Advanced Analytics & Dashboard Design

Global Data Professional Salary

Summary

This dataset contains survey responses from 882 data professionals from 46 countries who took part in the 2019 Global Data Professional Salary Survey.



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Data Source

The data is collected via surveys & provided by Brent Ozar in this link.

Data Contents

The dataset includes professional & personal details such as: location, salary, primary database, years of experience, education, hours of work per week, etc. from database administrators, data analysts, data architects, developers and data scientists in 2017-2019.

Data Limitations

- Missing information on benefits and perks: The dataset does not include details about non-monetary benefits or perks such as health insurance, vacation days, retirement plans, stock options, and others, which are important elements of a data professional's total compensation.
- **Absence of company-specific data:** The dataset does not provide sufficient information about the companies the data professionals work for, such as their industry or location. This information could provide valuable context for understanding salary variations.
- **Missing answers:** The surveyors gradually asked more questions over time, so if a question wasn't asked in a year, the answers are populated with *Not Asked*.
- **Unreliable information:** The postal code field was optional and may be unreliable.

Data Wrangling

| Original column | Change | New column | Reason | |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| None | Created | id | Column contains unique identifiers | |
| Survey Year | Renamed | survey_year | Conformity to Python naming convention | |
| Timestamp | Renamed | timestamp | Conformity to naming convention | |
| SalaryUSD | Renamed | salary_in_usd | Conformity to naming convention | |
| Country | Renamed | country | Conformity to naming convention | |
| PostalCode | Removed | None | Deemed unreliable by the author | |
| PrimaryDatabase | Renamed | primary_db Conformity to naming conv | | |
| YearsWithThisDatabase | Renamed | years_of_exp_with_primary_db | Conformity to naming convention; Clarity | |
| OtherDatabases | Renamed | other_dbs | Conformity to naming convention | |
| EmploymentStatus | Renamed | employment_status | Conformity to naming convention | |
| JobTitle | Renamed | job_title | Conformity to naming convention | |

| ManageStaff | Renamed | manage_staff Conformity to naming conver | | |
|----------------------------|---------|--|---|--|
| YearsWithThisTypeOfJob | Renamed | years_of_exp_with_data_jobs | | |
| HowManyCompanies | Renamed | number_of_companies_worked_for | | |
| OtherPeopleOnYourTeam | Renamed | number_of_team_members | Conformity to naming convention; Clarity | |
| CompanyEmployeesOverall | Renamed | number_of_company_employees | Conformity to naming convention; | |
| DatabaseServers | Renamed | number_of_db_servers | Conformity to naming convention; | |
| Education | Renamed | education | Conformity to naming convention | |
| EducationIsComputerRelated | Renamed | education_is_computer_related | Conformity to naming convention | |
| Certifications | Renamed | certifications | Conformity to naming convention | |
| HoursWorkedPerWeek | Renamed | hours_worked_per_week Conformity to naming con | | |
| TelecommuteDaysPerWeek | Renamed | wfh_days_per_week | Conformity to naming convention; Clarity | |

| PopulationOfLargestCityWithin2OMiles | Renamed | pop_of_largest_city_within_20_miles | Conformity to naming convention | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| EmploymentSector | Renamed | employment_sector | Conformity to naming convention | |
| LookingForAnotherJob | Renamed | looking_for_another_job | Conformity to naming convention | |
| CareerPlansThisYear | Renamed | career_plans_this_year | Conformity to naming convention | |
| Gender | Renamed | gender | Conformity to naming convention | |
| OtherJobDuties | Renamed | other_job_duties | Conformity to naming convention | |
| KindsOfTasksPerformed | Renamed | tasks_perfomed | Conformity to naming convention | |
| Counter | Removed | None | Column is redundant | |

