

# Sports Analytics III

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- Sports Analytics Use Survey (2013)
- Sample of 27 People (NFL, MLB, NBA, EPL)
- How Many Different Sources?
  - 1-2 (6.7%)
  - 3-4 (33.3%)
  - 5-6 (13.3%)
  - >6 (46.71%)



- How Much Data is Centralized?
  - All (31.3%)
  - Most (37.4%)
  - Some (31.3%)
- How Much Data is Dependent on One Person?
  - Some (50.0%)
  - Most (43.7%)
  - All Data Centralized (6.3%)



- Is Data Checked for Errors?
  - Always (31.3%)
  - Usually (37.5%)
  - Sometimes (18.8%)
  - Occasionally (6.1%)
  - Rarely (6.3%)
- How Many Database Programmers are Employed?
  - 0 (37.5%)
  - 1-2 (50.0%)
  - 3-4 (0.0%)
  - >5 (12.5%)



How Many Statistical Analysts are Employed?

- 0 (20.0%)
- 1-2 (66.6%)
- 3-4 (0.0%)
- >5 (13.3%)

Roadblock: Difficulty Identifying Strong Applicant

Difficulty in Both Hiring and Evaluating



- Clear Process for Hiring/Evaluating Analysts
  - Strongly Agree (13.3%/14.3%)
  - Somewhat Agree (13.3%/14.3%)
  - Neutral (26.7%/28.6%)
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- Article by Russell Karp (ITProPortal.com)
  - Global Sports Market Worth \$600B-\$700B (KPMG)
  - Including All Business Dedicated to Sports \$1.3T
  - Investment in Data Services



Projections in 2022 According to MarketWatch.com



- Modern Applications of Sports Analytics
  - Helping the Team Win
    - Automated Video Analysis (Lincoln City, UK Football)
    - 3D Depth Camera (NBA)
    - Wearable Technology (NBA, NHL)
  - Improving the Fan Experience
    - Analysis of Digital Engagement
    - Sentiment in Social Media
    - Analysis of Fan Behavior in Stadium (New England Patriots)
    - Wireless Internet and Phone Apps
    - Apps Supply Game Analytics, Parking Information, Promotions, and Traffic Information to the Fans (NFL)



- Modern Applications of Sports Analytics
  - Benefiting Other Stakeholders
    - Tracking Fan Behavior Outside the Stadium
    - Telecommunication, Retailers, Payment Providers, Ticket Agencies, and Sponsorships
    - Adapt to Quick Changes in Consumer Behavior
  - Optimizing the Back-Office
    - HR Practices
    - Game Scheduling
    - Supply Chain Management and Logistics
    - Marketing and Promotions
    - Procurement of Goods and Services



- Modern Applications of Sports Analytics
  - Advancing Sports Gambling
    - Supreme Court Ruling Previous Statute Violated 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment (Murphy v. National Collegiate Athletic Association)
    - States Free to Legislate Gambling
    - Improvement of Gambling Products
    - Data Aggregation and Visualization for Bettors
    - Develop Daily Fantasy Sports
    - Worth Over \$5B According to Nevada Gaming Control Board (NGCB)



- Prerequisites by Howard Hamilton (Soccermetrics)
  - Technical Skills
    - Mathematics (Linear Algebra/Probability Essential)
    - Statistics (Frequentist and Bayesian Perspectives)
    - Machine Learning (Supervised and Unsupervised)
    - Programming (R/Python, Data Structures, OOP)
    - Databases
    - Visualization
  - Socials Skills, Ethics, and the Law
  - Knowledgeable About All Aspects of the Sport



- Real Jobs (Indeed)
  - Senior Data Engineer for Event Dynamic
    - Automated Ticket Pricing System
    - Bachelors/Masters Quantitative Field
    - Software Development (2 Years) and Python (1 Year)
  - Data Scientist for Legends
    - Consulting for Professional and Collegiate Teams
    - Design and Supervision of Predictive Models
    - Bachelors Degree in Quantitative Field
    - Programming, Data Mining, Statistical Modeling (5 years)
    - SQL and R (>5 years)
    - \$100K \$500K



