



# Tracking Technology: An Analysis into a Stack Overflow Developer Survey

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- Most in-demand programming languages:
  - JavaScript, HTML/CSS, SQL, Bash/Shell/PowerShell, Python
- Most in-demand databases:
  - MySQL, Microsoft SQL Server, PostgreSQL, SQLite, MongoDB
- Popular Platforms:
  - Windows, Linux, Docker, AWS, MacOS
- Popular Web Frames:
  - jQuery, Angular/Angular.js, React.js, ASP.NET, Express
- Future Technology Trends:
  - **Python** gains popularity, reaching the top three programming languages used.
  - **MongoDB, Redis, and Elasticsearch** have increase usage when it comes to database management systems.

# INTRODUCTION

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- Various key trends have presented itself over the last decade in the programming and technology landscape.
- These trends provide insights into the evolving environment of programming languages, frameworks, and demographics of developers.
- **Stack Overflow** conducts a thorough survey amongst professional developers worldwide.
- Almost 90,000 developers participated in this survey in 2019.

# METHODOLOGY

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- Data is gathered from a survey conducted by **Stack Overflow** from **January 23 to February 14 in 2019** and involved **88,883 software developers** from **179 countries**.
- This research was conducted through completing labs provided by **IBM** via **Coursera**, with a wide variety of tools utilized such as **Data Exploration, Data Wrangling, Exploratory Data Analysis, and Data Visualization**.
- Included data analysis and visualization was performed on **IBM Cognos Analytics**.

