

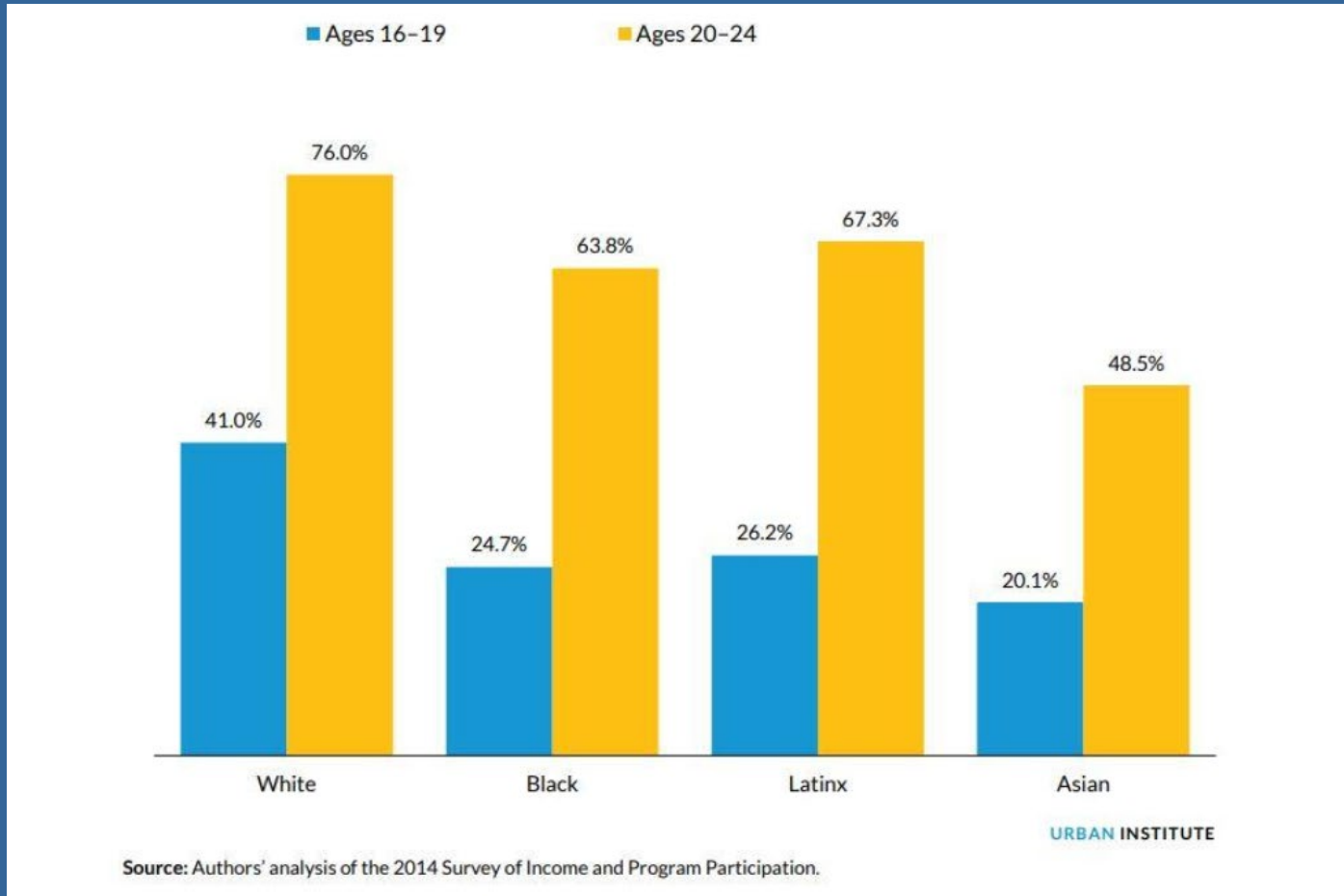
ASPE Pop Up Panel on Youth Employment

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Youth Employment

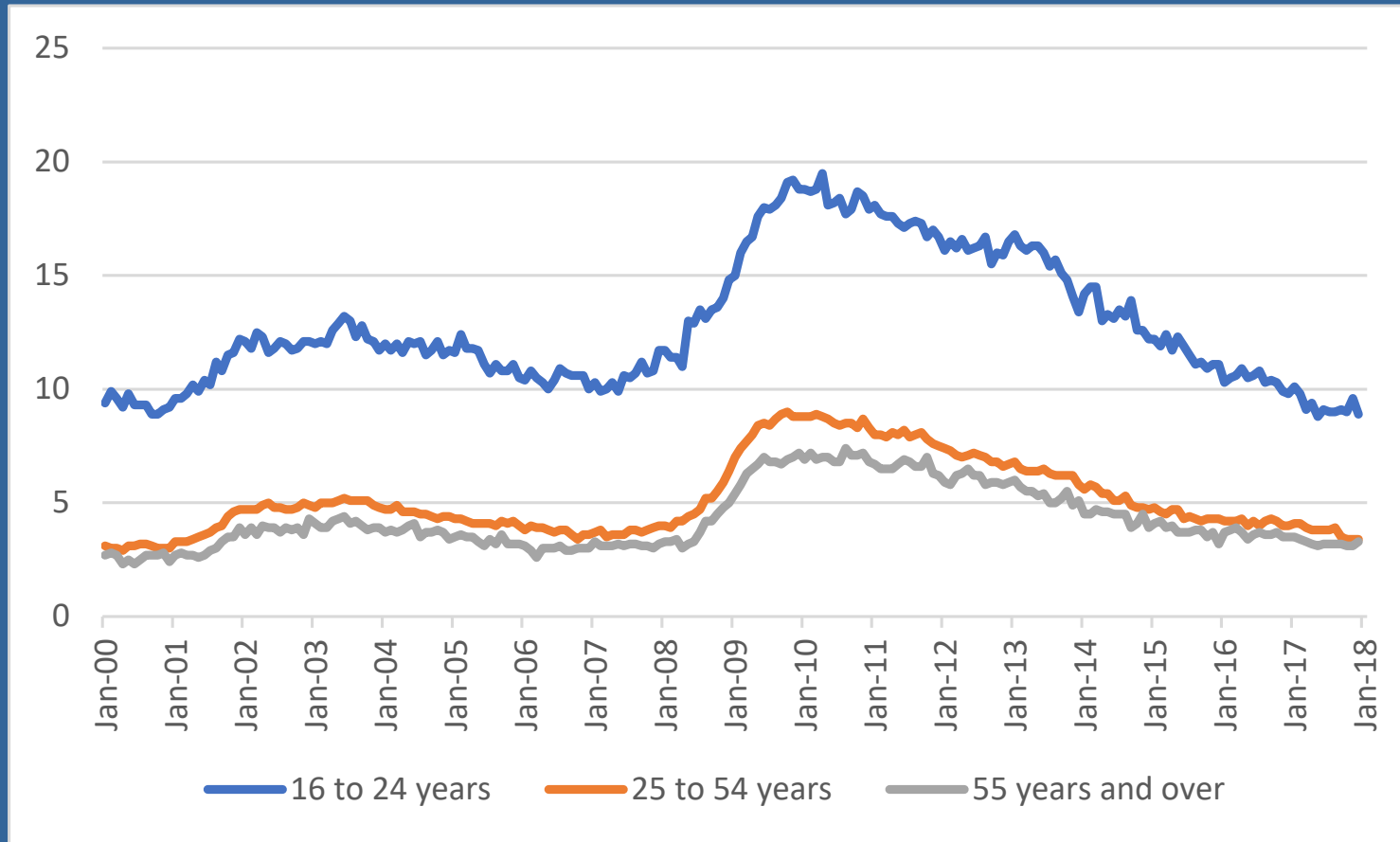
- Benefits of employment
 - Income
 - Development of “soft skills”: responsibility, time management, learn how to navigate workplace
 - Career exploration
 - Work experience to help advance in the labor market
 - Benefits can accrue across lifetime & generations
- Youth Employment Trends
 - Employment rates are seasonal. 56% of 16-24 year olds were employed in July 2019 (BLS)
 - Long-term trend of decline in teen employment since the 1990s

