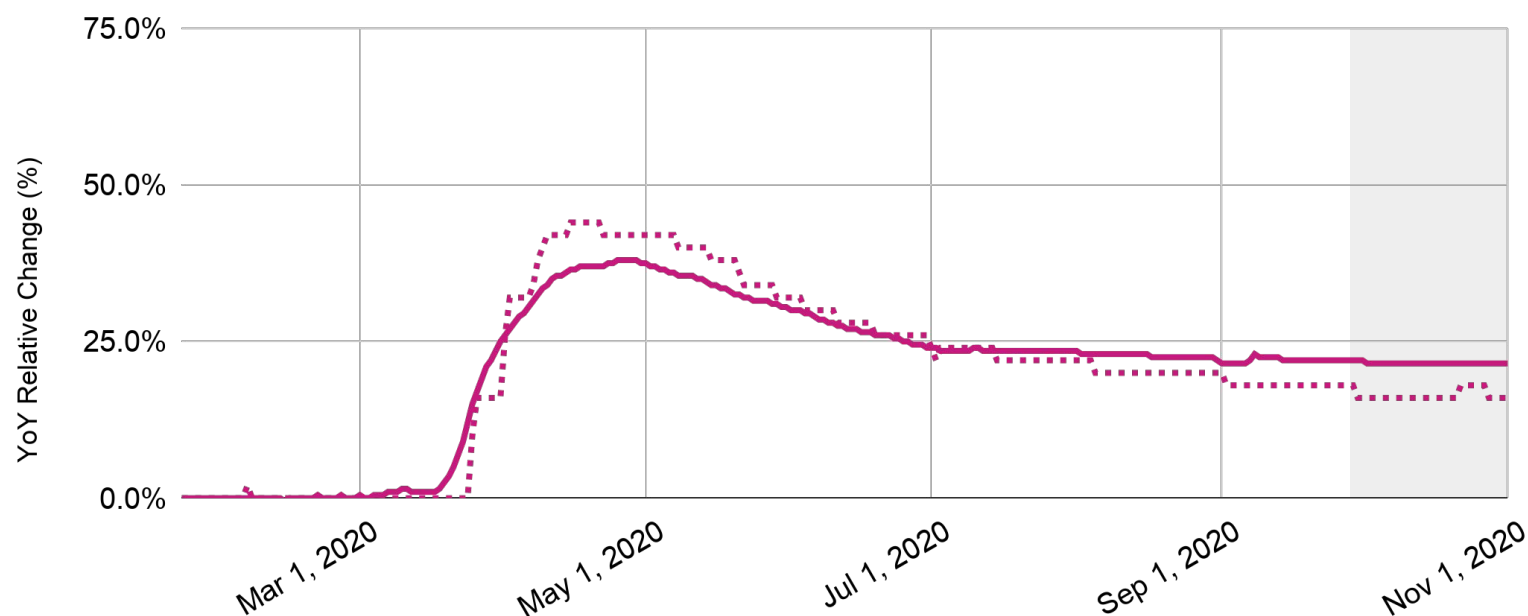
Hourly unemployment improved slightly, going from 22% to 21.5%. Underemployment remained flat at 16% in October.