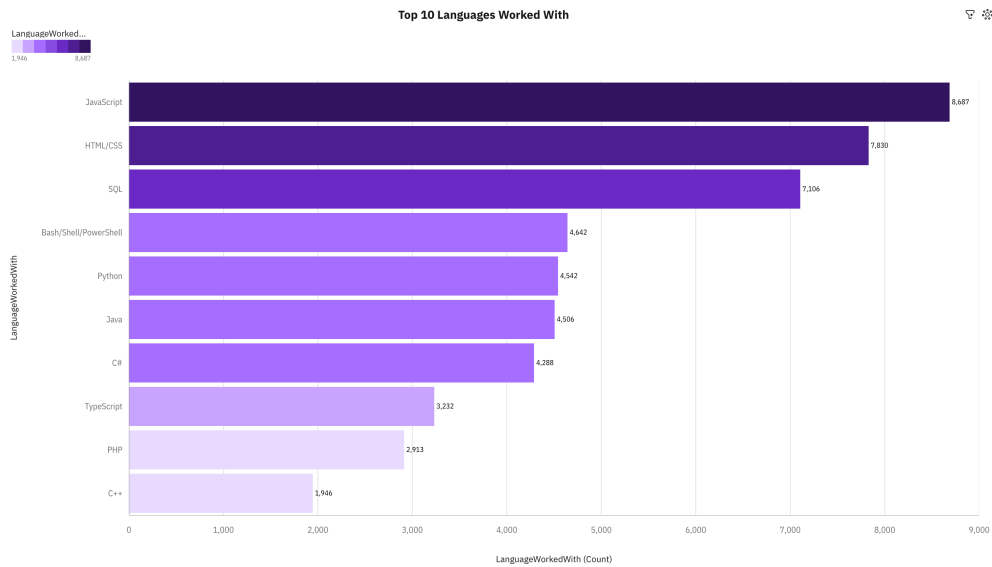
# RESULTS

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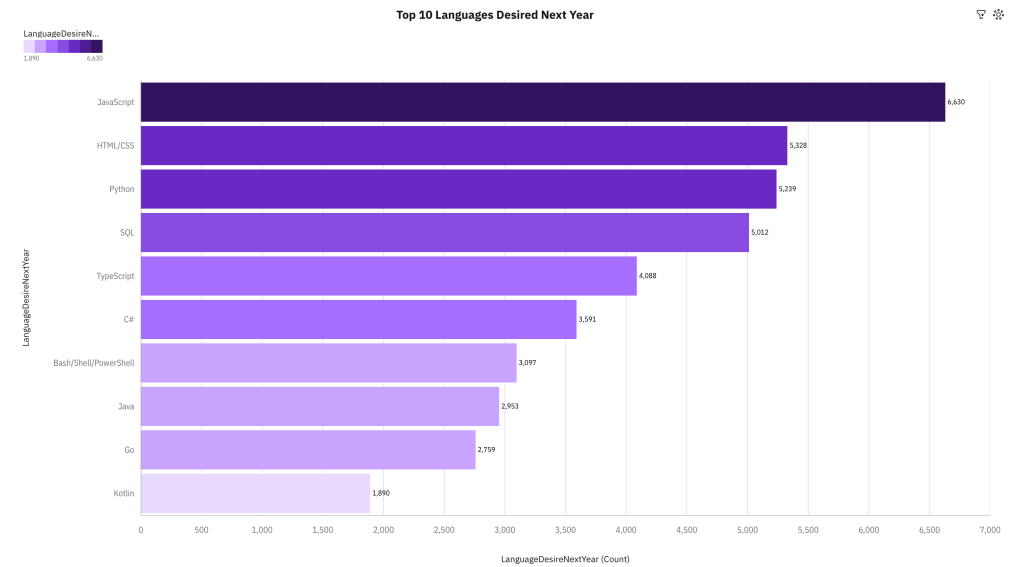
- Preference for **Python** increases causing it to become the 5<sup>th</sup> most preferred language, ahead of **Java**.
- **JavaScript** remains as the most used programming language.
- **jQuery** is the most popular web frame in 2019. However, the top spot is taken over by **React.js** in the following year.
- **MySQL** is the most used database. In the following year, **PostgreSQL** climbs 2 spots to become the top contender and pushes **MySQL** down to the 3<sup>rd</sup> most used database.
- **Men** make up almost **94%** of the respondents in the survey overall. Female representation is maximized in the **Bachelor's degree** category under Formal Education, but men still dominate the category.

# PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE TRENDS

## Current Year



## Next Year



# PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE TRENDS - FINDINGS & IMPLICATIONS

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## Findings

- **JavaScript** and **HTML/CSS** are the most used programming languages among all respondents.
- **SQL** is a stronger contender for being a preferred programming language.
- **Python** and **Java** are close competitors, with **Python** being slightly more popular.

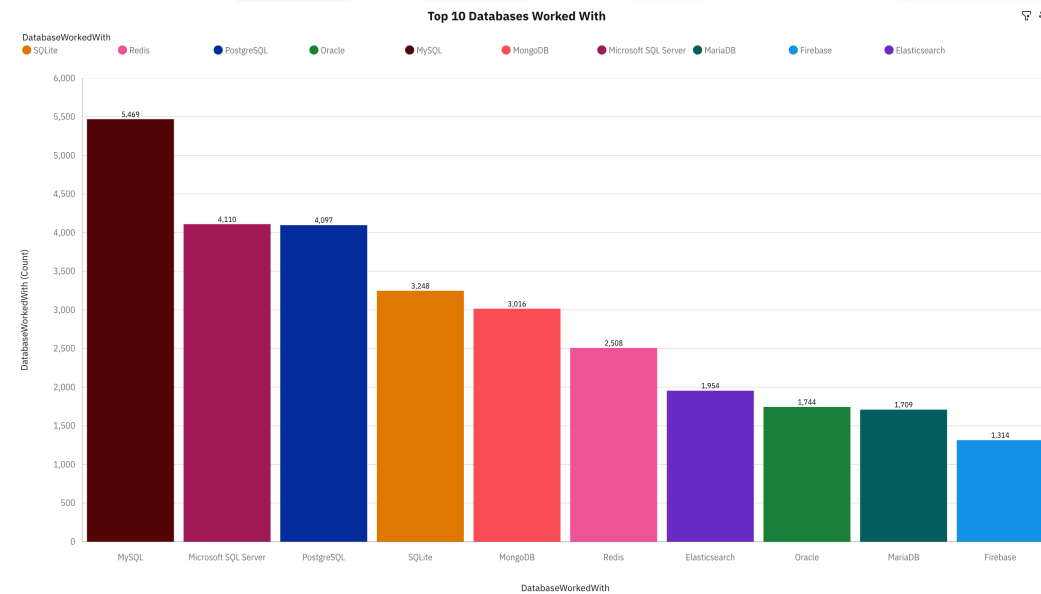
## Implications

- **JavaScript** and **HTML/CSS** are foundational languages that are key for modern web development.
- Increasing popularity in **SQL** highlights the role of data management and querying in modern software and data analysis applications.
- The rising popularity of **Python** could imply ease of use and flexibility, which attracts new developers.

