Business Dynamics Statistics for SBA Covid Assistance Recipients

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) COVID-Economic Injury Disaster Loans (Covid-EIDL) Shuttered Venues Operator Grants (SVOG)

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Project Goal: Use Longitudinal Business Database (LBD) to produce new Business Dynamics Statistics (BDS) tables

- Match loan/grant data to Census Bureau micro-data at the firm-level
- Tabulate statistics
 - What types of firms got SBA financial assistance?
 - Firm size
 - Firm age
 - Industrial sector
 - Geography
 - How did recipient firms fare post-award?
 - Survival
 - Job creation and destruction
- Track loan recipients over time
 - Currently 2007-2021
 - Will add additional years going forward



Matching PPP Loans to the LBD

- Over 11 million dispersed PPP loans
 - Potential employers
 - Find an EIN in the Census data system that could be an employer
 - Validate EIN provided on PPP loan by linking to list of known employer EINs
 - Use name and address linking to search for EIN
 - Use PIK provided on PPP loan to link to Schedule C filings and look for EIN
 - Potential non-employers
 - Find a PIK in the Census data system that could be associated with self-employment
 - Validate PIK provided on PPP loan by linking to list of known PIKs from Schedule C filings
 - Use name and address linking to search for PIK in Schedule C filings
 - Non-matching remainder
 - PPP data classify this group mostly as self-employed, sole props, independent contractors, single member LLCs



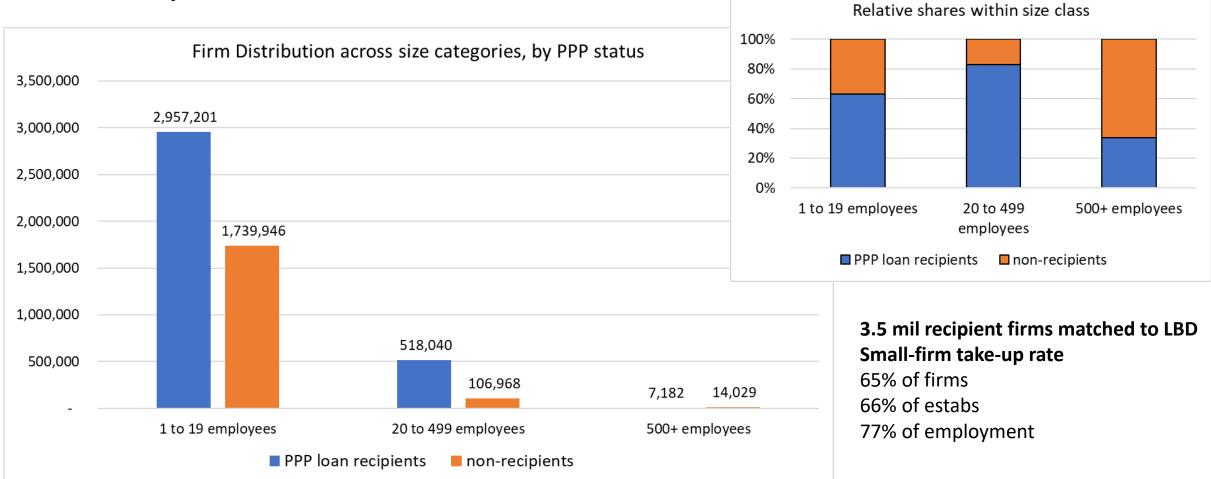
Matching PPP Loans to the LBD

• PPP loans with EINs

- Collapse to EIN-level by draw
 - Take the total loan amount
 - Take the earliest loan approval date
- Match to LBD by EIN
 - Match by EIN
 - Match by EIN in t-1
 - Match by EIN from reorganizations
- Non-matches
 - Out of scope for BDS (some industries, island areas)
 - Potential non-employers who also have EINs
 - Some records where EIN was an employer in the past but doesn't have recent payroll