UNEMPLOYMENT

21.5%

UNDEREMPLOYMENT

16%



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Hourly Employment Report

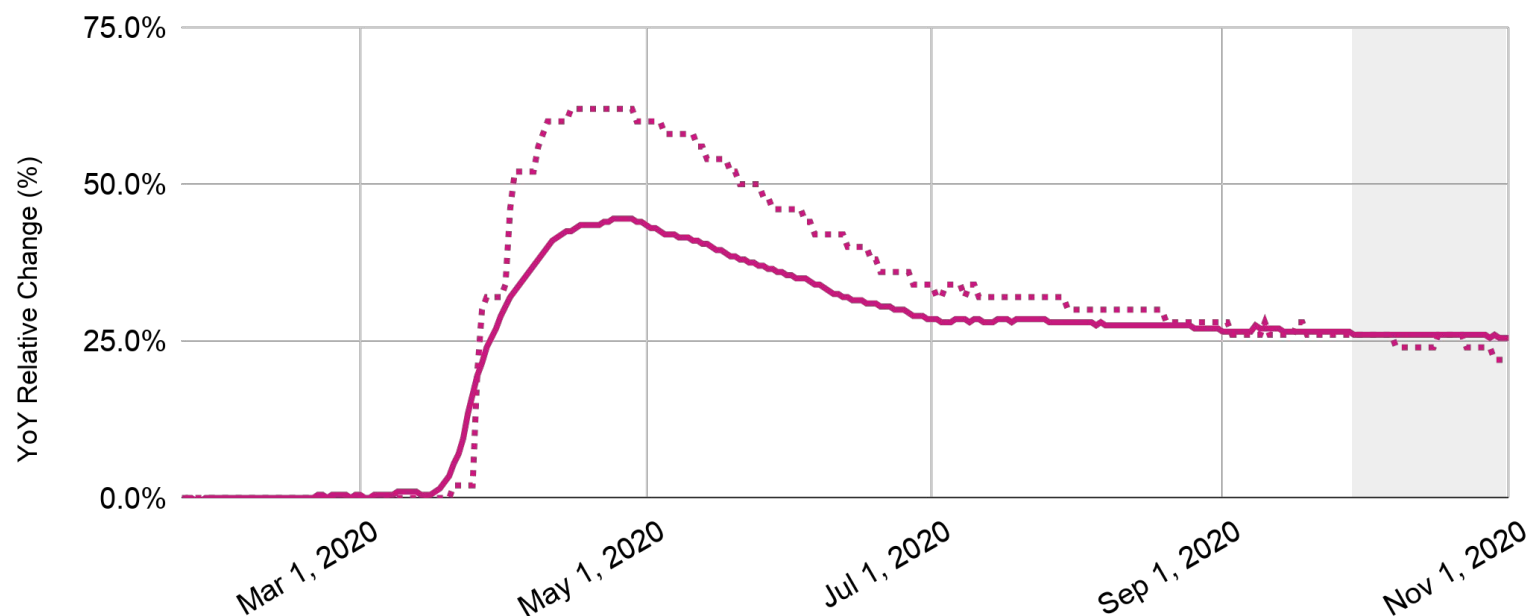
October 2020: Food Service, Retail, and Hospitality

Unemployment improved slightly from September to October, going from 26% to 25.5%. While underemployment improved significantly month over month—going from 26% in September to 22% in October. This jump is important because it means that of those that are working they are working 4% more this month over last month.

UNEMPLOYMENT

25.5%

UNDEREMPLOYMENT

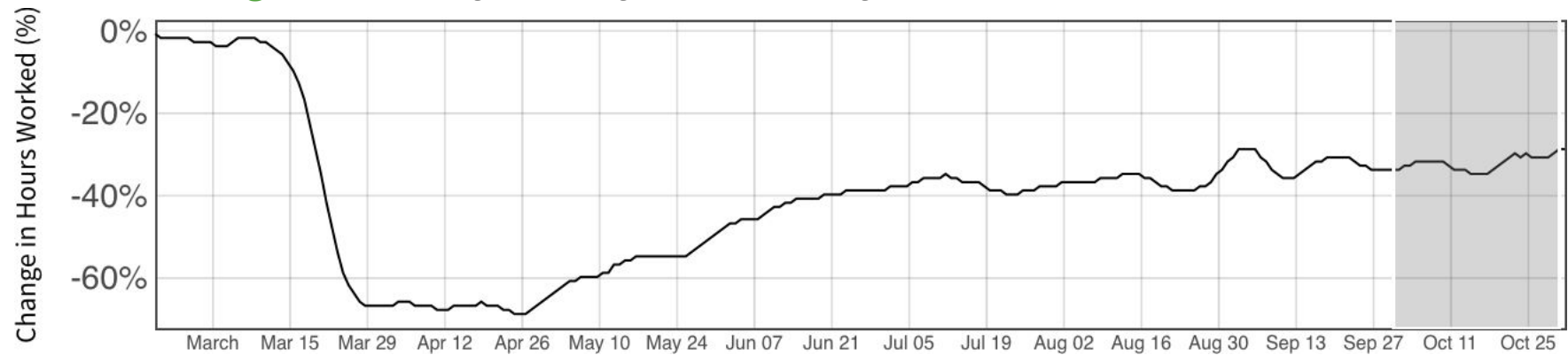
22%

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California

+5% gain in hourly employment activity in October 2020. [Explore map.](#)

