



R Community Explorer:

# The State of R

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# R Community Explorer



## Data-Driven Exploration of the R Community

An effort to track and report summaries around the activities of the global R Community in a data-driven manner with a focus on:

1. Groups
2. Events
3. Software
4. Q & A
5. Google Summer of Code
6. Twitter
7. Ranking

<https://benubah.github.io/r-community-explorer/rugs.html>

# Why R Community Explorer?



## Why A Data-Driven Exploration of the R Community?

1. Help users find user-groups, events, popular tools and trends.
2. Provide a data-driven tool to aid organizations in planning events and diversity programs.
3. To track underrepresented regions with respect to user-groups, members and events.

# Why R Community Explorer?



## Why A Data-Driven Exploration of the R Community?

4. To provide a way to monitor the growth and popularity of the R language over time.
5. Recognize the efforts of organizers, mentors, community leaders, developers and other volunteers across user-groups, events, open-source programs, etc.



# Expected Audience

1. Support organizations like the R Foundation and R Consortium
2. Diversity-focused groups like R-Ladies and R-Forwards
3. For-profit organizations that provide R-related products and services

# Expected Audience



4. User-group and event organizers
5. Users and developers
6. R enthusiasts and evangelists
7. Prospective users and organizations intending to adopt R
8. Speculators / writers who think R is declining

# Groups



## Exploring R User-groups |

Groups that identify R as one of their topics of interest on Meetup.com

911



R User Groups

734803

Members



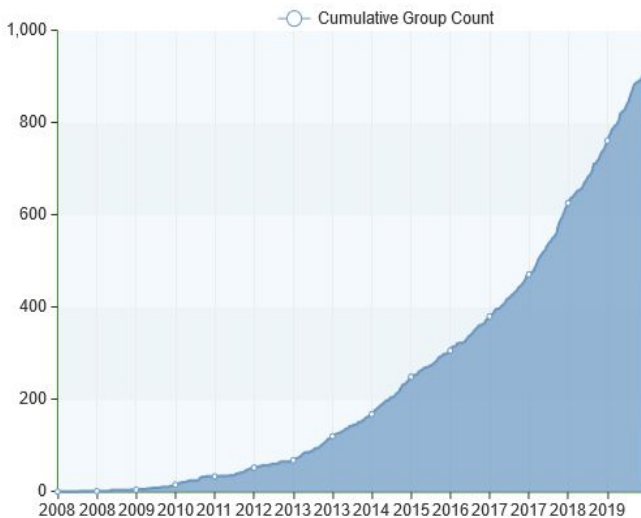
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Countries



412

Cities



Data Collected: 15th June, 2020.



# Groups



## Exploring R-Ladies Chapters

185

Chapters



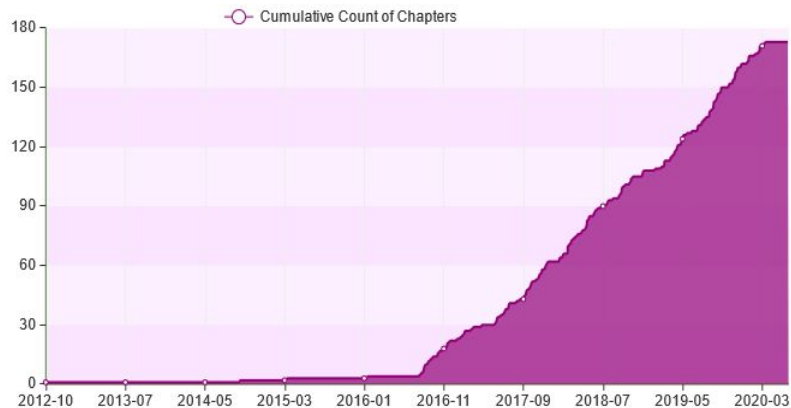
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Members



53

Countries



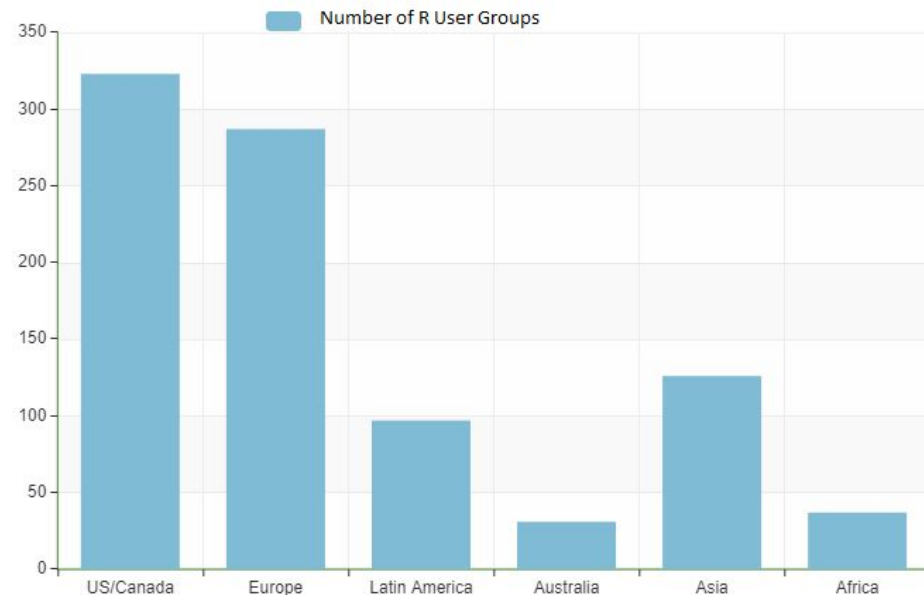
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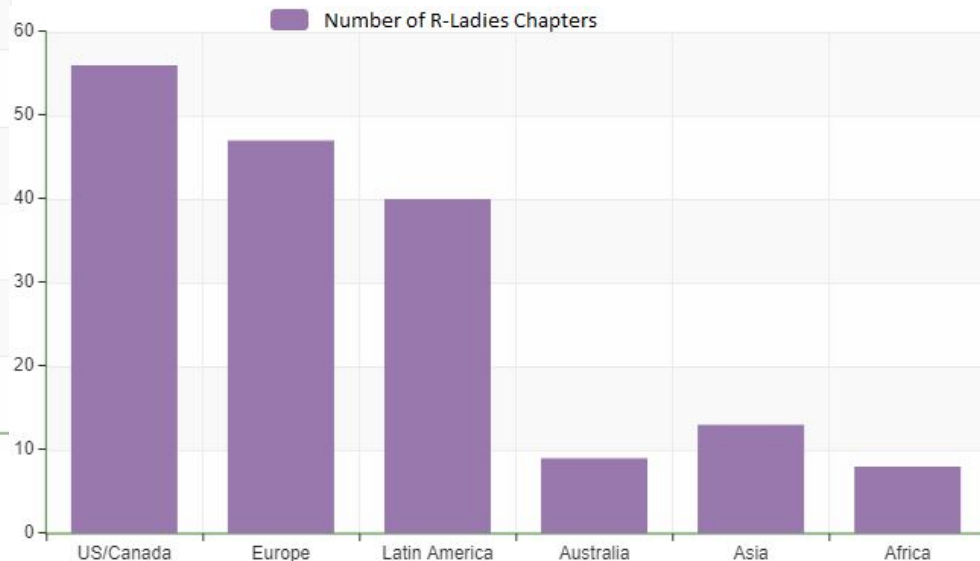
# Groups