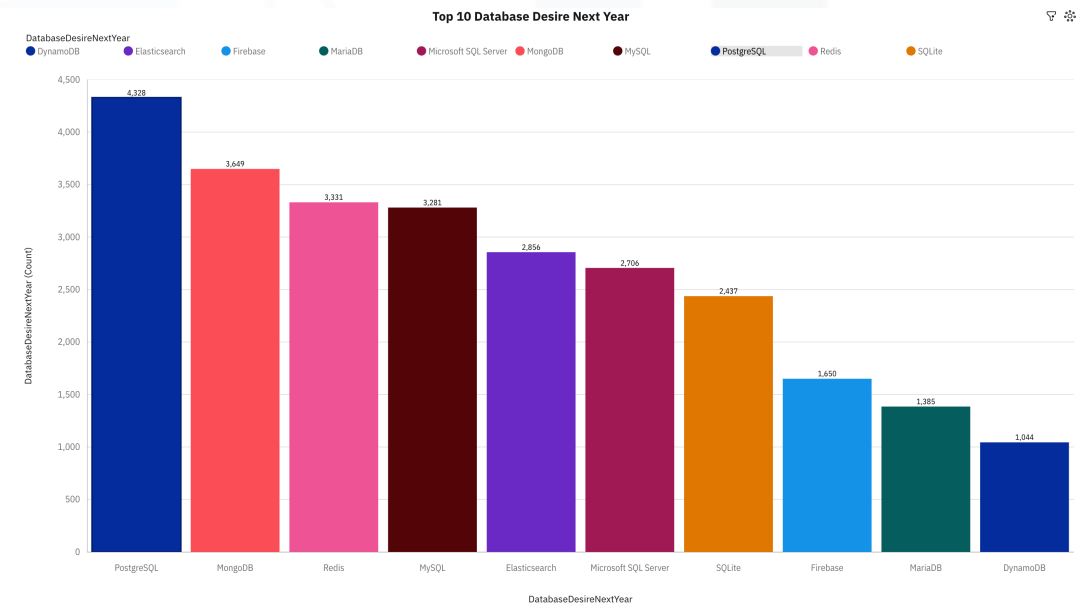


# DATABASE TRENDS

## Current Year



## Next Year



# DATABASE TRENDS - FINDINGS & IMPLICATIONS

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## Findings

- **MySQL** is the leading database management system.
- **Microsoft SQL Server** and **PostgreSQL** closely follow behind.
- **MongoDB** is the top NoSQL database.

## Implications

- Popularity of **MySQL**, **Microsoft SQL Server**, and **PostgreSQL** highlights the need for relational databases across various software development applications.
- The high presence of MongoDB illustrates a trend towards NoSQL methods caused by the need of flexible data models.
- The variety of databases present in the Top 10 depict how specific tools are required for different applications depending on the requirements and analyses to be performed.