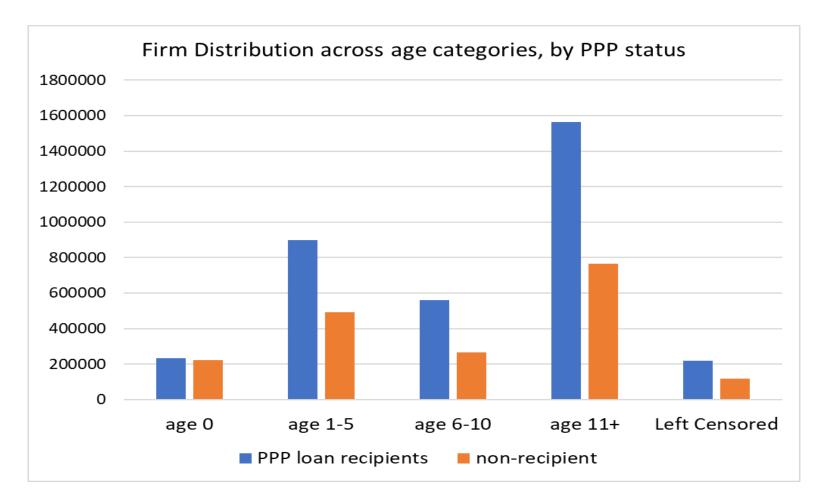
PPP by Firm Size





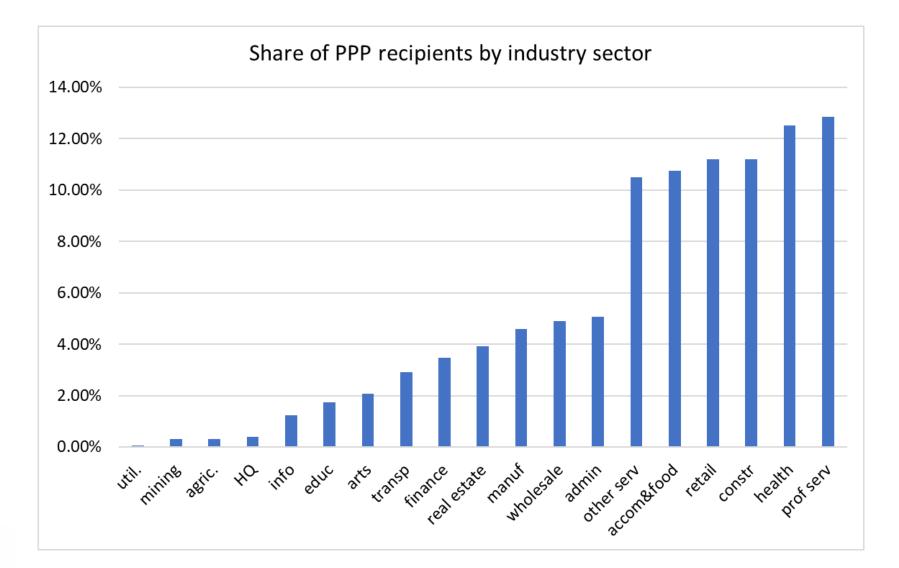
PPP by Firm Age

Firms older than age 10 but still born after 1976 represent the largest share (45%) of PPP recipients.