## Group Distribution Across Regions



R User Groups



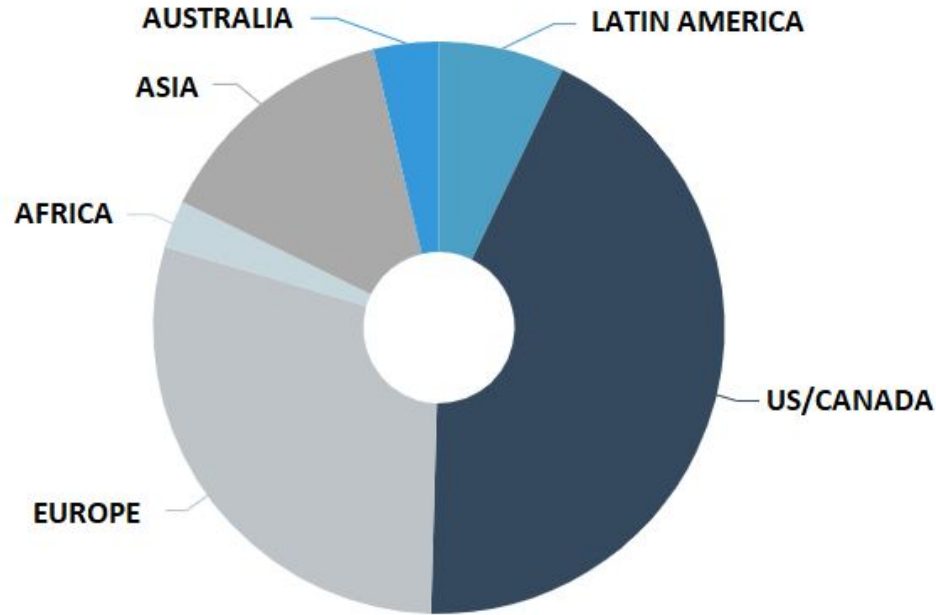
R-Ladies Chapters

# Groups

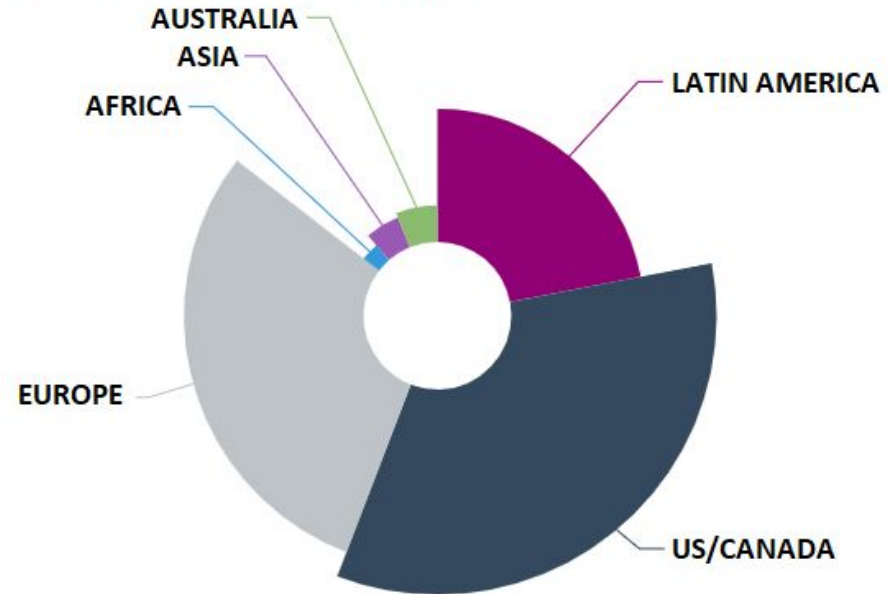
## Membership Across Regions



R User-group Membership Across Regions



R-LADIES Membership Across Regions



# Events



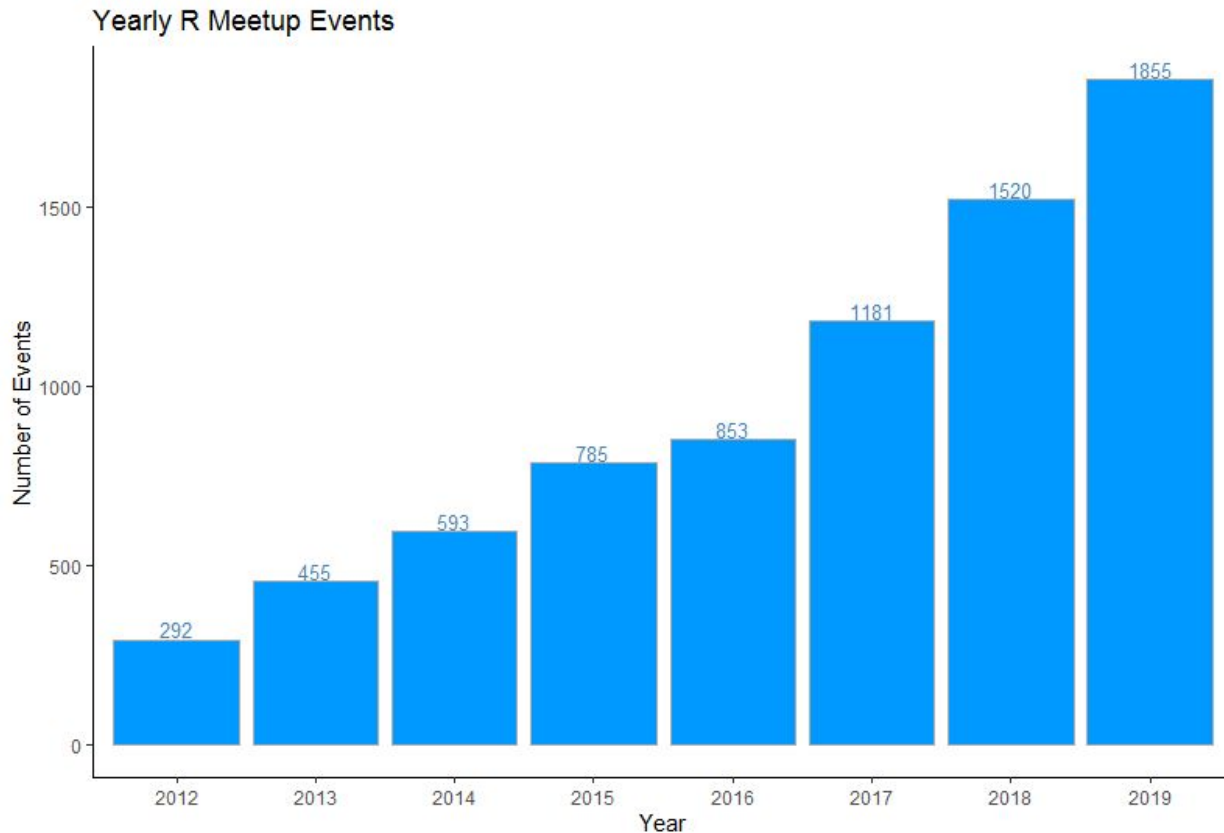
## Meetup Events Worldwide: R-Focused Groups