# DASHBOARD

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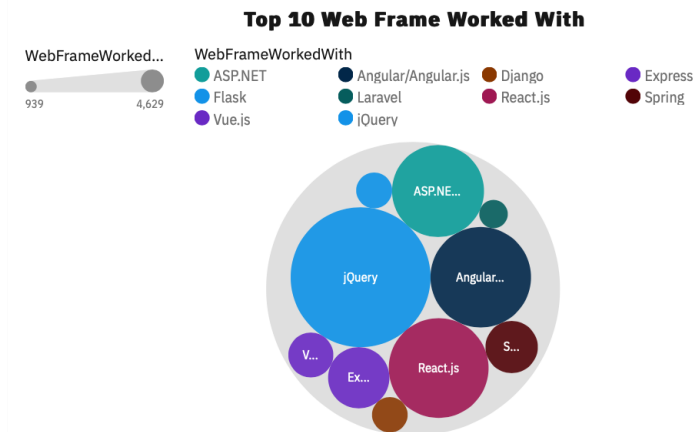
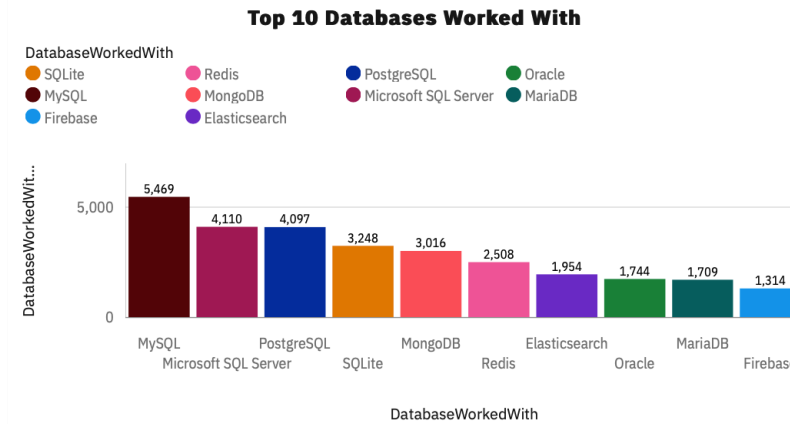
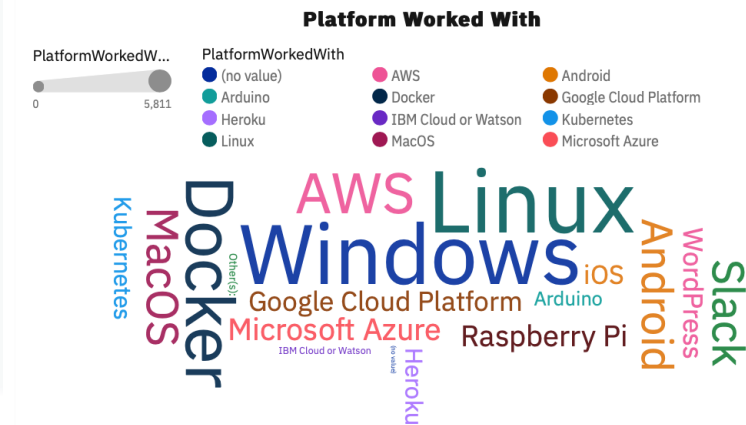
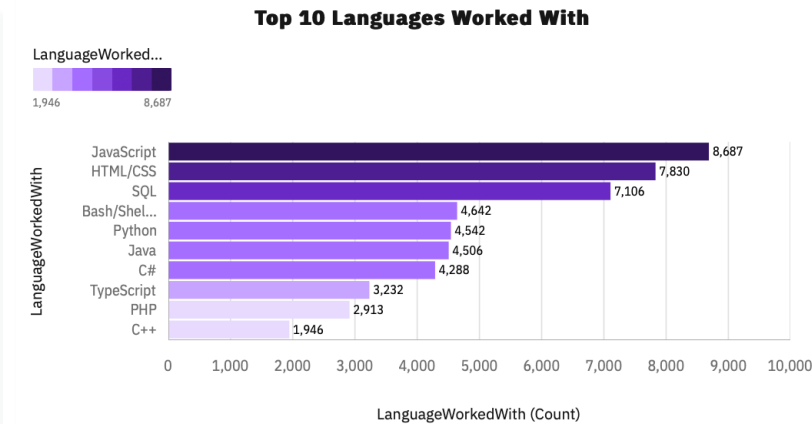


These dashboards can be accessed using the link below;

<https://github.com/rani-misra/coursera/blob/main/IBM%20Data%20Analyst%20Capstone%20Project/IBM%20Data%20Analyst%20Capstone%20Project%20Dashboards%20Updated.pdf>

