## R skills are in high demand...

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## R skills attract the highest salaries

Two recent salary surveys have shown that <u>R language</u> skills attract median salaries in excess of \$110,000 in the United States.

In the <u>2014 Dice Tech Salary Survey</u> of over 17,000 technology professionals, the highest-paid IT skill was R programming. While <u>big-data skills in general featured strongly</u> in the top tier, having R at the top of the list reflects the strong demand for skills to make sense of, and extract value from big data.

AVERAGE SALARY FOR High Paying Skills and Experience		
SKILL	2013	YR/YR CHANGE
R	\$ 115,531	n/a
NoSQL	\$ 114,796	1.6%
MapReduce	\$ 114,396	n/a
PMBok	\$ 112,382	1.3%
Cassandra	\$ 112,382	n/a
Omnigraffle	\$ 111,039	0.3%
Pig	\$ 109,561	n/a
SOA (Service Oriented Architecture)	\$ 108,997	-0.5%
Hadoop	\$ 108,669	-5.6%
Mongo DB	\$ 107,825	-0.4%

Similarly, the recent O'Reilly Data Scientist Survey also found R skills amongst those that pay in the \$110,000-\$125,000 range (albeit amongst a much smaller and specialized sample of respondents).

## and R is widely used by a number of organisations (incl. the ONS)...

