

## Questions:

With a clear domain in mind, we have come up with 3 cohesive investigative questions to understand how COVID-19 impacted the job market.

**1. In individual wards, does competition between companies of similar sectors cause more closed businesses?**

- Due to the quarantine, we believe demand for certain products and services have decreased. Thus, we hypothesize that certain sectors had a surplus that greatly exceeded demand and created competition.
- Secondary Questions:
  - Which sectors would not likely be impacted by the new health measures?
  - Due to the shift to working from home, how much impact do closed businesses have on the number of jobs?

**2. Which sectors appear to have the most job security? (In terms of sector growth and closed businesses).**

- Although job security is subjective to individual businesses, there are cases where a specific job is usually considered “safe”. We will be measuring job security based on sector growth and the number of closed businesses within a subsector
- Other questions necessary to understand this include:
  - How much growth has this sector seen compared to the previous two years?
    - Growth in the previous 6 months?
  - Which ward has experienced the most amount of closed businesses and what sub-sectors were affected.

**3. With respect to companies that have shifted to working from home, how much is invested into employee training? From this, what effect does this have on company performance?**

- Since working in an office environment was quite difficult, we expect a fair amount of investment towards online communications.
- Secondary Questions:
  - Is it reasonable for this sector to train employees online?
  - What policies do companies need to implement to accomodate people during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Did companies switch back to working in an office environment as people began to get vaccinated?