# CURRENT TECHNOLOGY USAGE

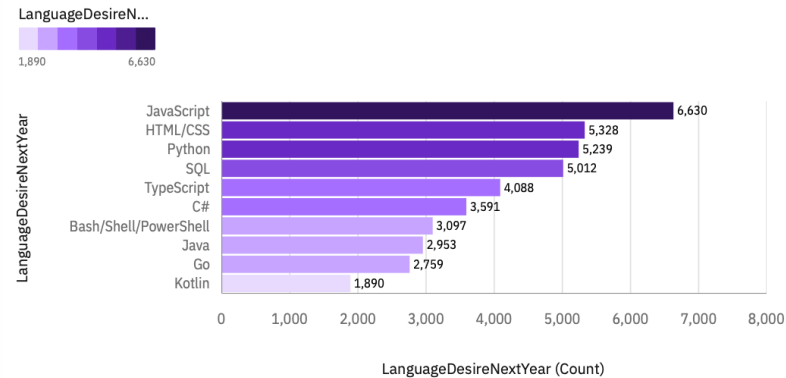
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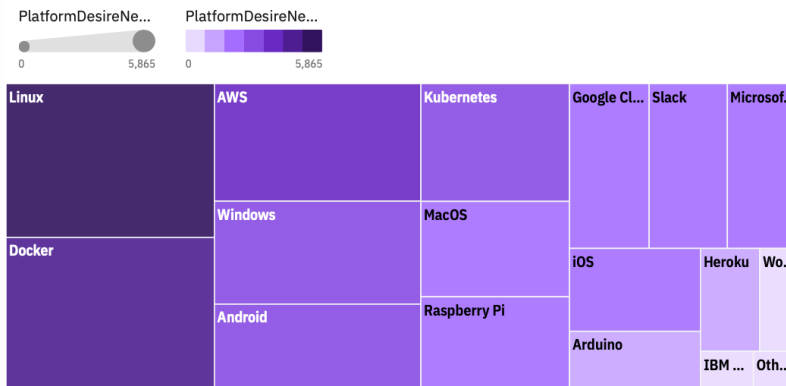
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## Future Technology Trend

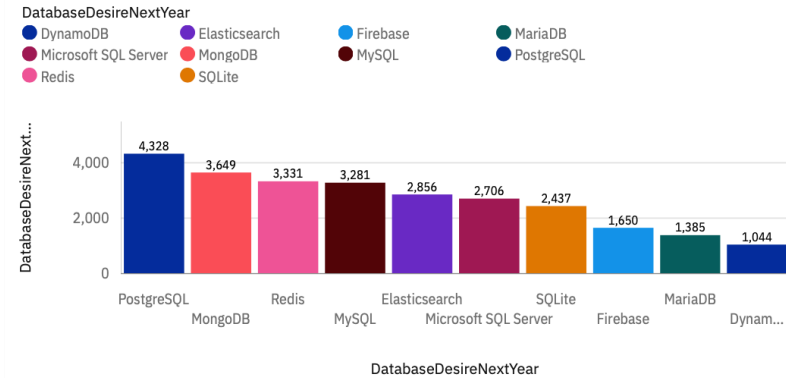
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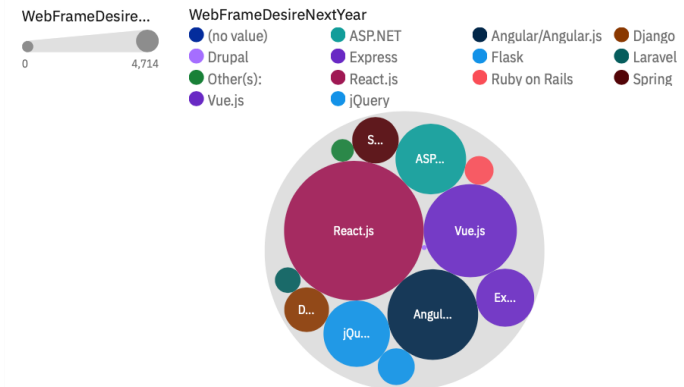
### Platform Desire Next Year



