

COVID-19 IMPACT ON BROWARD COUNTY'S TAXI INDUSTRY

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BACKGROUND

The Taxi Industry in Broward has already been put in a difficult economical situation by the advent of Uber and Lyft.

Now this situation got even worst by the spread of COVID-19 and the consequent reduction of tourists as well as all the difficulties in maintaining a safe service while keeping operations going.

Taxi drivers all around the county had to stop operations and are now in a dramatic economical situation.





TECHNICAL SUPPORT

The United Drivers Of Broward, with the technical support, research and expertise of THELAR Management Group (TMG), crafted this survey with the goal of understanding the impact of COVID-19 on the Taxi industry in Broward County.

TMG is a communication company with almost 20 years of experience. Throughout the years TMG has conducted countless projects, events, and programs targeting the Haitian Market, which is its focus area.

INTRODUCTION

• Report goals:

Summarizing the findings of a survey of taxi drivers in South Florida (with a specific focus on Broward County).

- Survey dates:
 March 19th to March 26th, 2021
- Survey Distribution Methods:
 Google Forms to a random sample of taxi drivers contacted by the United Drivers Of Broward (UDOB) organization.

Key Question:
What impact is COVID-19 having on taxi drivers in South Florida?



METHODOLOGY

PREPARATION

Frame the questions

VALIDITY

UDOB made sure only taxi drivers in Broward County could take the survey

DELIVERING METHOD

Google Forms

DATA-ANALYSIS

Tableau Software

SAMPLE SIZE

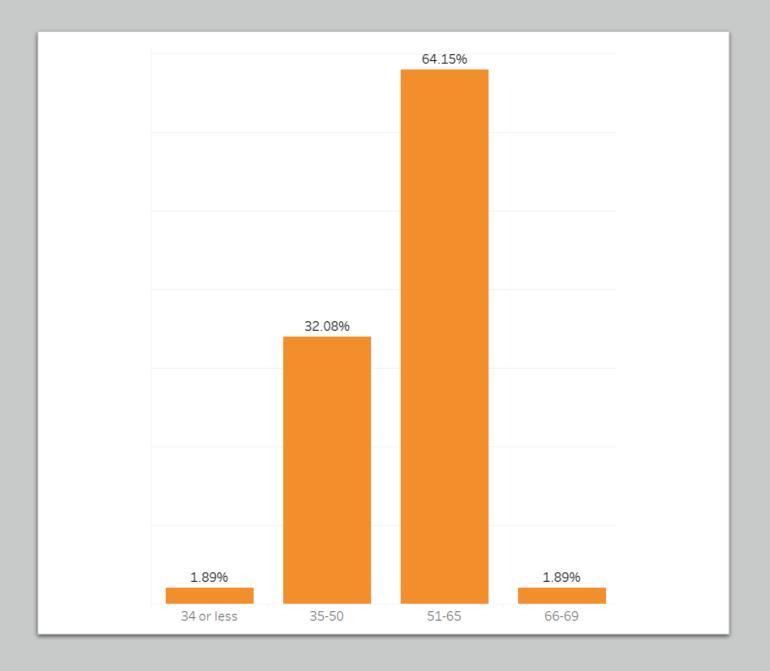
59 taxi drivers





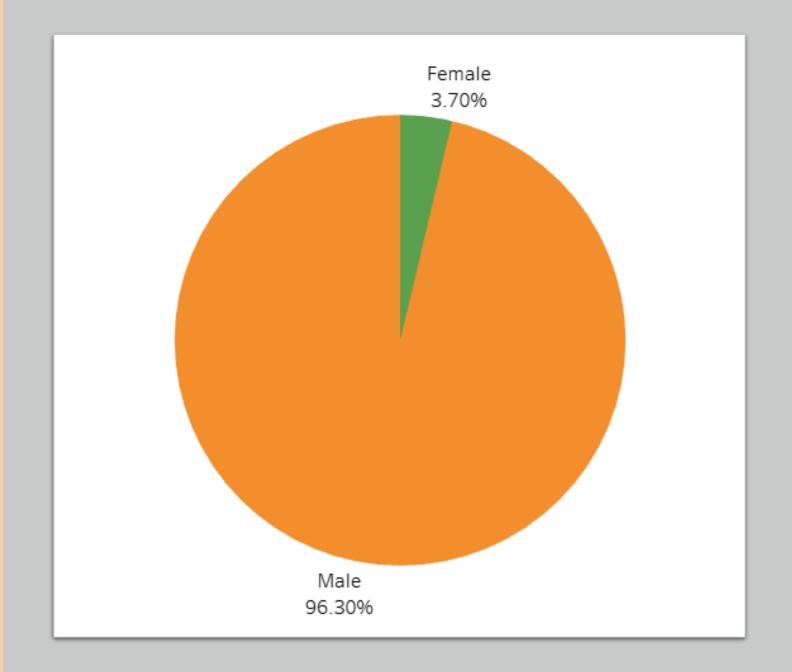
AGE

- The vast majority (96.23%) of taxi drivers interviewed are in between 35 and 65 years of age.
- Not a lot of new taxi drivers in the area, only 1.89% under 34 years of age.