**7534 Events**

**62 Countries**

**386 Groups**

**8 Years**



Data Collected: 9th June, 2020.

# Events



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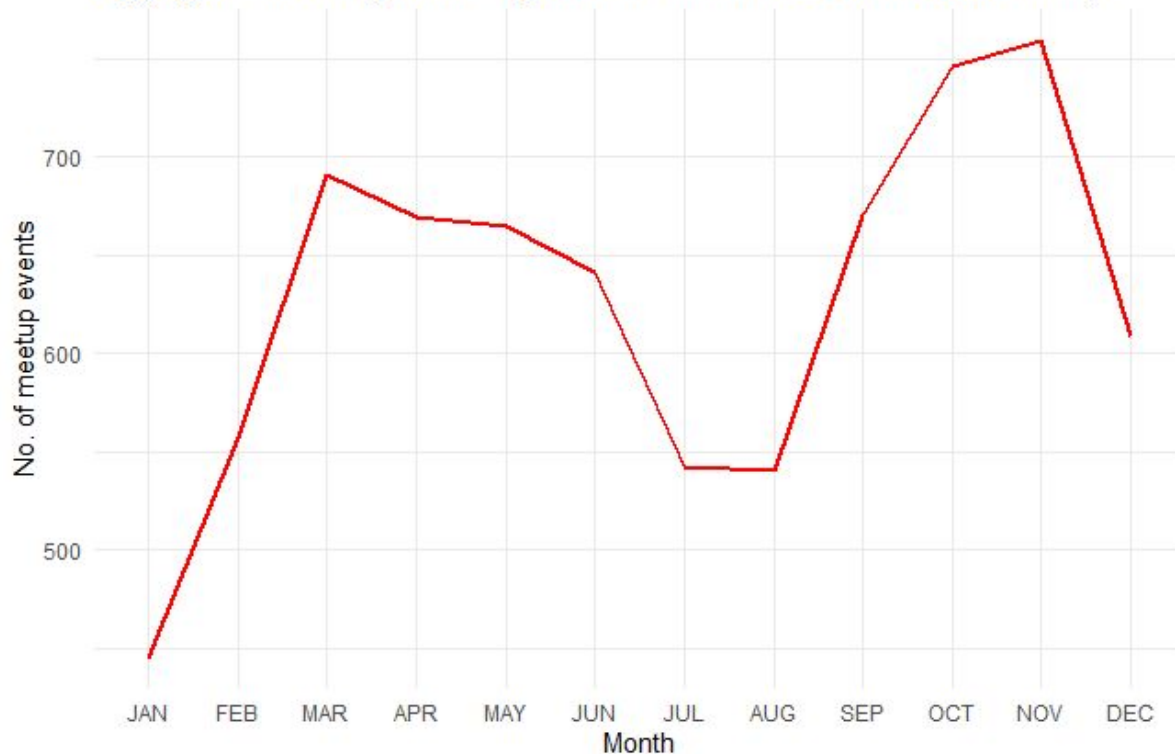
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**2012 - 2019**