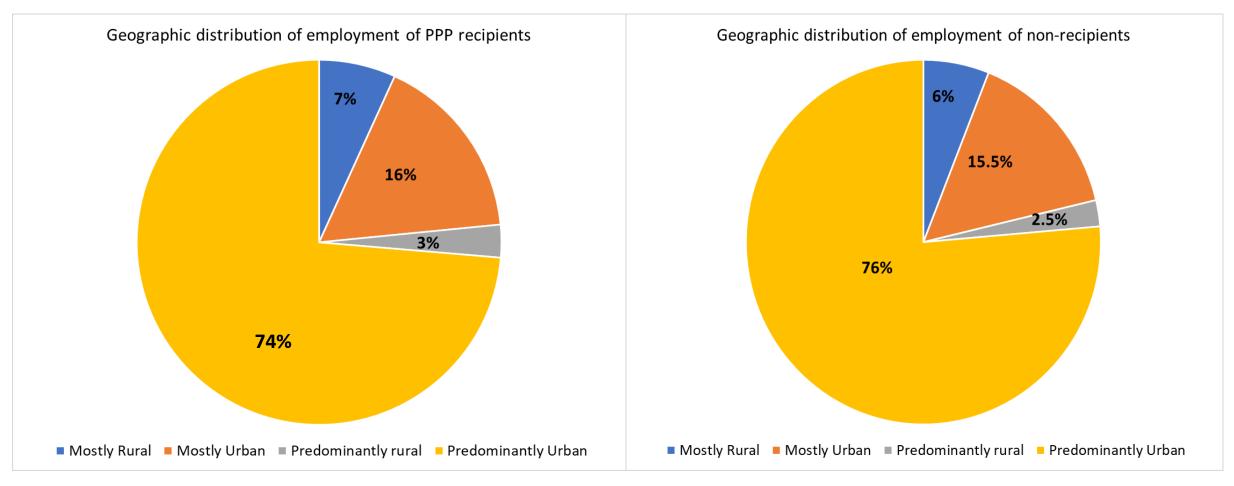


PPP by Industry Sector





Geography of PPP Recipients Distribution of firms across rural/urban counties



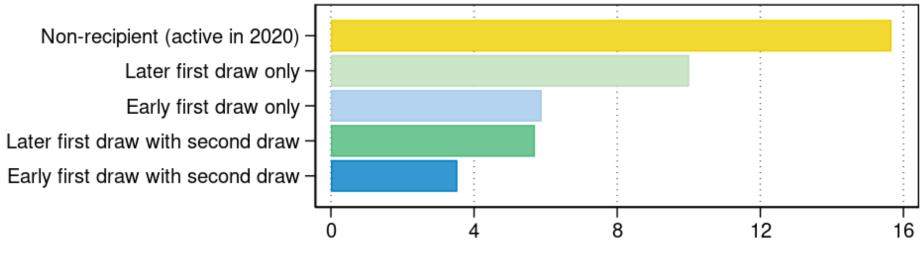


Predominantly Urban >= 80% urban Mostly Urban >= 50% and < 80% urban Mostly Rural >= 20% and < 50% urban Predominantly Rural < 20% urban

A higher percentage of PPP recipients were in rural counties relative to non-recipients.

PPP – Establishment Exit Rate

Businesses that received PPP exited at a lower rate relative to non-recipients. Lowest exit rates at businesses that received both a 1st and 2nd draw from PPP.



Establishment Exit Rate (2021)

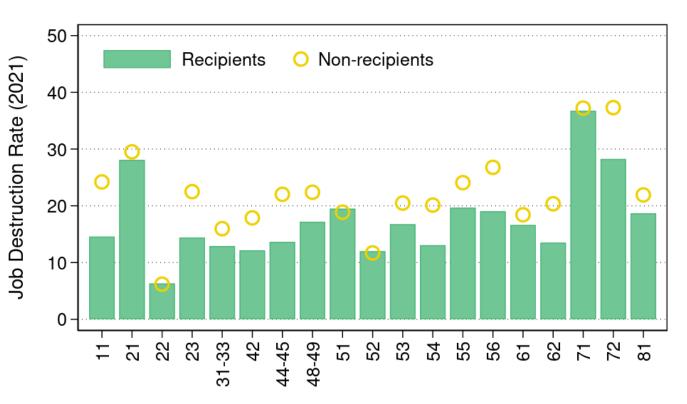


PPP – Job Destruction by Sector

PPP recipients destroyed jobs at a lower rate than non-recipients in almost all sectors.

Large differential in job destruction rates between recipients and non-recipients:

- **11** Agriculture
- 23 Construction
- 44-45 Retail Trade
- 56 Administrative and Support
- 62 Healthcare
- 72 Accommodation and Food Services



Two-Digit NAICS Sector



Other programs

- Similar tables prepared for all four programs for this release
- SVOG and RRF were launched after March 12, 2021.
 - Need 2022 BDS data to measure a "recipient effect."
- More in-depth analysis on all four SBA-backed pandemic programs, including Covid-EIDL, to be produced before the second vintage of BDS-SBA Covid Response statistics.



Release Plans

- Working Paper
 - Outline matching process and summarizes findings.
 - Detail the differences in methodology between our employment-weighted small-firm take-up rate for PPP and other well-known estimates that were produced early during the pandemic without firm identifiers.
- Tables
 - Goal to release BDS SBA Covid tables on BDS Experimental Website by end of the year. Will include PPP, Covid-EIDL, RRF, SVOG tables separately and one table classifying multiple program recipients.