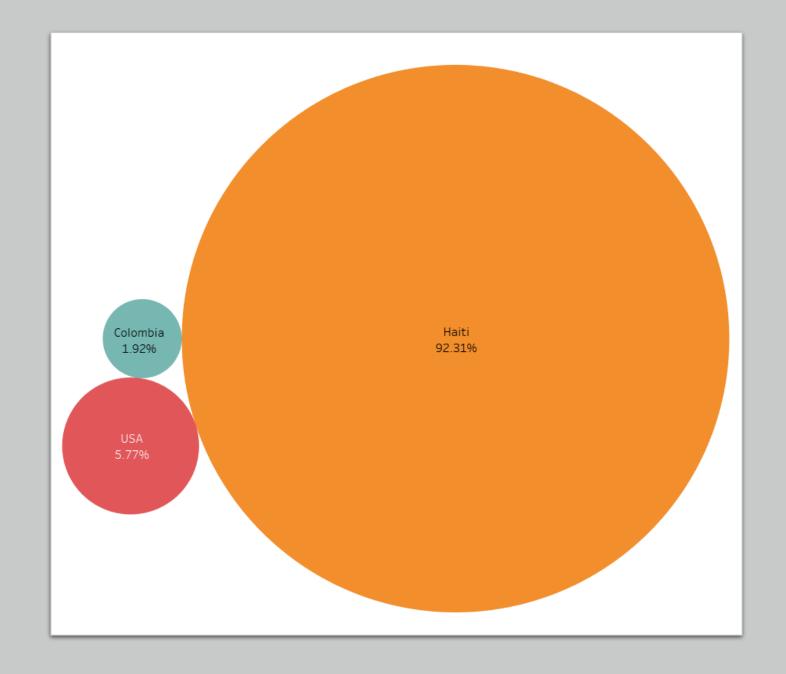
GENDER

The vast majority (96.30%) of taxi drivers interviewed are males.



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

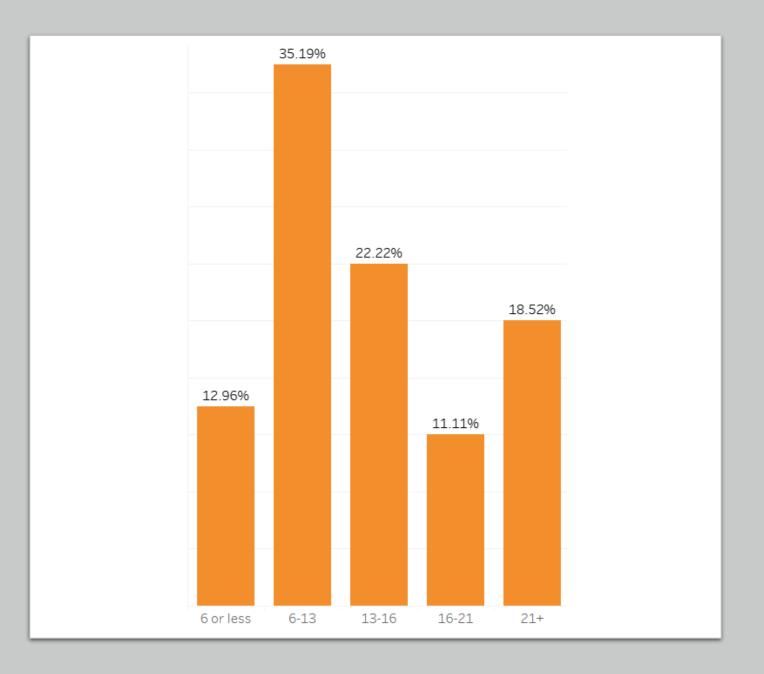
- The vast majority (92.31%) of taxi drivers interviewed are from Haiti.
- Taxi drivers in South Florida are mostly immigrants (94.23%).





