

Finance Group #1 Capstone Project

Exploratory Questions

Here is a list of our data exploration questions, divided by focus:

Federal Level

1. How has the national U.S. poverty level changed between 1995-2020?
2. Is there a relationship between the U.S. national poverty level and: party control of the Senate, House, and President, inflation, or federal spending allocated to social services categories?

State Level

3. What factors influence poverty rates between 1995-2020 at the state-level?
4. Are we able to predict state poverty levels based on the factors explored in the previous question?
5. Is state tobacco revenue, state alcohol revenue, or drug overdose rates related to state poverty levels?
6. Are state poverty levels, educational attainment, and state education spending related?
7. Is there a relationship between state poverty levels and state social services spending?