Aggregated Monthly R Meetup Event Count for 386 R-focused Groups

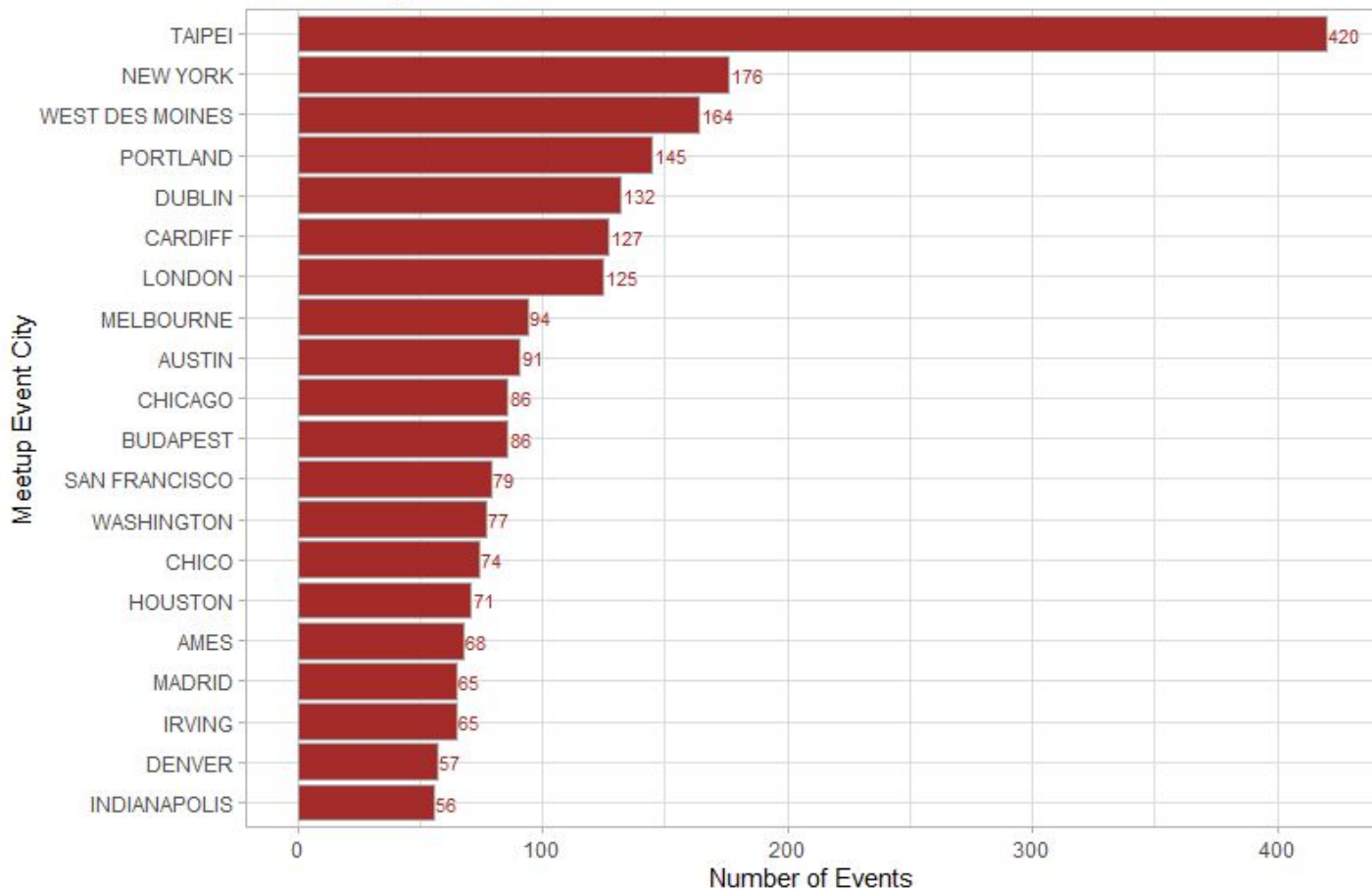


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# Events

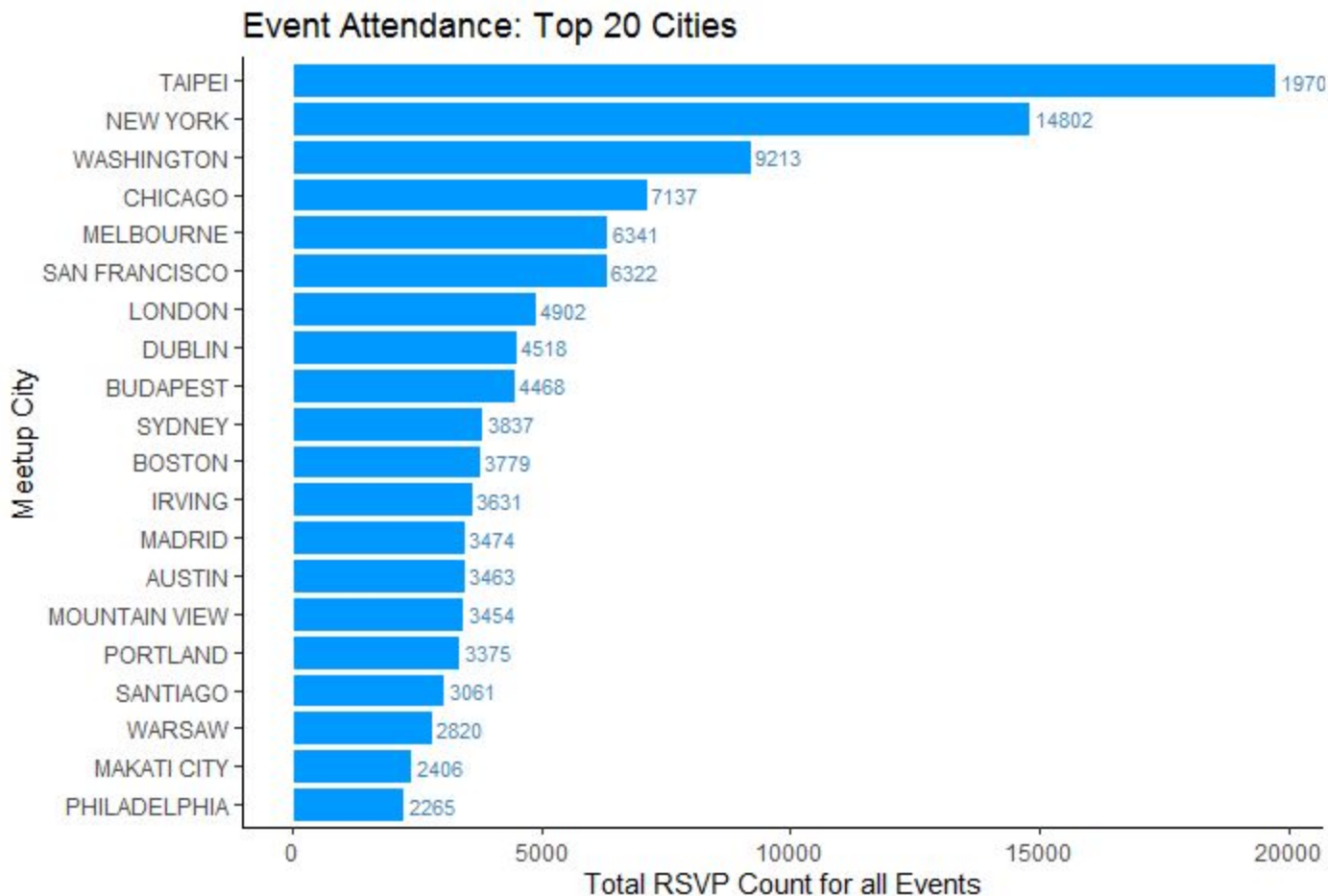
**2258 Events**  
**(30%)**  
**Held in Top**  
**20 Cities**