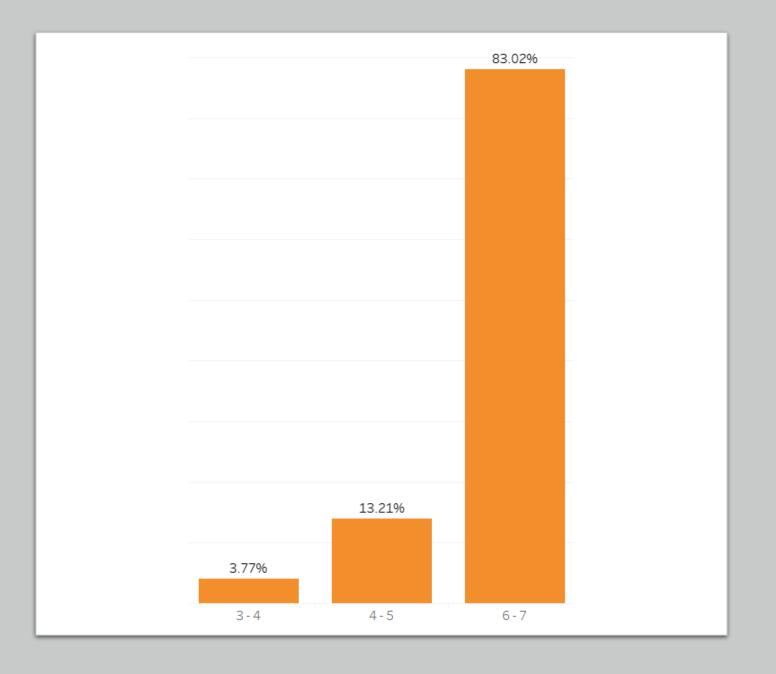
YEARS IN THE INDUSTRY

- One third of the taxi drivers interviewed have been in the industry between 6 and 13 years.
- Not a clear pattern, uniform distribution around the rest of the chart.



DAYS OF OPERATION BEFORE COVID

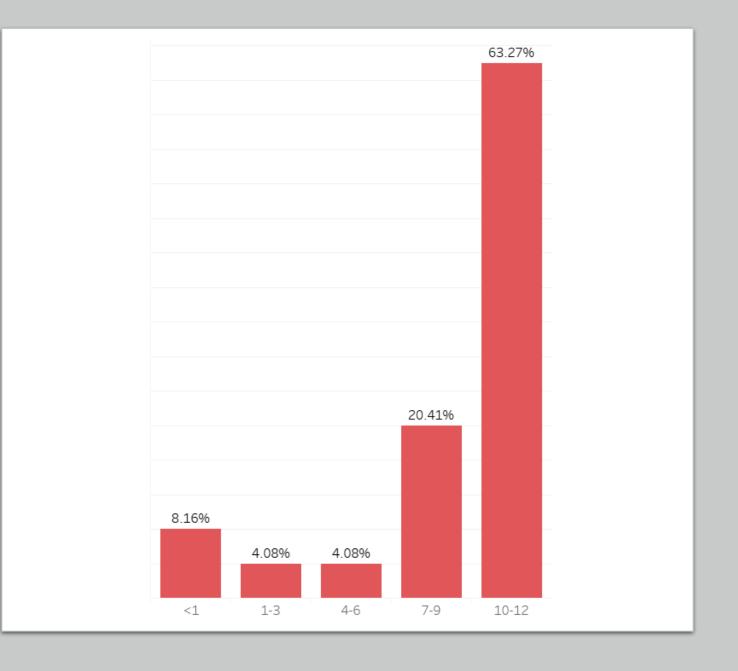
- The vast majority (83.02%) of taxi drivers interviewed were used to work 6 to 7 days per week.
- Almost all taxi drivers highly depended on the income of their profession.