Youth Employment Rates by Race/Ethnicity, 2014



Source: Spievack and Sick (2019), Urban Institute

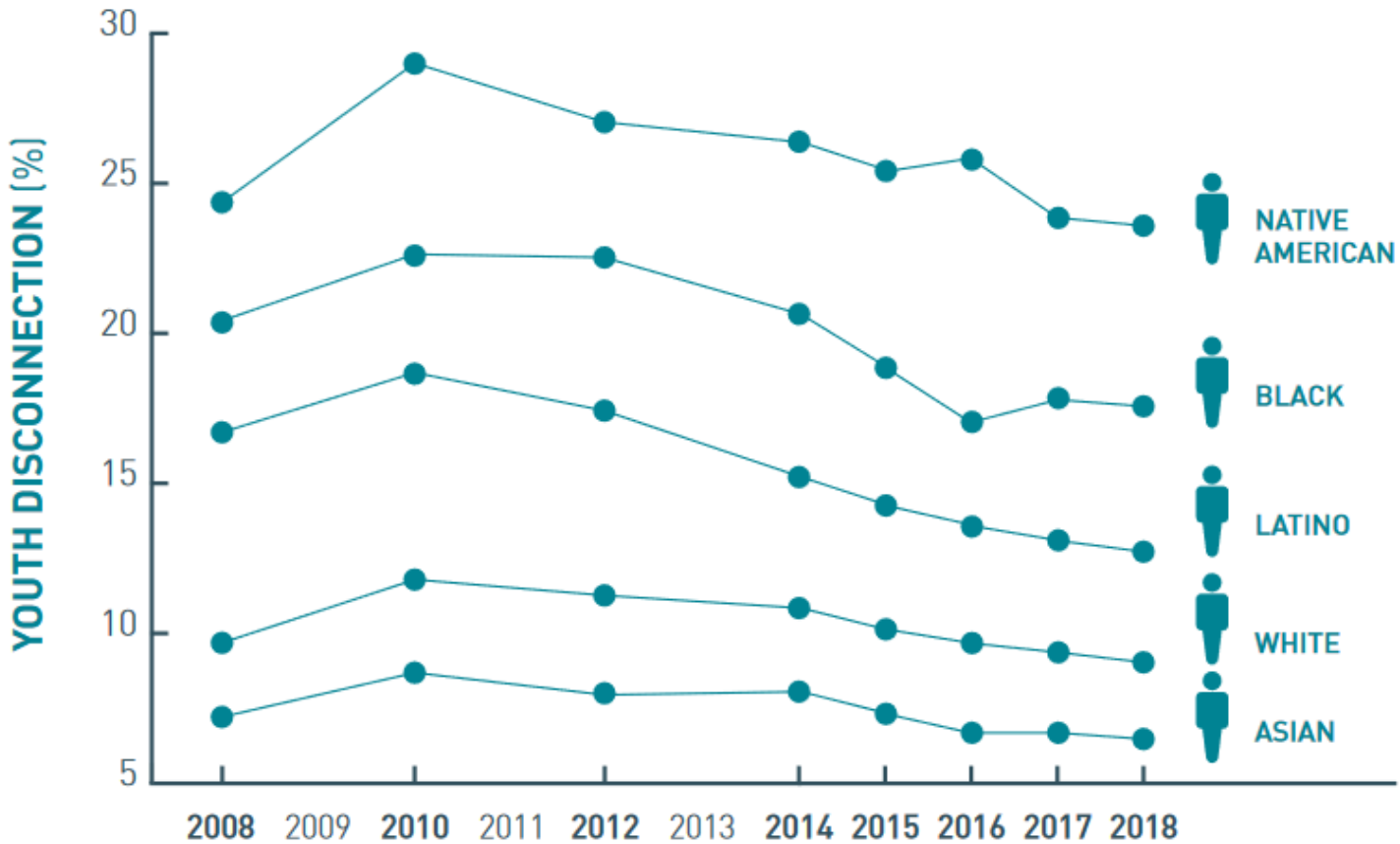
% Unemployed by Age: 2000-2017



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Trends in Youth “Disconnection”

