

Central Bank of Chile: Statistics Post-Pandemic Keynote Address

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BEA Mission

To promote a better understanding of the U.S. economy by providing the most timely, relevant, and accurate economic accounts data in an objective and cost-effective manner

Crisis is an Opportunity



- Offers a stress test
- Provides lens to evaluate strengths and weaknesses
- Accelerates trends—impacts on products AND programs and processes
- Emphasizes the importance of ongoing investments and innovation
- Don't waste a crisis!

Lessons Learned



- Lesson 1. The core of our value
- Lesson 2. The promise of innovation
- Lesson 3. The importance of transparency
- Lesson 4. The power of partnerships

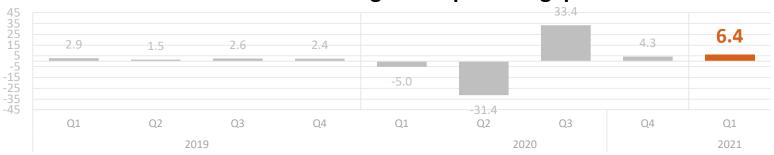


Lesson 1: The Core of Our Value

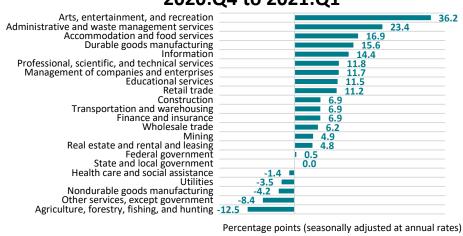


Spotlight: BEA Coincident GDP Releases

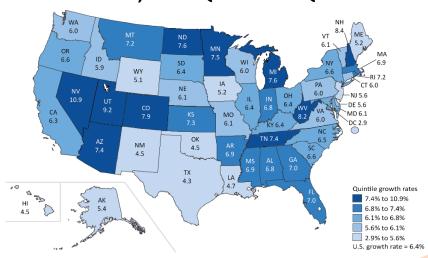
Real GDP: Percent change from preceding quarter



Percent Change in Real GDP by Industry Group, 2020:Q4 to 2021:Q1



Percent Change in Real GDP by State, 2020:Q4 to 2021:Q1



Lesson 2: The Promise of Innovation



Spotlight: BEA Near Real-Time Consumer Spending Statistics

Spending on Food Services and Drinking Places



Note: Chart shows the difference from the typical level of spending without COVID-19-related changes in the economy. The typical level corresponds to a value of 0.

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Spending on Ambulatory Health Care Services



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Spending on Accommodation



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Spending on Food and Beverage Stores



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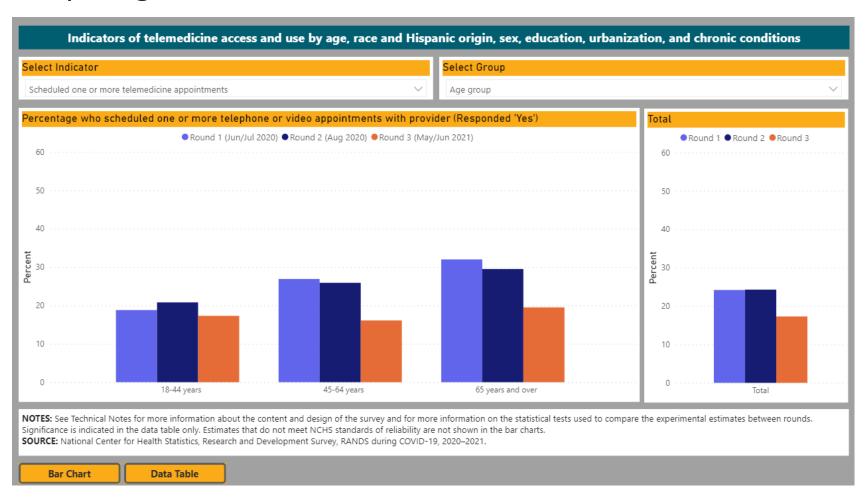
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Lesson 2: The Promise of Innovation



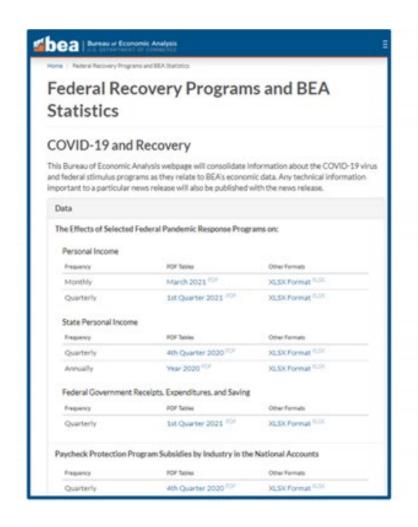
Spotlight: NCHS Pandemic-Related Health Statistics