Data Consistency Checks

| Column | Consistency issue | Possible reasons | Solution | |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|----------|--|
| id | None | None | None | |
| survey_year | None | None | None | |
| Timestamp | None | None | None | |

| salary_in_usd | Non-numeric values Special characters Abnormally high & low values | Incorrect input Hourly rates Part-time salaries Low salaries | Values below 1000 or above 1000000 are removed |
|--------------------------------|--|---|---|
| country | None | None | None |
| primary_db | None | None | None |
| years_of_exp_with_primary_db | Abnormally high values | Incorrect input | Outliers are removed |
| other_dbs | Missing data | Respondents not sharing info | Missing values are replaced with "Not Provided" |
| employment_status | None | None | None |
| job_title | None | None | None |
| manage_staff | None | None | None |
| years_of_exp_with_data_jobs | None | None | None |
| number_of_companies_worked_for | None | None | None |
| | | | |

| number_of_company_employees | None | None | None | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| number_of_db_servers | None | None | None | |
| education | None | None | None | |
| education_is_computer_related | Missing data | Respondents not sharing info | Replaced with "Not Provided" | |
| certifications | None | None | None | |
| hours_worked_per_week | Abnormally high values | Incorrect input | Outliers are removed | |
| wfh_days_per_week | None | None | None | |
| pop_of_largest_city_within_20_miles | None | None | None | |
| employment_sector | None | None | None | |
| looking_for_another_job | None | None | None | |
| career_plans_this_year | None | None | None | |
| gender | None | None | None | |
| other_job_duties | Missing data | Respondents not sharing info | Replaced with "Not Provided" | |
| tasks_perfomed | Missing data | Respondents not sharing info | Replaced with "Not Provided" | |

Column Details

| Column | Column Description |
|--------------------------------|---|
| id | Unique identifier |
| survey_year | The year the survey was conducted |
| Timestamp | Timestamp when the survey answer was submitted |
| salary_in_usd | Salary in USD |
| country | The country where the respondent lives |
| primary_db | The primary database that the respondent works with |
| years_of_exp_with_primary_db | The number of years of experience with the primary database |
| other_dbs | Other databases which the respondent also works with |
| employment_status | Employment status |
| job_title | Job title |
| manage_staff | Whether the respondent is working as a manager |
| years_of_exp_with_data_jobs | The number of years of experience with data-related jobs |
| number_of_companies_worked_for | The number of companies the respondent has worked for |

| number_of_team_members | The number of people working in the same team |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| number_of_company_employees | The number of people working in the same company |
| number_of_db_servers | The number of database servers that the respondents works with |
| education | Education level |
| education_is_computer_related | Whether the education is related to computer |
| certifications | Data-related certifications |
| hours_worked_per_week | Number of work hours per week |
| wfh_days_per_week | Number of work-from-home days per week |
| pop_of_largest_city_within_20_miles | The population of the largest city within 20 miles of the respondent's living location |
| employment_sector | The sector the respondent works in |
| looking_for_another_job | Whether the respondent is looking for as job |
| career_plans_this_year | Any career plans for the current year |
| other_job_duties | Any other job duties |
| tasks_perfomed | Any tasks performed at work |

Summary Statistics

| Variables | time -variant/- | structured/unstru | qualitative/quanti | qualitative | quantitative |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | invariant | ctured | tative | nominal/ordinal/b inary | discrete/continuo us |
| id | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | nominal | |
| survey_year | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | ordinal | |
| salary_in_usd | time-variant | structured | quantitative | | continuous |
| country | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | nominal | |
| primary_db | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | nominal | |
| years_of_exp_with_primary_db | time-invariant | structured | quantitative | | continuous |
| other_dbs | time-invariant | unstructured | qualitative | nominal | |
| employment_status | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | nominal | |
| job_title | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | nominal | |
| manage_staff | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | binary | |
| years_of_exp_with_data_jobs | time-invariant | structured | quantitative | | continuous |

| number_of_companier_worked_for | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | ordinal | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|---------|------------|
| number_of_team_members | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | ordinal | |
| number_of_company_employees | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | ordinal | |
| number_of_db_servers | time-invariant | structured | quantitative | | continuous |
| education | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | ordinal | |
| education_is_computer_related | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | nominal | |
| certifications | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | nominal | |
| hours_worked_per_week | time-invariant | structured | quantitative | | continuous |
| wfh_days_per_week | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | ordinal | |
| pop_of_largest_city_within_20_miles | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | ordinal | |
| employment_sector | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | nominal | |
| looking_for_another_job | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | nominal | |
| career_plans_this_year | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | nominal | |
| other_job_duties | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | nominal | |
| tasks_perfomed | time-invariant | structured | qualitative | nominal | |

Research Questions

- What is the median salary level by profession?
- What is the average income of data professionals in each country?
- How does experience level affect income?
- Are there salary gaps amongst data professionals between countries?