

140SL Week 3 Team Activity*

U.S. COVID Economic Downturn

Part I

January 16, 2021

1 Introduction

How has the COVID19 pandemic and (its) politics effected the U.S. economy?

2 Research Questions

Consider these two different scenarios (you can consider them independently/separately, i.e., no need to craft a “simultaneous” solution/analysis).

A data-less client wants statistical evidence for . . .

- The opinion (belief) that high state sales tax has resulted in slow employment recovery.
- The opinion (belief that “red” states have conferred vulnerability to death by COVID-19 among their populations.

3 Resource

See

<https://tracktherecovery.org/>

After clicking on “explore the data”, notice the “download data” link on the upper right of the exploration page. This link will take you off-site to the site’s GitHub repo <https://github.com/OpportunityInsights/EconomicTracker>. Please quickly review available data and note which datasets have documentation.

4 In Groups

- Appoint one member as secretary to take notes
- Discuss how you/we might approach answering the research questions

5 As Class

- Share your thoughts on the questions
- Begin shaping an answer for Part II

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