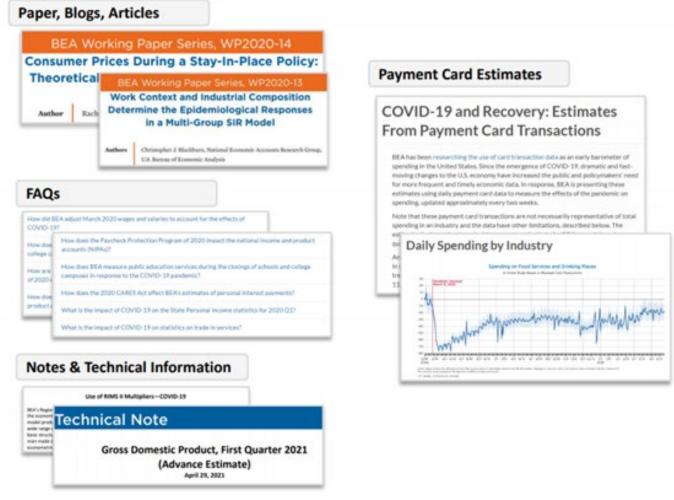




Lesson 3: The Importance of Transparency



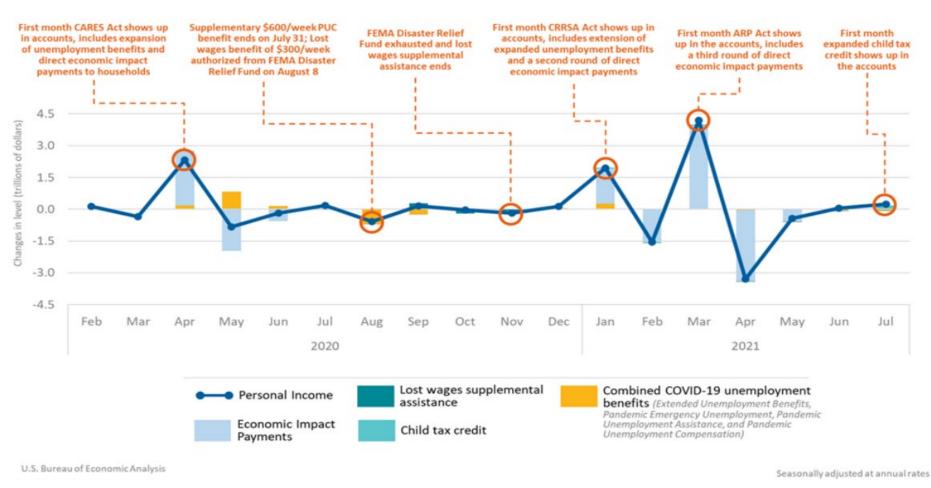




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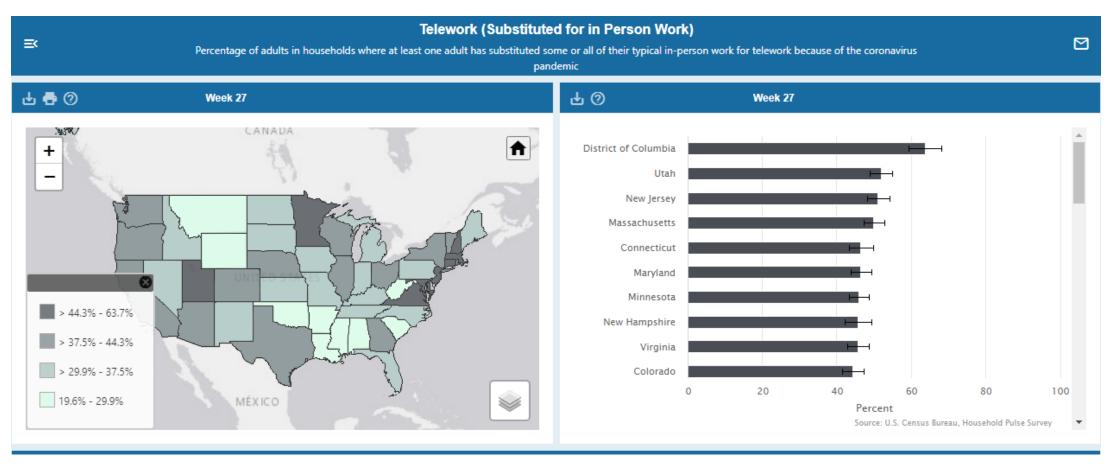
Spotlight: BEA Personal Income and Selected Recovery Programs



Lesson 4: The Power of Partnerships



Spotlight: Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey



Source. U.S. Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, Week 27

Next Steps



Question: What do we know?

Answer: Our core strengths and what users want

Question: Where do we go from there?

Answer: Apply lessons learned

Recap: Lessons Learned

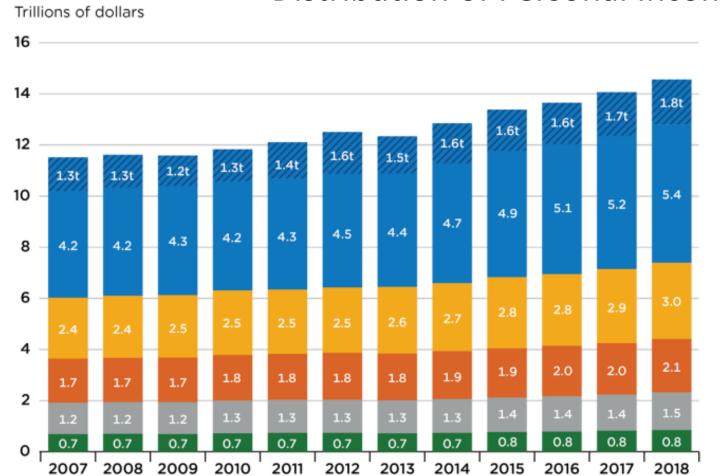


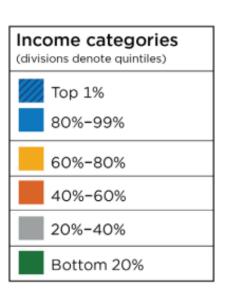
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Other Innovations and Priorities



Distribution of Personal Income





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Looking to the Future



Questions remain

- What is the future of our work?
- What's the next major challenge for the statistical system?
- What's the next major change to the economy and society?

BUT we're ready! Thanks to our:

- Core strengths
- Lessons learned
- Ongoing investments and innovations