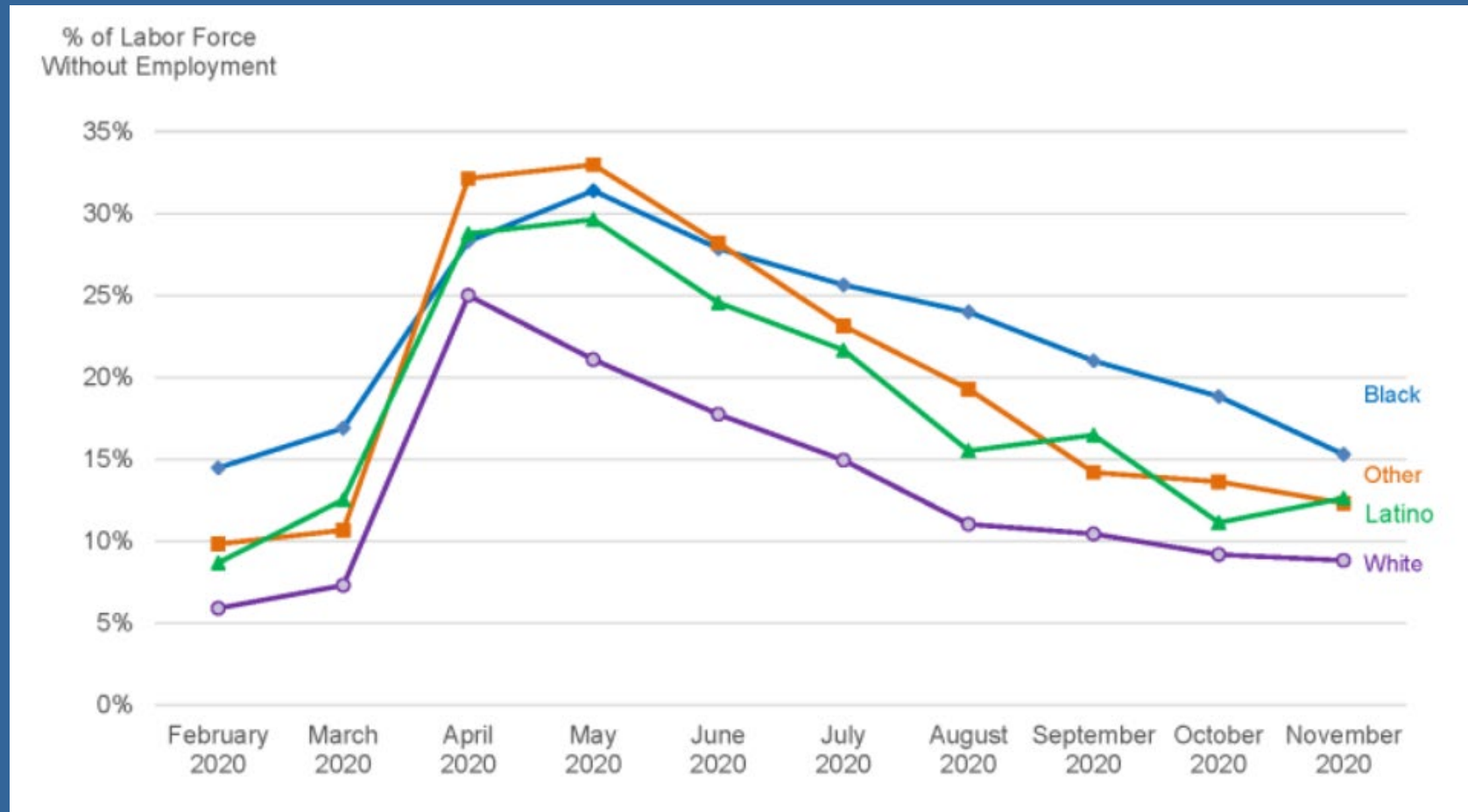
FIGURE 1 YOUTH DISCONNECTION BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2008-2018



Source: Measure of America calculations using US Census Bureau American Community Survey, 1-year estimates.

Effects of COVID-19 on Youth Employment

Percent of Unemployed Youth Ages 16 to 24 January to November 2020



Source: HHS/ASPE tabulations from the Current Population Survey