### Top 10 Database Desire Next Year



### Top 10 Web Frame Desire Next Year

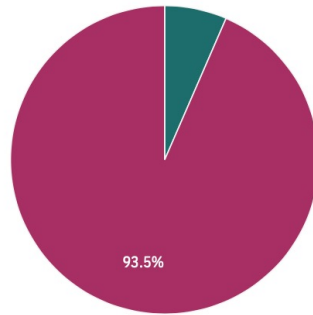


# DEMOGRAPHICS

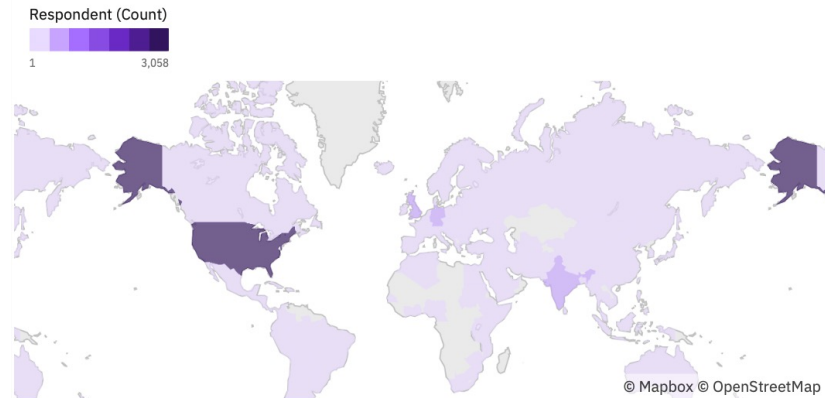
## Demographics

Respondent Classified by Gender

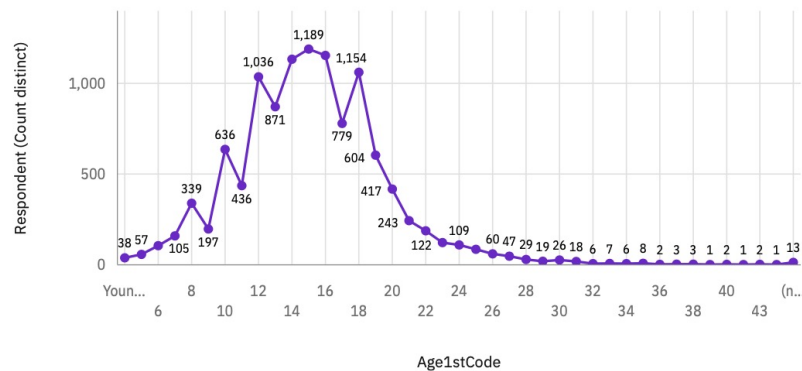
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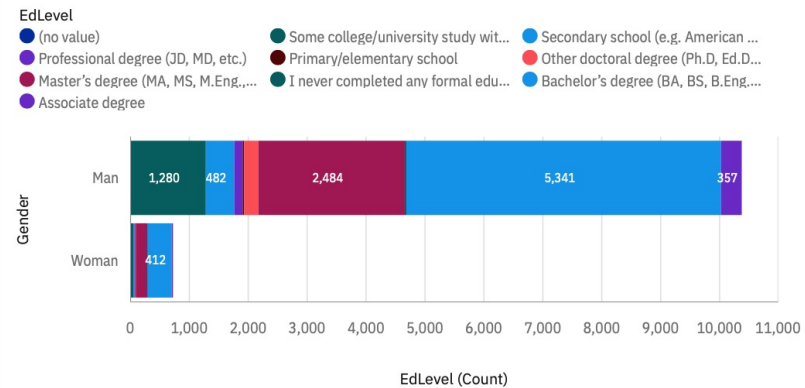
Respondent Count for Countries



Respondent Count by Age



Respondent Count by Gender, Classified by Formal Education Level



# DISCUSSION

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- The continued popularity of **JavaScript** and **HTML/CSS** are leading programming languages.
- The industry reliance on **MySQL** as a database management system.
- Evolving nature of web technologies that could lead to the introduction of new programming languages and databases.

# OVERALL FINDINGS & IMPLICATIONS

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## Findings

- Trends in Technology: JavaScript and HTML/CSS dominating other programming languages illustrates the importance of its foundations in web development.
- Data Management: Use of SQL DBMSs such as MySQL, Microsoft SQL Server, and PostgreSQL highlights the critical role of effective data management in web development.
- Diverse Tools: The diversity in preferred languages and databases illustrates a variety of skills and tools provided by each for varied requirements in performance.