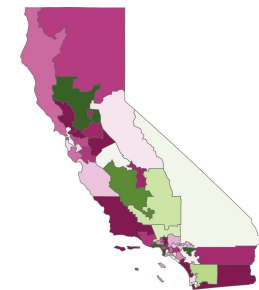
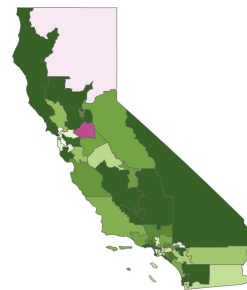
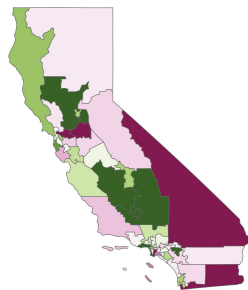


Trendline shows the change in hourly employment activity compared to last year.

LAST
MONTH **+5%**
Oct 2020

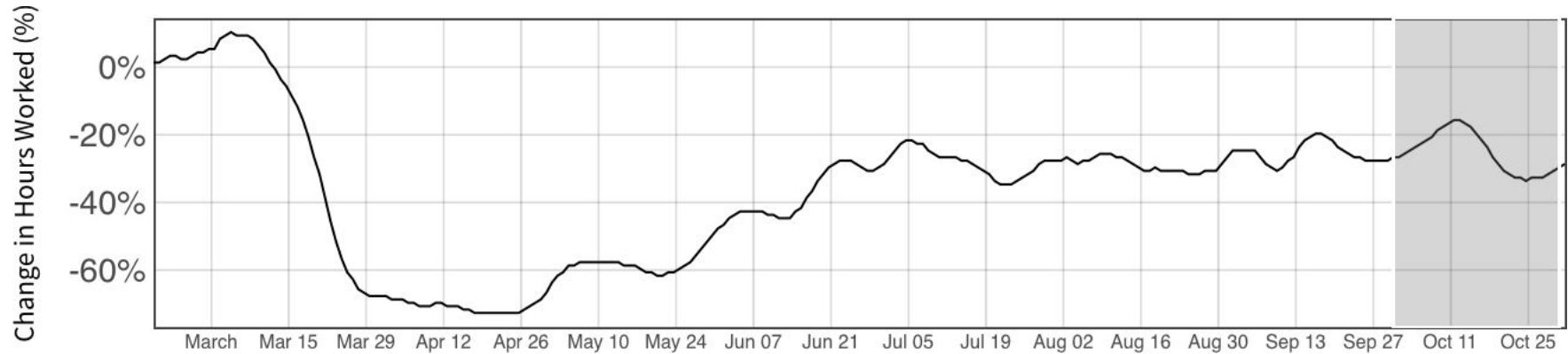
COVID
IMPACT **+38%**
Since Mar 2020

LAST
YEAR **-29%**
Since Nov 2019



Michigan

-2% drop in hourly employment activity in October 2020. [Explore map.](#)



Trendline shows the change in hourly employment activity compared to last year.

LAST
MONTH

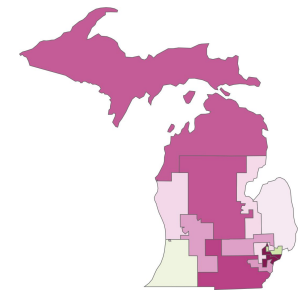
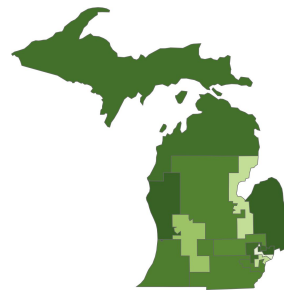
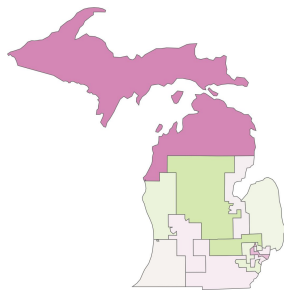
-2%
Oct 2020