Events: Top 20 Cities



# Events

**Top 20  
Cities Had  
112,969  
Yes\_RSVPs  
(41.8%)**

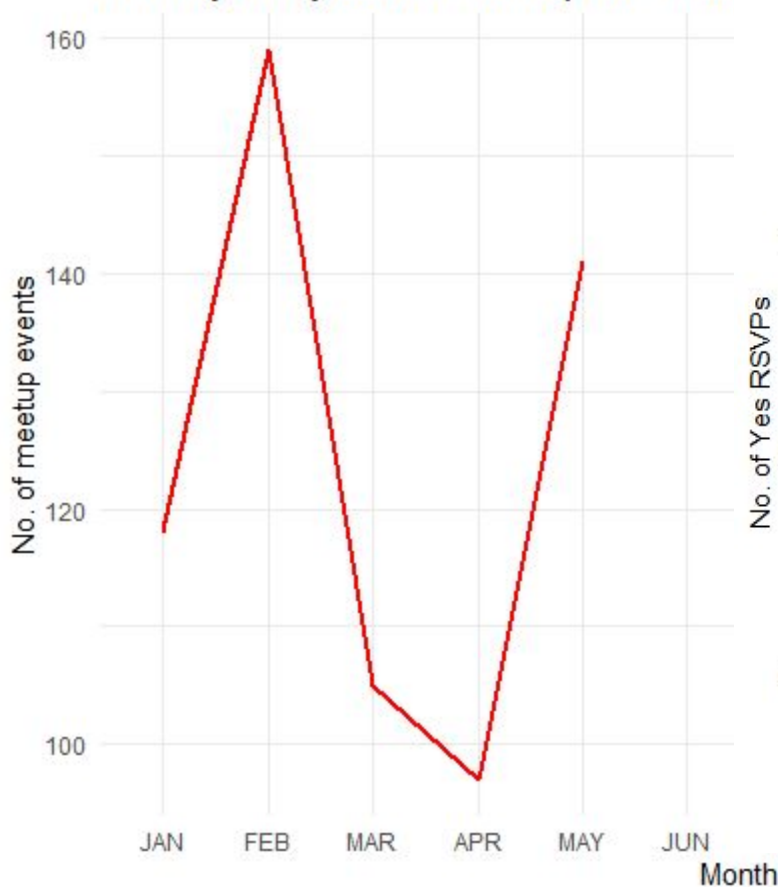


# Events

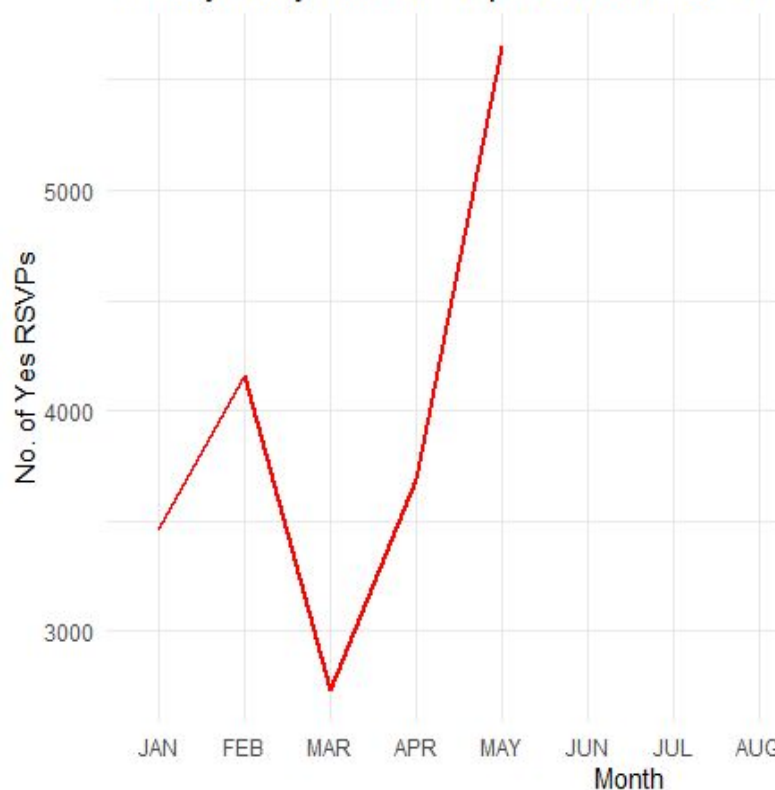
Impact of  
COVID-19

Events  
Picked Up  
In MAY

January - May 2020 R Meetup Event Count :



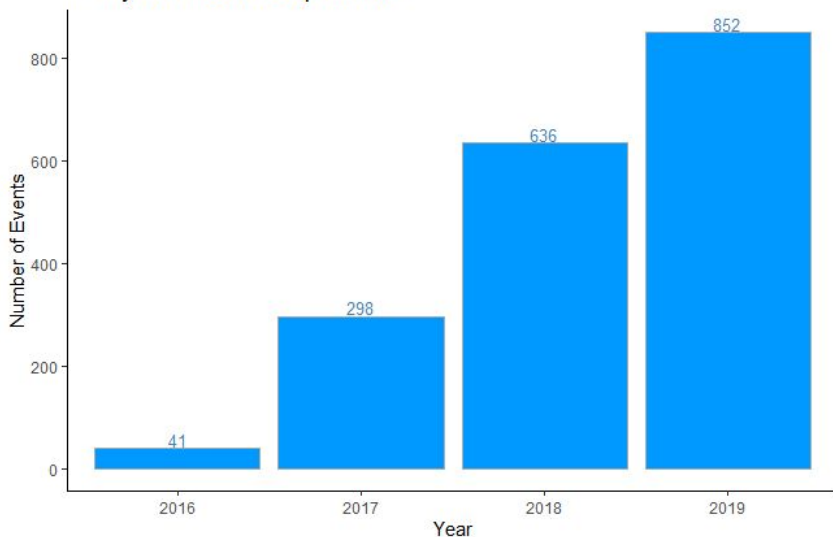
January - May 2020 Meetup Event Attendance



# R-Ladies Events

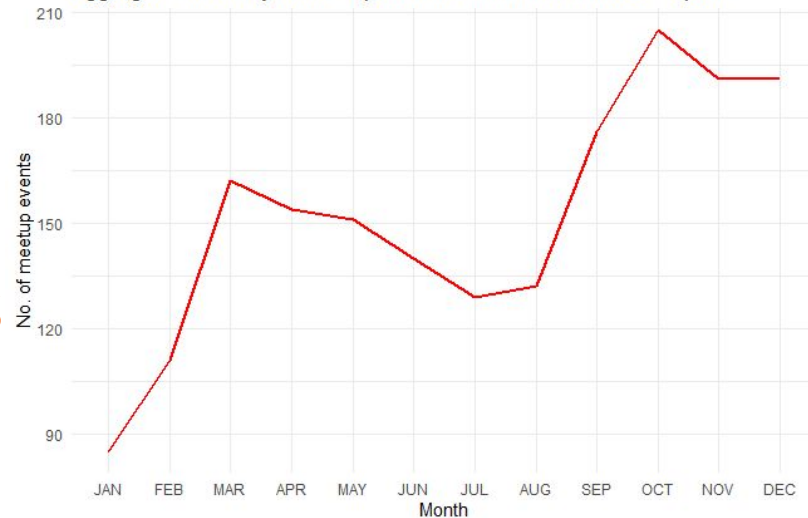
**1,827** **48** **46,169**  
**Events** **Countries** **Yes RSVPs**

