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Resources for 2024/5 Nighthawks Economics Showdown

2024/5 Theme: The Post-COVID Labor Market

Resources presented via the links below relate to the general topics of labor markets in the U.S. and globally.

U.S. Labor Market Resources

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is the principal fact-finding agency for the U.S. government in the field of labor economics and statistics. The BLS collects, processes, analyzes, and publishes information used to support public and private decision making.

Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED)

Federal Reserve Economic Data (FRED) is an online database maintained by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. FRED consists of hundreds of thousands of economic data time series from national, international, public, and private sources. FRED, created and maintained by the Research Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, goes far beyond simply providing data: It combines data with a powerful mix of tools that help the user understand, interact with, display, and disseminate the data.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York: The Labor Market for Recent College Graduates

This Federal Reserve Bank of New York provides information on labor market outcomes of recent college graduates. This information sheds light on the employment experience of young people as they transition from college to the labor market. The underlying data are available for download. Data on unemployment and underemployment are updated quarterly, generally in February, May, August, and November. The wages and outcomes by major tabs are updated annually in February.

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta: Center for Workforce and Economic Opportunity

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Center for Workforce and Economic Opportunity focuses on employment policies and labor market issues that affect low- and moderate-income individuals. It acts as a bridge between research and practice, connecting researchers, businesses, and policymakers with innovative approaches to creating economic opportunity through education and employment. The center also contributes to economic research and monetary policy discussions by tracking labor market trends affecting low- and moderate-income workers.

National Bureau of Economic Research

The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) is a private, nonpartisan organization that facilitates cutting-edge investigation and analysis of major economic issues. It disseminates research findings to academics, public and private-sector decision-makers. The Labor Studies Program explores issues related to employment and compensation, including the supply of and demand for labor, human capital, and the determinants and consequences of unemployment. It also considers the effects of labor unions and policies such as minimum wages and training programs.

Brookings Institution

The Brookings Institution is a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. The mission is to conduct in-depth, nonpartisan research to improve policy and governance at local, national, and global levels.

Cato Institute

The Cato Institute is a public policy research organization—or think tank—that creates a presence for and promotes libertarian ideas in policy debates. The mission is to originate, disseminate, and advance solutions.

International Labor Market Resources

International Labour Organization

The International Labour Organization is a United Nations agency whose mandate is to advance social and economic justice by setting international labour standards.

International Monetary Fund

The IMF is a global organization that works to achieve sustainable growth and prosperity for all of its 190 member countries. It does so by supporting economic policies that promote financial stability and monetary cooperation, which are essential to increase productivity, job creation, and economic well-being. The IMF is governed by and accountable to its member countries.

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development Library

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international organization that works to build better policies for better lives. The OECD online library features books, papers, podcasts and statistics and is the knowledge base of OECD's analysis and data.

Penn World Tables

The Penn World Tables is a database with information on relative levels of income, output, input and productivity, covering 183 countries between 1950 and 2019. The current version of the database, version 10, thus allows for comparisons of relative GDP per capita, as a measure of standard of living, the productive capacity of economies and their productivity level.

The World Bank

The World Bank provides research and publications on jobs and development, with focus on labor markets, skills development, social protection, and migration. Their Open Knowledge Repository includes reports on various job and labor-related topics.