

Business Dynamics Tracker

The Business Dynamics Tracker (BDT), currently in advanced development, is a unique tool designed to help researchers answer a wide range of policy questions including current weighty issues such as:

- What is the effect of COVID-19 on jobs?
- Which combinations of economic and public health policies are most effective?

It fundamentally improves on-going efforts to monitor both macro- and micro-level economic changes across all US regions by isolating changes in employment growth or survival rates among establishments that have been assisted by any economic development program and then compare that group against another group of establishments that have not been assisted.

BDT transforms the Your-Economy Time Series (YTS) dataset from annual to quarterly updates introducing a sophisticated jobs tracking model, accessible through a redesigned online dashboard (similar to youreconomy.org). The dashboard reports establishment counts and associated employment at various aggregated levels such as industry sector, geographic area, establishment size, and change category (i.e. establishment births, expansions, contractions, and deaths).

The online dashboard will be made available to any and all users free of charge, and integrated into the YE (youreconomy.org) website. For more intensive research projects, the quarterly BDT dataset in YTS will be accessible in packaged and customized formats through BDRC for a cost similar to the Research License subscriptions currently available for YTS.

BDT data and cost will be available end of 2020/beginning of 2021.