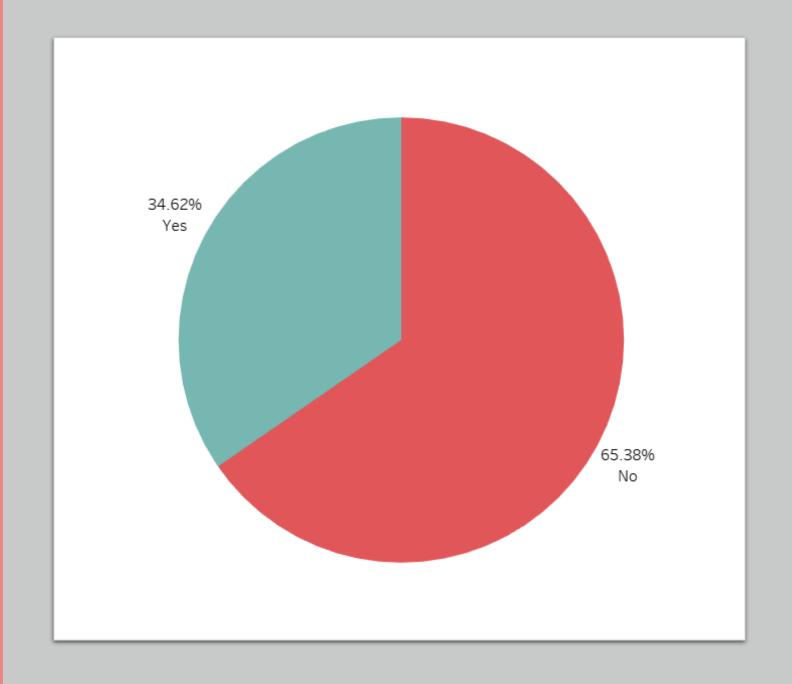
MONTHS OF NO OPERATION

83.68% of taxi drivers interviewed had to completely stop working for more than 7 moths due to COVID-19, loosing around 200 days of income.



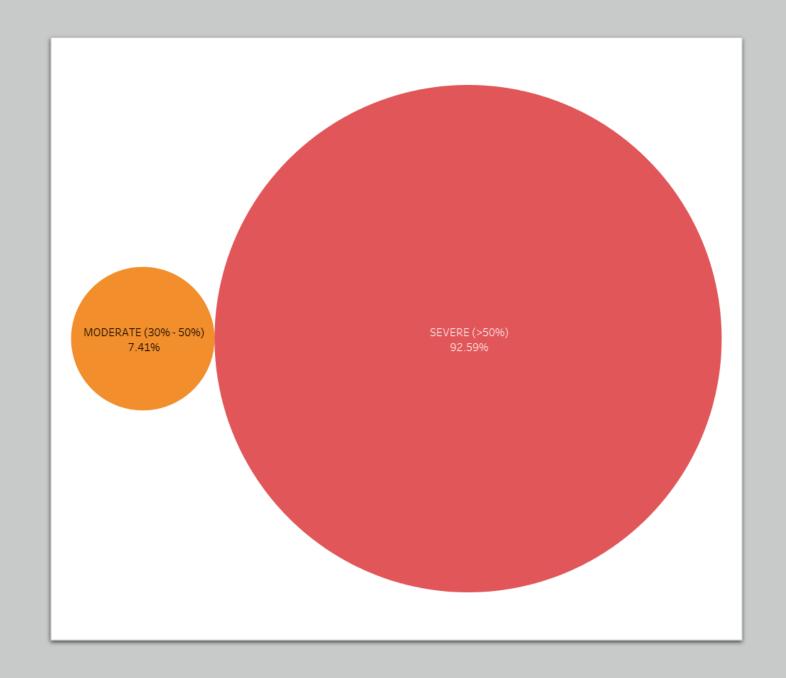
RESUMED OPERATIONS?

65.38% of taxi drivers interviewed had NOT re-started working due to COVID-19 at the time of the interview.



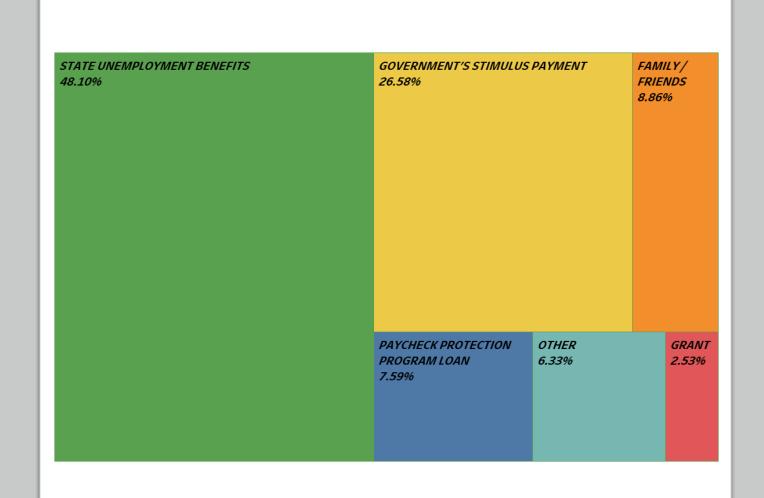
REVENUE LOSS

92.59% of taxi drivers interviewed reported a loss in revue greater than 50%.



ECONOMIC HELP RECEIVED

- State and government are ranked 1st and 2nd as most common economic help received.
- 74.68% of the taxi drivers interviewed have received help in one of these ways.



CONCLUSION

Summarizing the findings:

- Most taxi drivers in Broward County are middle-aged male immigrants who work full time as taxi drivers.
- Since most of them had to completely stop working for more than 7 months, and more than half of them have not resumed operations yet.
- This sector can be considered as being hit particularly hard by COVID-19.