COVID
IMPACT

+39%
Since Mar 2020

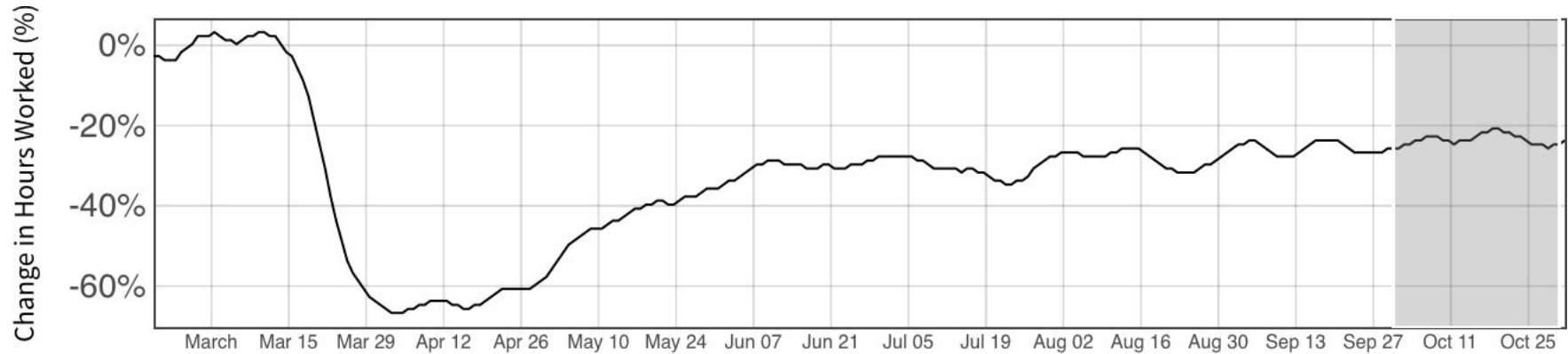
LAST
YEAR

-29%
Since Nov 2019



Texas

+2% gain in hourly employment activity in October 2020. [Explore map.](#)

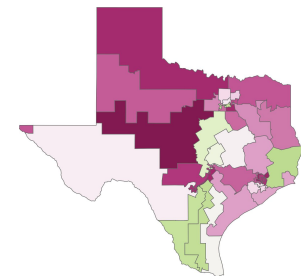
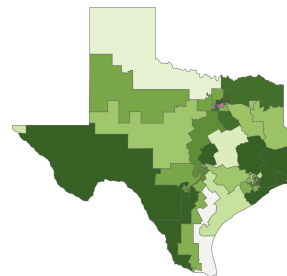
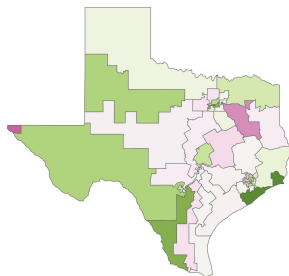


