Analyzing COVID-19 Benefits Data

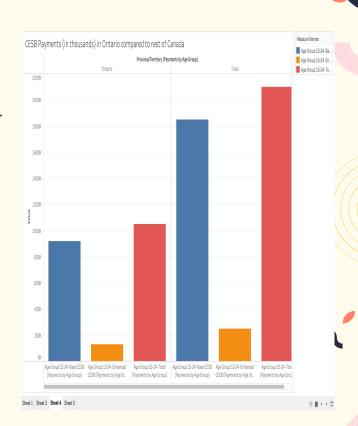


Statement

"As a senior manager in the Research and Innovation Lab Directorate (in the CRA), I want to analyze socio-economic impacts of the relief benefits that the Federal Government implemented to alleviate the burden on Canadians and businesses facing hardships as a result of the global COVID-19 outbreak."

Our Question

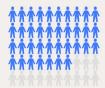
- As the largest applicant group, how were 15 24 year olds in Ontario affected by the CESB relief benefits program?
- 15 24 year olds in Ontario made up half of the applicants compared to national totals in this age bracket
- Further research in this segment would allow for more accurate extrapolations for future student benefits programs



Analysis

COVID-19:

CESB Analysis in Ages 15-24 in Ontario



74%

of students aged 15-24 from Ontario had received payments after applying for CESB. A total amount of 1,050,526. This helped students who were impacted by COVID get financial help and back onto their feet.



CESB ended on August 29, 2020, ending the 16 week period for students. CESB helped support more than 700,000 students, paying out a total of \$2.92 billion dollars. The program went wide of their budget by \$2.33 billion.

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Payments Made for Enhanced CESB









Age Group 15 to 24

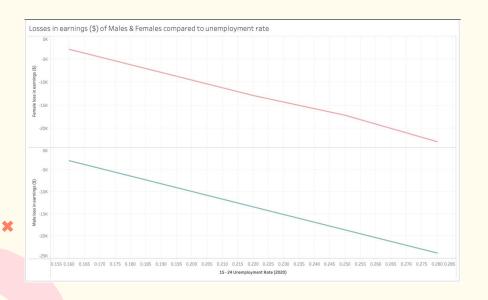


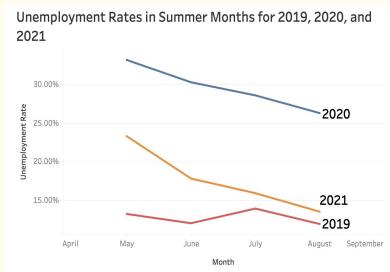
CESB provides students a monthly payment of \$1,250 for the next four months compared to CERB where people eligible are making \$2,000 a month. This leaves students a lost of \$750.

Even though most students have jobs, this causes students who had a job apply for CERB more then CESB.

Unemployment

- Record youth unemployment rate in May of 29.4%
- June followed with a rate of 27.5%



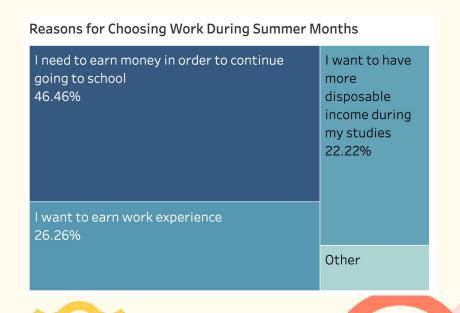


Affordability

• Students could earn \$1,250 or \$2,000 a month to a maximum of \$8,000 over a 4 month span through CESB

Highlight Table of Student Expense, Income and Benefit Student Expense/Income/Benefit **Average Provincial Tuition** 7,938 **Average Summer Employment Earnings** 6,657 **CESB Base Maximum** 5,000 CESB Payments By Age Group In Ontario Age 25-34 Age 35+ 8.18% 17.31%

74.51%



Questions?