Yearly R-Ladies Meetup Events



**2016 - 2019**

Aggregated Monthly R Meetup Event Count for R-Ladies Chapters



R-Ladies Event Attendance: All Events





# SatRday Events

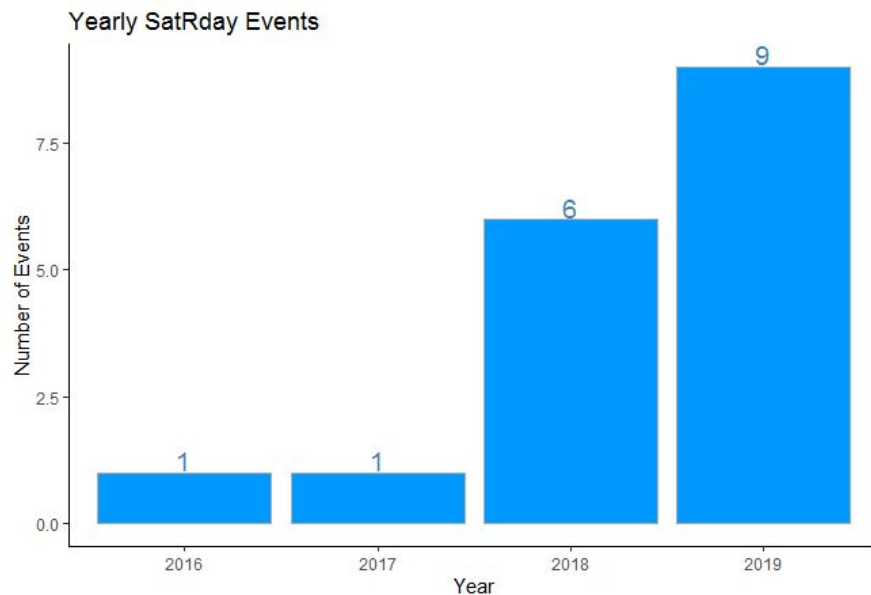
17+ Events   11 Countries  
15 Cities   4 Regions

## Event Region

Europe   9  
Africa   4  
N. America   3  
S.America   1

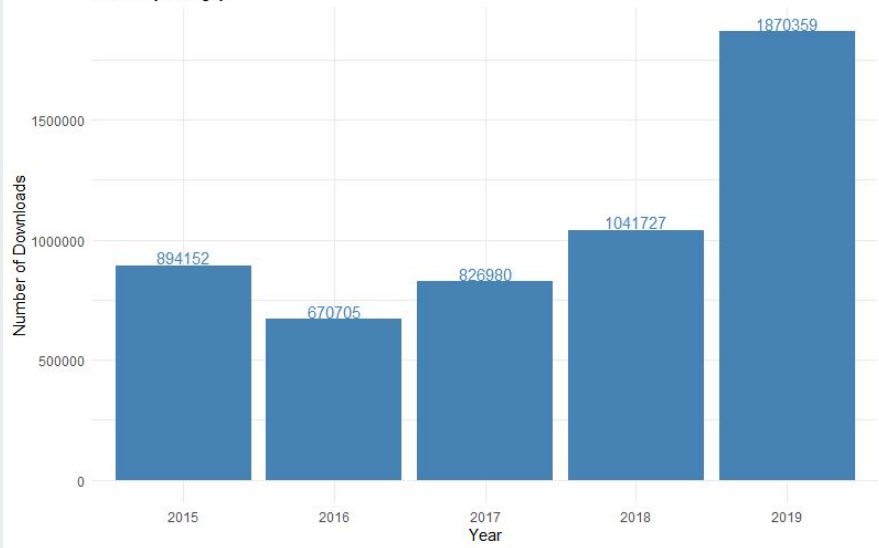
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Microsoft   4