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LAST MONTH
+2%
Oct 2020

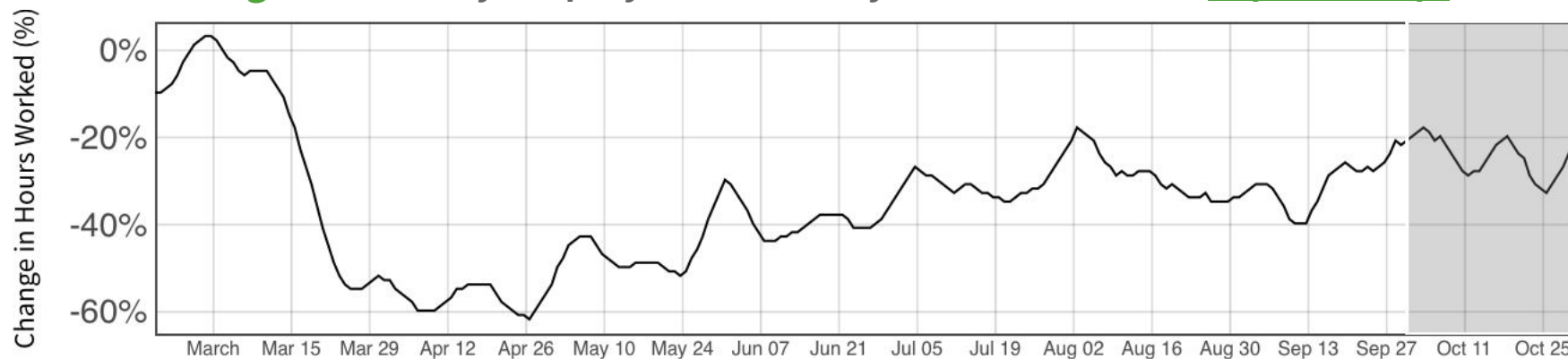
COVID
IMPACT **+39%**
Since Mar 2020

LAST
YEAR **-24%**
Since Nov 2019



Washington

+1% gain in hourly employment activity in October 2020. [Explore map.](#)



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LAST
MONTH

+1%

Oct 2020

COVID
IMPACT

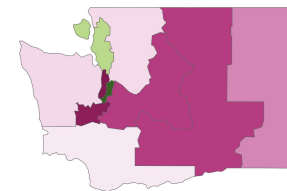
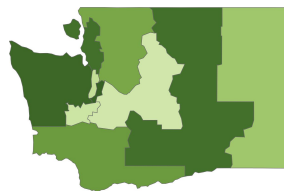
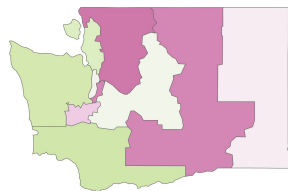
+33%

Since Mar 2020

LAST
YEAR

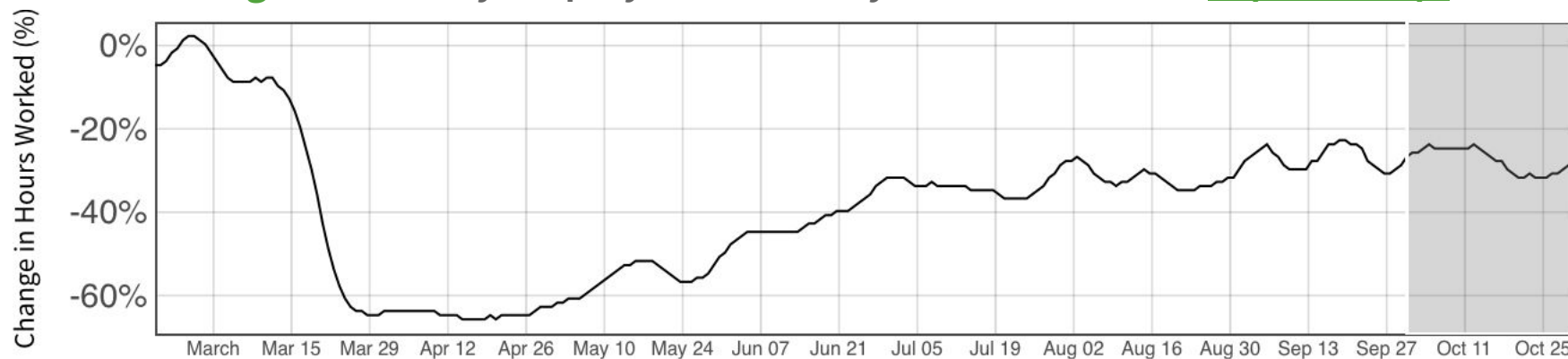
-20%

Since Nov 2019



Colorado

+0% gain in hourly employment activity in October 2020. [Explore map.](#)

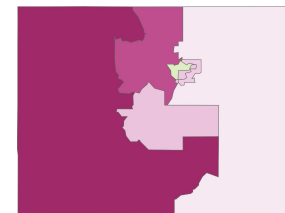
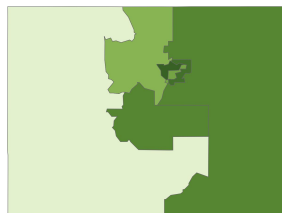
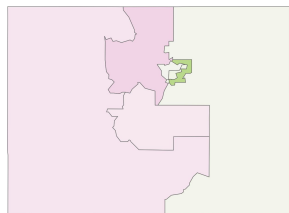