- Real Jobs (Indeed)
  - Quantitative Analyst for the Philadelphia Eagles
    - Front Office Applications
    - Player Development, Game Prep, Resource Allocation
    - Statistics, Machine Learning, Econometrics
  - Data Scientist for Zelus Analytics
    - Help Professional Teams Win Championships
    - Develop, Validate, and Automate Models
    - Attend Conferences and Review Research
    - Bachelors in Quantitative Field
    - R/Python/SQL
    - \$80K \$110K



- Real Jobs (Indeed)
  - Data Scientist for the NBA
    - Referee Decision Making, Rule Changes, and Game Play
    - Exploratory Analyses of New Data Sources
    - Presentation and Communication of Statistical Findings
    - R/Python/Regression/Machine Learning
    - Data Visualization Software Like Shiny/Tableau
    - Bachelors in Quantitative Discipline Required
  - Sports Research Manager for Turnkey Intelligence
    - Manage Teams of Data Collectors for Consulting Projects
    - Leadership Skills
    - R/SAS Experience is a Plus



Real Jobs (Indeed)

Business Analytics Data Scientist for Carolina Panthers

- Lead Data Science Initiatives and Marketing Strategy
- Analytic Projects Using Python/SQL/Visualization
- Bachelors Degree and 5 Years Experience
- Masters Degree in Statistics or Economics Preferred
- Data Engineer for Disney Streaming Services
  - Includes ESPN+, MLB.TV, and NHL.TV
  - Collect, Analyze, and Distribute Data for Transparency
  - Data Inventory and Data Cleaning
  - Python (2 to 3 Years)/Spark/Cloud-hosted Databases



- Real Jobs (Indeed)
  - Business Analytics Intern for Arizona Coyotes
    - Assist Analytics Team with Statistical Projects
    - Upper Level Undergrad or Graduate Student
    - R/Python/SQL/Tableau/Microsoft Dynamics
  - Research Analyst for Bleacher Report
    - Analyze Ad Effectiveness
    - Mine, Analyze, and Deliver Insights from Campaigns
    - Quantitative/Qualitative Research Experience (1-2 Years)
    - R/Tableau/SPSS/SQL
    - Analytical, Editorial, Communication skills



- Real Jobs (Indeed)
  - Sports Data Scientist for Awesomo.com
    - Track Performance of Models for Fantasy Sports
    - Development of New Fantasy Sports Products
    - Develop New Statistics to Predict Performance
    - Excel and Linear Regressions
    - \$50K-\$100K
  - Senior Manager in Data Science for FanDuel
    - Coach Team of Data Scientists for Company Projects
    - Masters/PhD in Quantitative Field
    - Machine Learning/Bayesian Statistics/Time Series Methods
    - Python/SQL/AWS/GitHub
    - Data Science Team (5 Years)



#### Conferences

- September
  - Football Analytics and Performance Summit in Vienna
  - RIT Sports Analytics Conference in Rochester, NY
  - New England Symposium on Statistics in Sports in Cambridge, MA
- October
  - Great Lakes Analytics Conference in Stevens Point, WI
  - Texas Sports Analytics Conference in Dallas
  - UConn Sports Analytics Conference in Storrs, CT
  - Japan Sports Analytics Conference in Tokyo



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#### Conferences

- November
  - Carnegie Mellon Sports Analytics Conference in Pittsburgh, PA
  - Ottawa Hockey Analytics at Carleton in Ottawa
  - Midwest Sports Analytics Meeting in Pelle, IA
  - United Kingdom Sports Analytics Conference in London
- December
  - Midwest Sports Biometrics Conference in San Francisco, CA
- March
  - MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference in Boston, MA

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# Final Inspiration

Always Be Scoring.

- Mike Giannetto