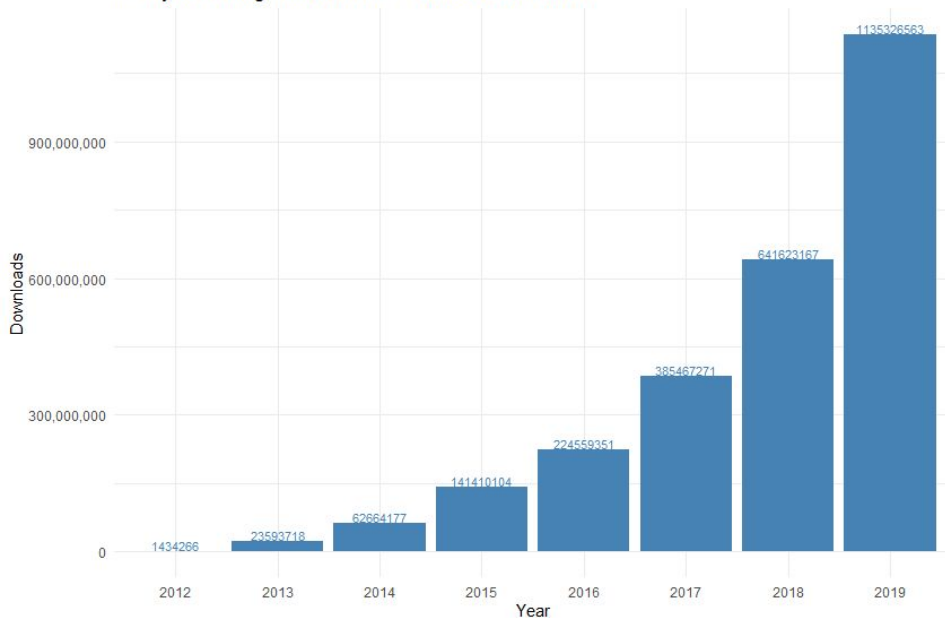


# Software CRAN

Base R Downloads by Year on RStudio CRAN Mirror  
data via {cranlogs}



Yearly R Package Downloads - RStudio CRAN Mirror



**15,000+ R Packages**

**9000+ Package Maintainers**

**2,616,078,617 Downloads**

**Current R Version 4.0.2**

**41 CRAN Task Views**

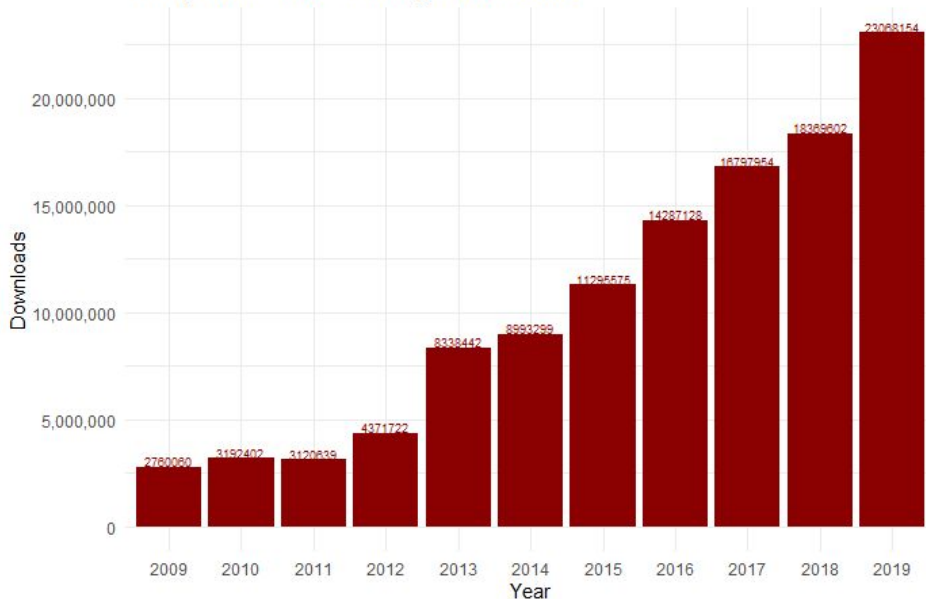
# Software BioConductor



Current Version **3.11**



Yearly Bioconductor Package Downloads



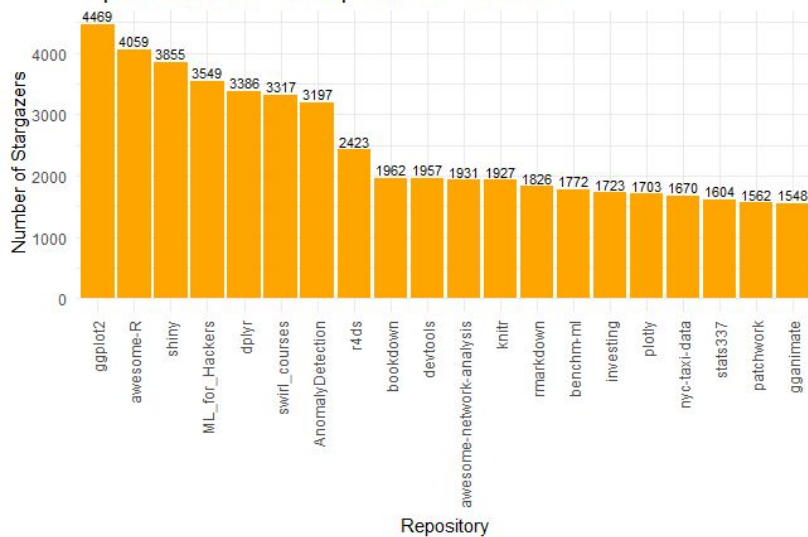
**1,900+** Packages

**127,585,899** Downloads

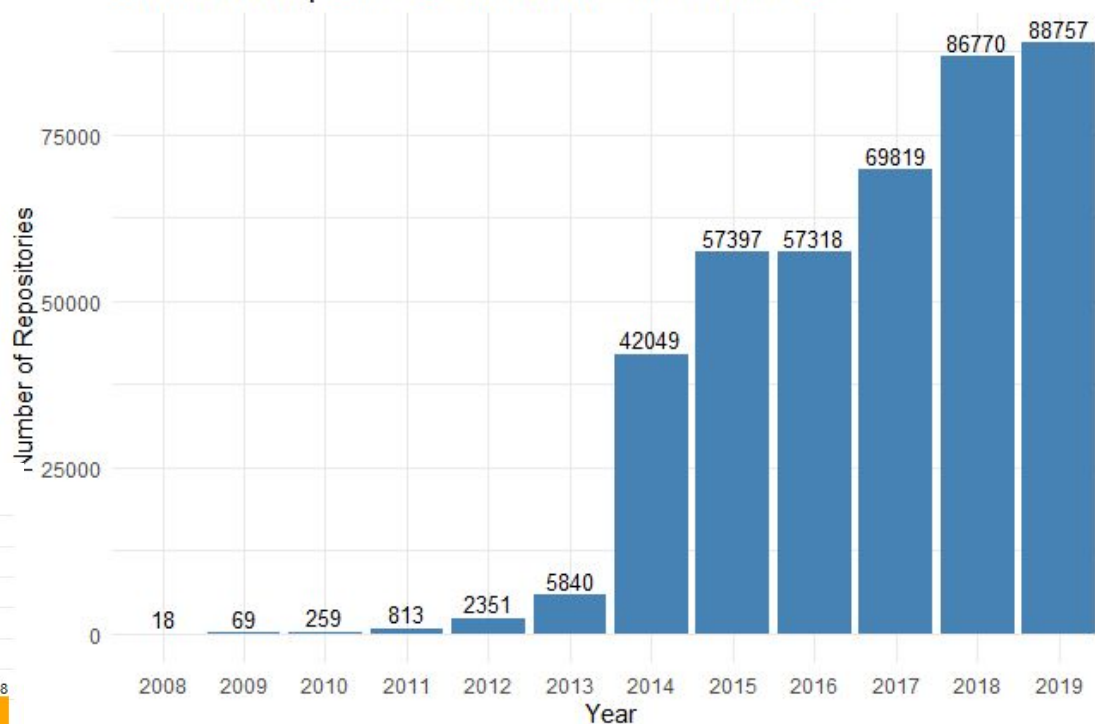
**2009 - 2020**

# Software GitHub

Top 20 Most Starred R Repositories on GitHub



Count of R Repositories Created on GitHub Per Year

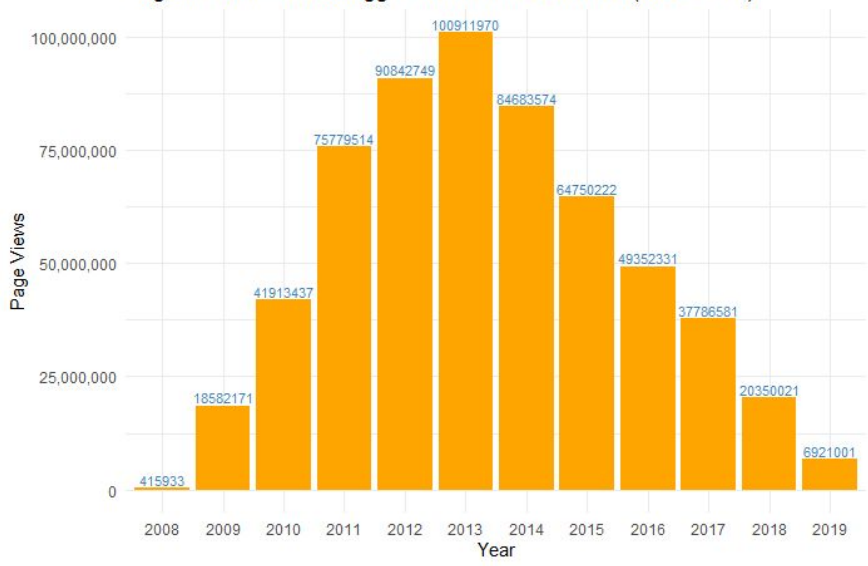


At the time of writing:  
**467,276+ R GitHub Repos**

# Q & A

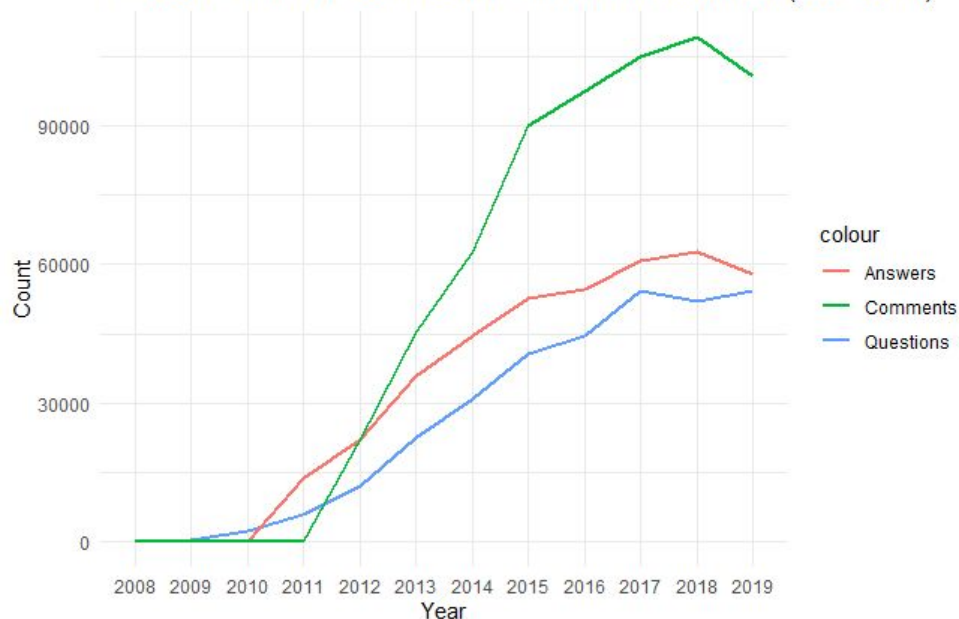
## Stack Overflow

Page Views for Posts tagged R on Stack Overflow (2008-2019)