## Implications

- Continued Use: The consistent use of leading programming languages depicts the continued importance of web development in the programming space due to a growing reliance on online platforms and digital media.
- Database Characteristics: Organizations must take into account data structure and performance when selecting database to best suit their needs.
- Standardization With Variety: While leading programming languages are presented as the industry standard, certain varying languages are also used in accordance to the organization's needs.



# CONCLUSION

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- The results illustrate that the programming industry is innovative and always changing. Programmers must adapt to new tools introduced in the development landscape.
- Developers must
  - be willing to learn a diverse group of languages,
  - meet the demands of evolving applications through database management systems,
  - and use the right tools for optimal performance in development.

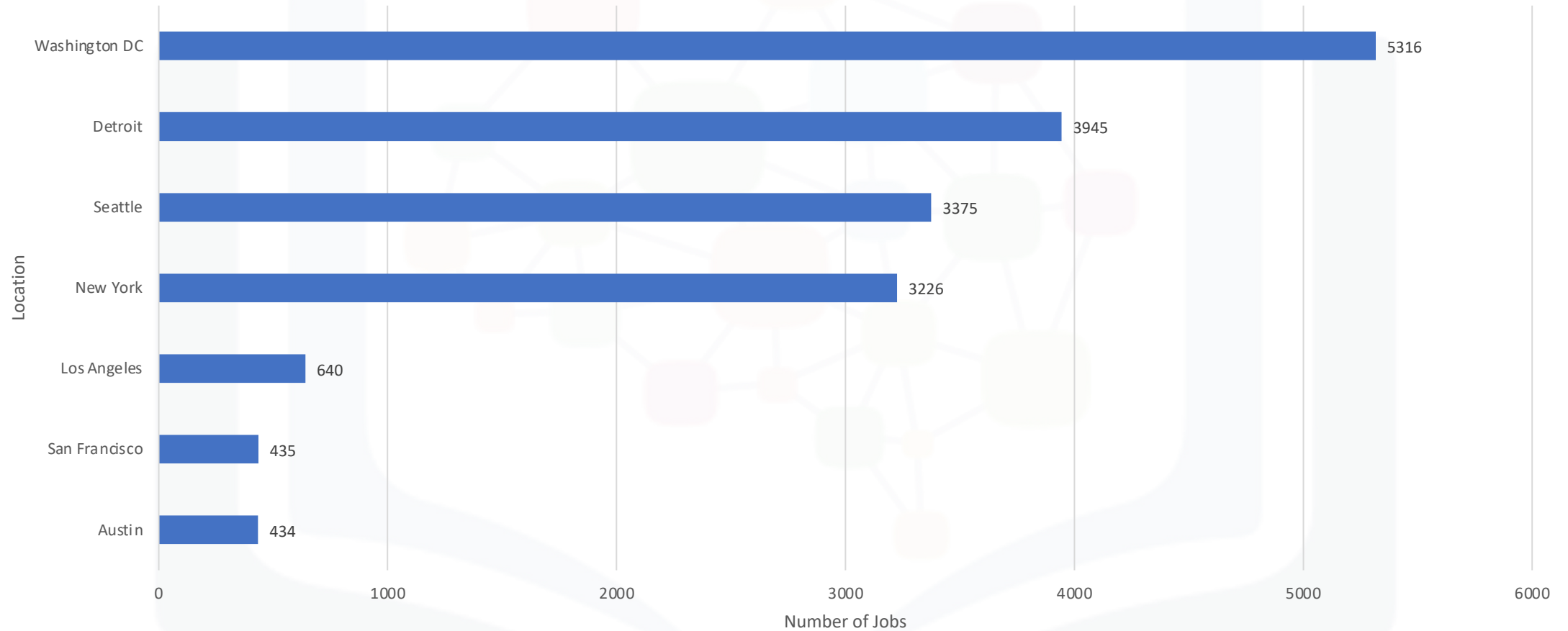
# APPENDIX

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1. Highest Job Postings by Location
2. Highest Average Annual Salary by Language

# JOB POSTINGS



# POPULAR LANGUAGES

