Covid is Reshaping The U.S. Business Landscape

B2B marketers must prepare for up to

4 Million Business Closures

Be prepared with <u>accurate</u> data!





For B2B marketers, accurate data has never been more essential. Staying on top of business closures and openings could be the difference between securing a deal and wasting valuable resources. This has become even more difficult with the novel coronavirus and its impact on the U.S. business landscape through shutdowns and patchy restarts.

To meet these headwinds, marketers need to begin thinking about the new data signals available. It is imperative for marketers to implement the suppression of business closures, as well as how to develop advanced segmentation strategies and models based on the ever-changing landscape of businesses during and beyond this pandemic.

Permanent and Temporary Business Closure Data Signals Now Available Weekly

Before the novel coronavirus impacted the U.S. business landscape through a series of shutdowns and patchy restarts, B2B marketers were accustomed to stability in their marketing universes of customers and prospects. But as the pandemic continues to wreak havoc on small businesses across America, The Wall Street Journal, in its August 1, 2020 story "The Small Business Survival Guide", stated "AS MANY AS 4 MILLION small businesses could be lost entirely in 2020". According to a retail market data expert nearly 75% of the 575,000 retail establishments were temporarily closed sometime between March and May, but the good news is that only 8,700 retail locations were reported to be permanently closed during that time period due to COVID-19.

Temporary Closures: Every county in the United States reports it COVID mandates on a weekly basis. DatabaseUSA.com researches each of the 3,200 U.S. county mandate orders to identify closure mandates of specific types of businesses in each county. DatabaseUSA.com updates the mandated closure data for each of the impacted businesses weekly and makes it available each week. As of the end of August 2020, DatabaseUSA.com offers the list of 270,000 U.S. businesses that must be temporarily closed until further notice.

3,381,000 677,000 292,000 660,000 \$50K and under \$50K to \$100K

over \$150K

PPP Loans by Loan Amount

\$100K to \$150K

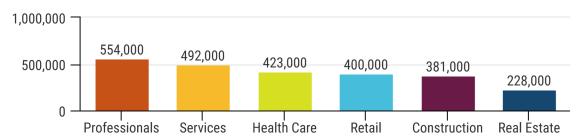


Using PPP Loan Data as a Signal of Risk or Opportunity

As challenges persist, government relief to the business sector has added a crucial layer of complexity that marketers are attempting to decode. Nearly 4.3 million Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans have been issued as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Much of the PPP loan money has been spent, and the fallout will become evident in the coming months. Small businesses with fewer resources are especially at risk.

Perhaps the single biggest new factor B2B marketers must account for in the post-Covid world is the distribution of funds through government action. While the program helps reduce job loss at vulnerable small businesses, it can also become a vital source of data for B2B marketers. Knowing which businesses are receiving funds is an important piece of the bigger puzzle.





Some of the categories in the above graph can be further broken down. Retail, for instance, includes Retail, Grocery, Home Furnishings and Apparel stores, as well as Car Dealers, and Restaurants and Bars. Professionals includes Legal, Accounting, Architectural, Engineering, Advertising, Public Relations and Scientific Research. Services includes Repair & Maintenance, Laundry, and Religious & Civic Organizations.

Over 10.5 million small businesses employ fewer than 20 employees. Add 1.5 million businesses with 20 to 49 employees.

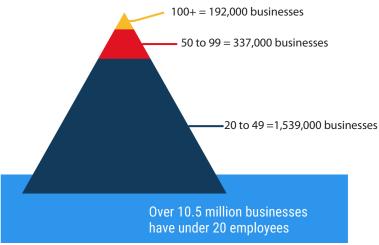
Knowing this, marketers can append PPP loan data to their customer files or modeling databases to find out more about possible risks they are facing. Marketers can also uncover new opportunities to serve their customers better. These new data signals can help answer questions such as:

- Are customers still credit worthy?
- Could they stop buying from you?
- Could they be looking for less expensive options?

The PPP data can also be useful for new customer acquisitions. With access to these signals, marketers find clues by asking:

- Did this prospective business receive a PPP loan?
- How many jobs were saved by the loan?
- How does this impact the way they may operate when funds are no longer available?
- What are the macro indicators for their SIC / NAICS? (Industry Segment)

Current U.S. Business Landscape by Number of Employees



Source: DatabaseUSA.com 2020

Rethinking Segmentation and Reach with New Signals

The transition to work-from-home presses B2B marketers to adopt data-driven methods in order to reach important stakeholders. And although B2B marketing has traditionally followed a longer buy cycle than other marketing spheres, dramatic shifts in the economy call for more rapid "just-in-time" data and alternative methods of reach.

DatabaseUSA.com is enabling its clients to reach their business customers and prospects **at home**. Having a business executive's home address, phone number, and personal email address allows B2B marketers to meet prospects on their own terms in these changing times.

In communicating with customers, marketers and sales teams are processing economic factors at the macro level while also drilling down to see how their prospects are managing the changing environment.



At the macro level, various government and industry reports are being used by DatabasaUSA.com to project business closures and downsizing by industry and geography. Models are being built to help clients forecast the financial impact on their business.

Since so many small businesses are locally or regionally focused, their responses to the pandemic vary according to how states and communities are managing shutdowns and re- openings. B2B marketers are navigating a challenging climate that is further complicated by this level of geographical complexity.



Contact Information Available on Over 15 Million Executives at Their Home or Place of Business.

Is There a Silver Lining?

The economic impact of the pandemic has accelerated what might have been a more natural slow death of businesses – those without enough capital to sustain economic downturns. For small businesses that do survive, they are likely to scale back their operations to their most profitable activities.

Luckily, there are still over 50,000 new business formations across the U.S. every week, and nearly a million commercial businesses in the last five months!

For instance, DatabaseUSA.com has seen a huge surge in Building Cleaning and Maintenance services, Individual and Family Social Services and Home Health Care Services. And in addition to Tax Preparation Services that always emerge in the first quarter of every year, the types of new business emerging in 2020 also include Beauty Salons and Real Estate Agents.

These trends point to changes as businesses continue to adapt to the post-Covid environment. Will Beauty establishments move from large salons to safer individual salon suites? In Real Estate, is the new normal requiring buyers to look for different living conditions, so they can work from home and home school their children? If record-low interest rates are boosting home sales, will that create more demand for Home Improvement businesses?

When putting together a robust segmentation strategy or industry impact model sufficient for the times, marketers are pulling the most current data on loans, closures and temporary closures, as well as new business formations. A closer look at each of these categories offers insights into how marketers can improve marketing strategies during and after the pandemic.





Types of New Businesses Formed in the Last 5 Months:

- Building Cleaning & Maintenance Services
- Individual & Family Social Services
- Health Practitioners
- Home Health Care Services
- Beauty Salons
- Real Estate Agents
- Accounting, Auditing & Bookkeeping Services
- Tax Return Preparation Services



In these uncertain times, the need for Accurate Data is more critical than ever so you can stay in touch with your existing customers and accurately target new prospects. With over 40 years of experience, DatabaseUSA.com is the perfect partner to help you grow your business.

As an **ORIGINAL** compiler of data, DatabaseUSA.com boasts its industry renowned **Triple-Verified**National Business File of 14+ Million Records – rich with firmographic data, location data, executive contacts and emails. In addition,
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