**592,289,504** Page Views

R Questions, Answers and Comments on Stack Overflow (2008-2019)



**319,986** Questions

**405,044** Answers

**632,872** Comments

# Google Summer Of Code: R Projects

235

Projects

\$117,500 raised for the R Project



206

Students



219

Mentors



13

Years



# Twitter

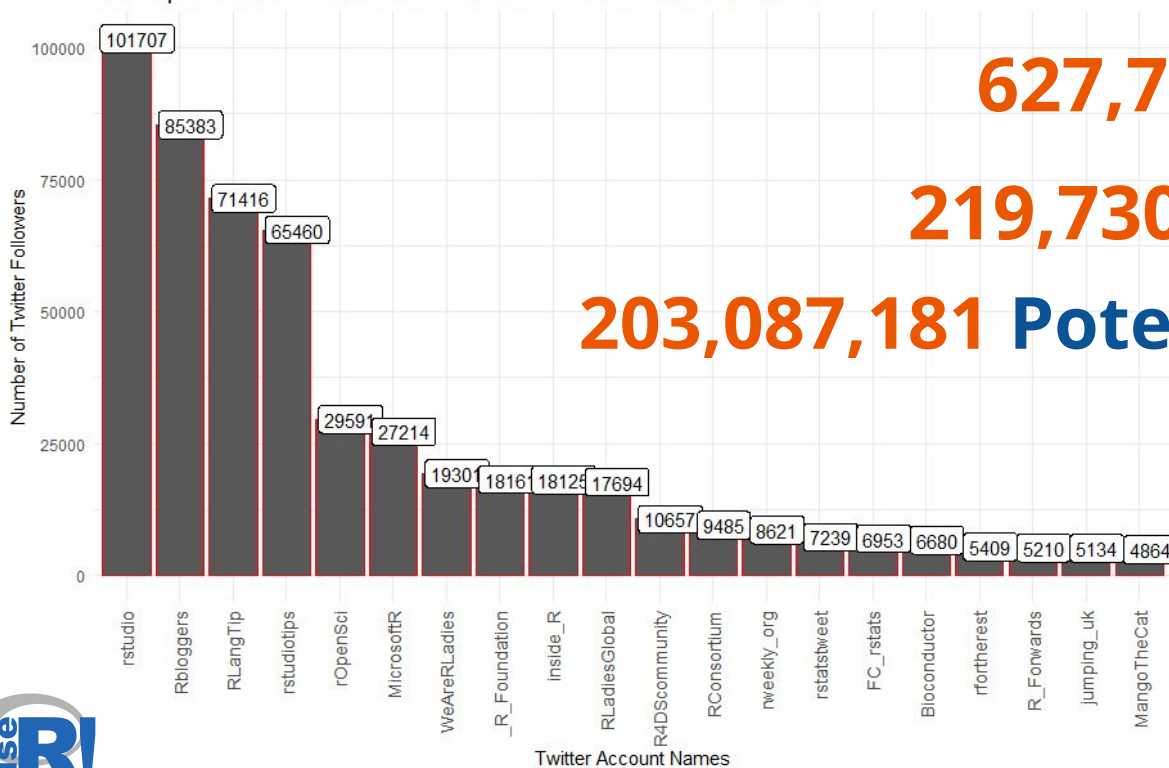
**244 R Twitter Accounts**

**627,764 Followers**

**219,730 Unique Followers**

**203,087,181 Potential Twitter Reach**

Our Top 20 Most Followed Non-Personal R-centered Twitter Accounts



# Twitter

## 244 R Twitter Accounts

15	@AfricaRUsers	non-profit
16	@rstatstweet	utility
17	@whyRconf	event
18	@rstudiotips	educational
19	@rstats4ds	educational
20	@Bioconductor	non-profit
21	@useR2020stl	event



# Ranking | R Language

9

TIOBE

5

IEEE

13

Redmonk

7

PYPI

# Summary

- Data has spoken
- Is R declining? Data says: **No! No!**
- R is instead becoming more popular

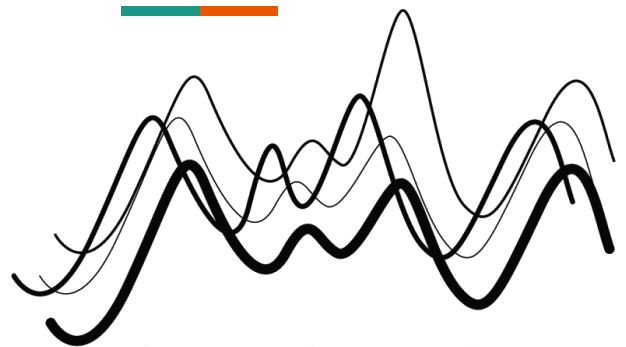
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