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LAST MONTH
+0%
Oct 2020

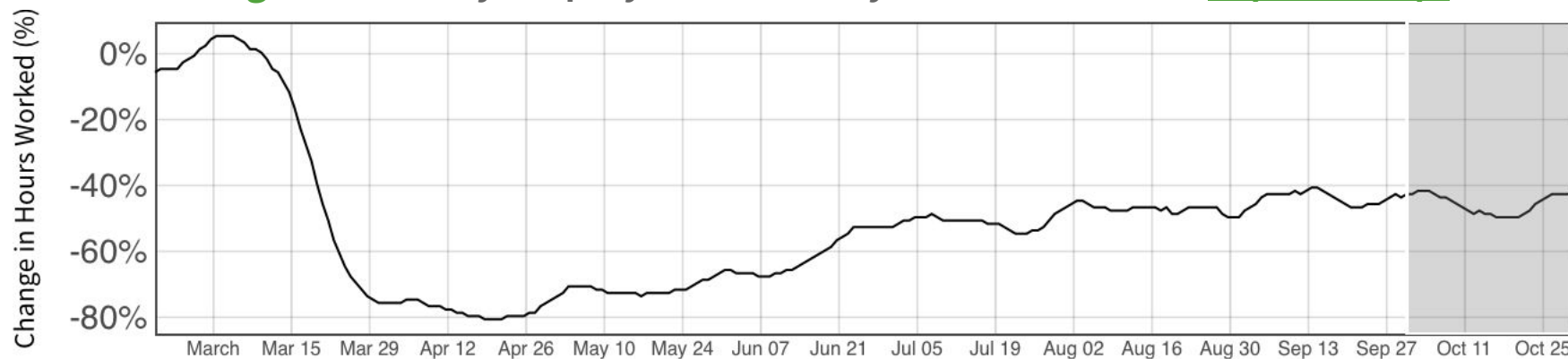
COVID
IMPACT
+38%
Since Mar 2020

LAST
YEAR
-27%
Since Nov 2019



New York

+1% gain in hourly employment activity in October 2020. [Explore map.](#)

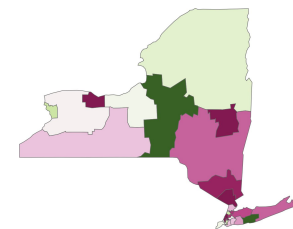
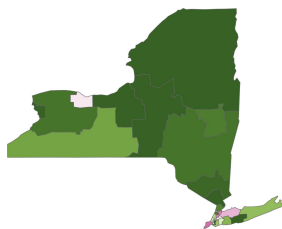
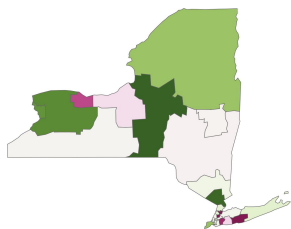


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LAST MONTH
+1%
Oct 2020

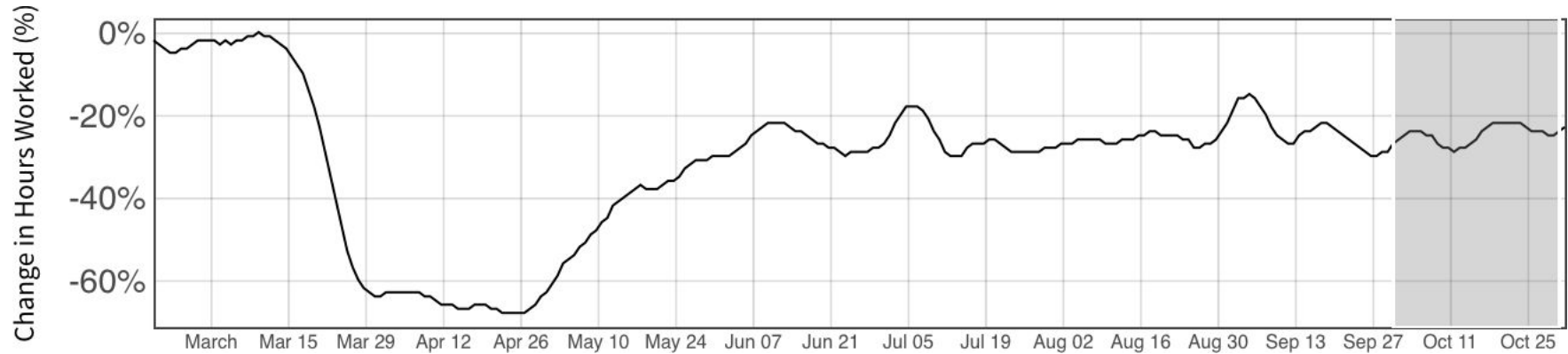
COVID
IMPACT
+33%
Since Mar 2020

LAST
YEAR
-42%
Since Nov 2019



Florida

+4% gain in hourly employment activity in October 2020. [Explore map.](#)

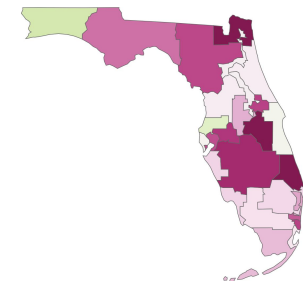
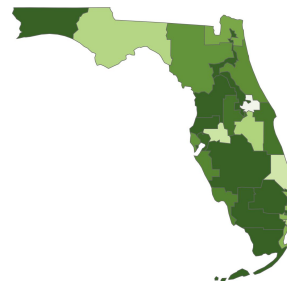
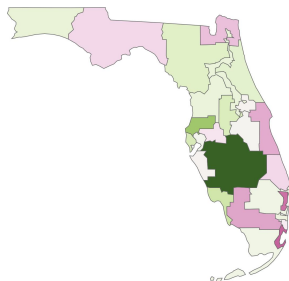


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LAST MONTH
+4%
Oct 2020

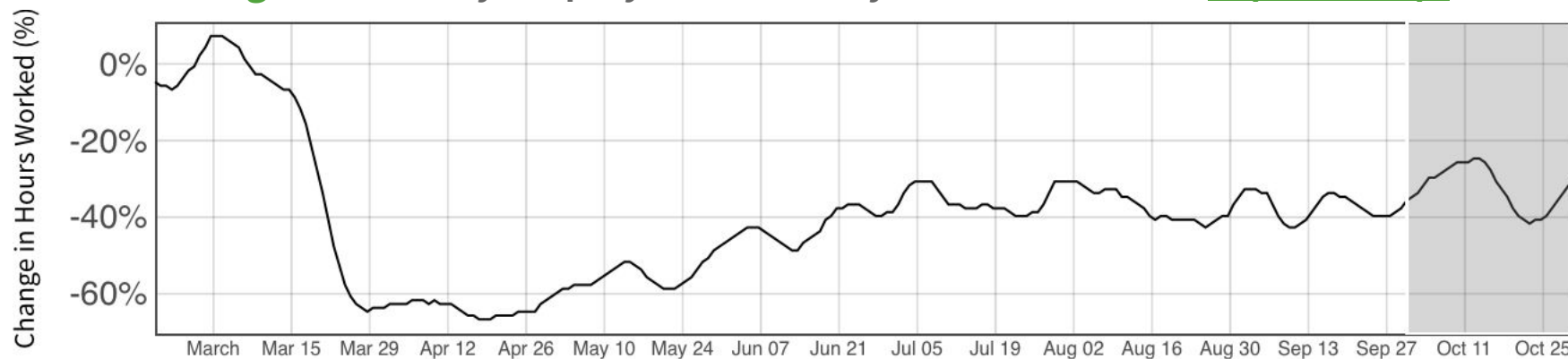
COVID IMPACT
+40%
Since Mar 2020

LAST YEAR
-23%
Since Nov 2019



Oregon

+7% gain in hourly employment activity in October 2020. [Explore map.](#)



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LAST
MONTH

+7%

Oct 2020

COVID
IMPACT

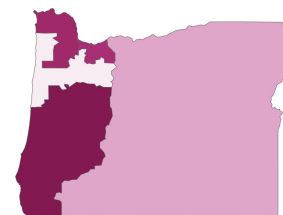
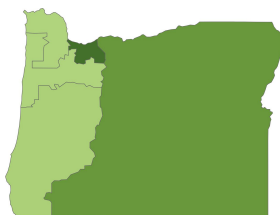
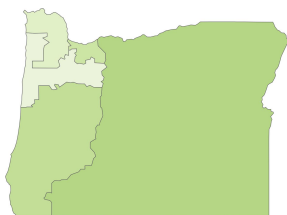
+35%

Since Mar 2020

LAST
YEAR

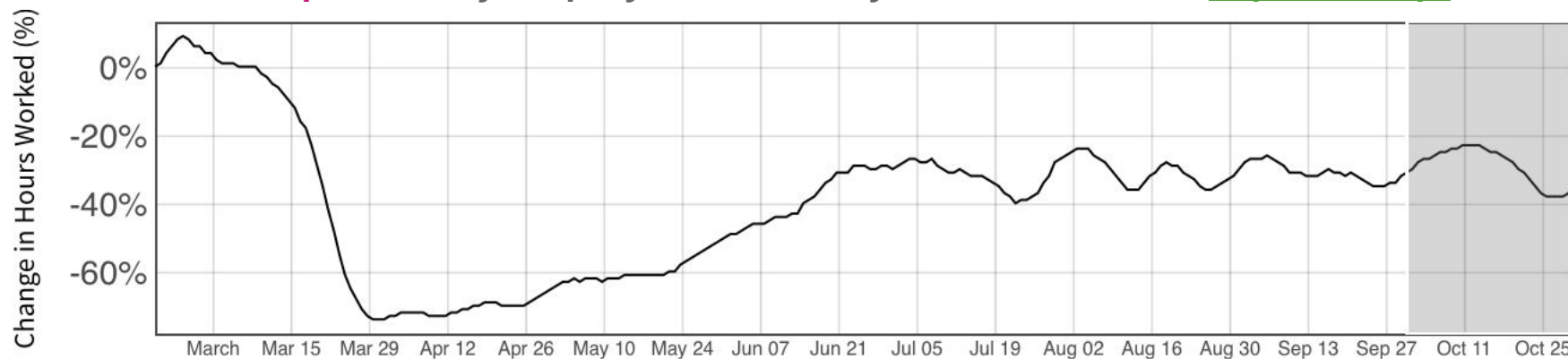
-29%

Since Nov 2019



Minnesota

-3% drop in hourly employment activity in October 2020. [Explore map.](#)



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LAST
MONTH

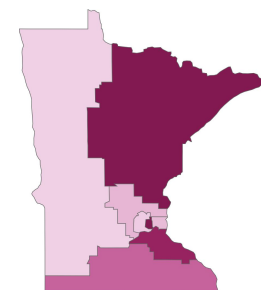
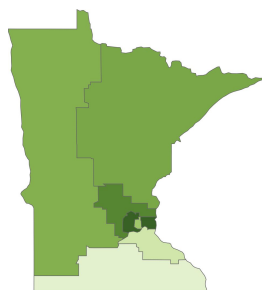
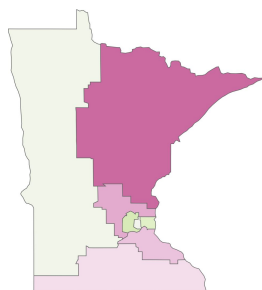
-3%
Oct 2020

COVID
IMPACT

+40%
Since Mar 2020

LAST
YEAR

-34%
Since Nov 2019



Methodology

Updated weekly, the Hourly Workforce Index (HWI) is sourced from When I Work® Scheduling and Attendance product data sets that contain hourly-level data on the hourly workforce across a broad range of industries and other firmographic categories. There are approximately 400 million worked hours contained within the data set used to generate the HWI that represent over 1.25 million hourly workers that work for small businesses with 500 employees or less. The results are national and drill down among states with the highest density of hourly employees; —showing trends often before jobs reports and other traditional lagging indicators of economic activity.

These data are anonymized and aggregated to provide the HWI metrics with trend normalization to remove business related artifacts that establishes the applicability of the HWI metrics to the general economic trends for the hourly workforce. The HWI results are presented in relative terms to avoid compounding errors that would be introduced by integrating an absolute baseline value from governmental or other established industrial employment measure due to outmoded data collection processes and a collection bias toward larger-firm reporting.

These data account for year-over-year geographical and economic trends in the represented geographies using publicly available economic data at the state and federal levels. Looking at operational changes in terms of the number of hours worked, provides additional clarity given that it is inclusive of the immediate impacts of both unemployment and underemployment being felt across each geography.

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