# 2016 Progressive Data Salary Survey Results 

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## 1 Summary

This report includes survey responses from 266 individuals (up from 201 respondents in 2015), most of whom completed this survey between 16 May 2016 and 27 May 2016 but includes responses from as late as 4 August 2016.

Respondents were recruited using snowball sampling: the survey was announced on a few major progressive data e-mail listservs, and readers were encouraged to share the survey around their offices. Thank you to everyone who participated in or distributed this survey!

- We don't know if survey respondents reflect the progressive data and analytics community broadly: there are a lot of women, and a lot of people from DC
- The median total compensation reported is between $\$ 60,001$ and $\$ 75,000$ and varies by job focus, management responsibilities, and years of experience
- Even after controlling for characteristics like management responsbility and years of experience, we still see a gender wage gap of around $\$ 6,000$
- There is not strong evidence of a racial wage gap among respondents
- Women are less likely than men to negotiate job offers and, when negotiating, are less likely to succeed
- Non-whites negotiate at similiar rates as whites but are less likely to succeed
- A plurality of individuals think they are underpaid relative to others with similar positions in the field, and an almost equal number think they are comparably paid. Very few report thinking they are overpaid, but of those who do, they are more likely to be men.
- Microsoft Excel is the lingua franca of progressive data
- But respondents with stronger technical skills, e.f., in modeling, experimentation, data visualization, R , and Python, report higher salaries
- 'Data scientists' actually appear to have a different skillset than others in the field; by contrast, 'analytics director's do not meaningfully differentiate themselves through either hard or soft skills
- About $50 \%$ of all respondents and $35 \%$ of respondents not on a political campaign expect to switch jobs within the next year

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## 2 Who are you people?

### 2.1 These survey respondents may not be representative

### 2.1.1 For starters, there are a lot of women

| Table 1: Counts by Gender |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent |
| Female | 138 | $51.9 \%$ |
| Male | 125 | $47.0 \%$ |
| Other | 3 | $1.1 \%$ |

For reference, last year's salary survey was $36 \%$ women and $64 \%$ men. ${ }^{1}$

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### 2.1.2 And everyone seems to be from DC

Table 2: Counts by Location

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Washington, DC | 120 | $45.1 \%$ |
| New York City | 52 | $19.5 \%$ |
| Other major US city (over 1 million people) | 33 | $12.4 \%$ |
| Smaller city/town | 30 | $11.3 \%$ |
| Chicago | 15 | $5.6 \%$ |
| San Francisco | 5 | $1.9 \%$ |
| Los Angeles | 4 | $1.5 \%$ |
| Rural area | 4 | $1.5 \%$ |
| Canada | 1 | $0.4 \%$ |
| Europe | 1 | $0.4 \%$ |
| Oceania | 1 | $0.4 \%$ |

I can't even make a fun joke about liberal coastal elites because we can't even manage to be bi-coastal.

### 2.2 Respondents are about $75 \%$ white

Table 3: Counts by Race/Ethnicity

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| White | 200 | $75.2 \%$ |
| Hispanic/Latino | 17 | $6.4 \%$ |
| Asian-American | 15 | $5.6 \%$ |
| Multiracial | 14 | $5.3 \%$ |
| Other | 8 | $3.0 \%$ |
| African-American | 7 | $2.6 \%$ |
| Middle Eastern / Arab-American | 5 | $1.9 \%$ |

By contrast, last year's survey was $80 \%$ white.

### 2.3 There are more female than male non-whites among respondents

Note that non-white is defined as any racial category other than 'white', including mixed-race individuals.

Figure 1: Counts by Race and Gender


Table 4: Counts by Gender and Race

| Overall | Female |  | Male |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| White | 97 | $70.3 \%$ | 100 | $80.0 \%$ |
| Hispanic/Latino | 13 | $9.4 \%$ | 4 | $3.2 \%$ |
| Asian-American | 5 | $3.6 \%$ | 10 | $8.0 \%$ |
| Multiracial | 10 | $7.2 \%$ | 4 | $3.2 \%$ |
| Other | 6 | $4.3 \%$ | 2 | $1.6 \%$ |
| African-American | 5 | $3.6 \%$ | 2 | $1.6 \%$ |
| Middle Eastern / Arab-American | 2 | $1.4 \%$ | 3 | $2.4 \%$ |

### 2.4 About $\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ of respondents identify as LGBTQQIA

Note LGBTQQIA stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual.

Table 5: Counts by Sexual Identity

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| I do not identify with any of these identities | 210 | $78.9 \%$ |
| I identify with one of these identities | 42 | $15.8 \%$ |
| I identify with two or more of these identities | 10 | $3.8 \%$ |
| Refused/Missing | 4 | $1.5 \%$ |

By contrast, last year's survey was $15 \%$ LGBTQQIA.

### 2.5 Most people only have a college degree, but non-whites are less likely to have advanced degrees and more likely to lack a college degree compared to whites

Table 6: Counts by Education Level

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| No College Degree | 19 | $7.1 \%$ |
| Bachelor's Degree | 163 | $61.3 \%$ |
| Post-bachelor's Work, no Higher Degree | 19 | $7.1 \%$ |
| Master's Degree | 48 | $18.0 \%$ |
| PhD or Equivalent | 17 | $6.4 \%$ |

Figure 2: Proportions of Educational Attainment by Race

(This might get problematic if you decide that the only possible person who could do your data job is a Physics PhD from Stanford...)

Table 7: Counts by Race and Education Level

| Overall | Non-White |  | White |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| No College Degree | 9 | $13.6 \%$ | 10 | $5.0 \%$ |
| Bachelor's Degree | 42 | $63.6 \%$ | 121 | $60.5 \%$ |
| Post-bachelor's Work, no Higher Degree | 5 | $7.6 \%$ | 14 | $7.0 \%$ |
| Master's Degree | 8 | $12.1 \%$ | 40 | $20.0 \%$ |
| PhD or Equivalent | 2 | $3.0 \%$ | 15 | $7.5 \%$ |

We looked at educational attainment by gender too, but didn't see anything interesting. The results are displayed
as Table 48 in the Appendix.

## 3 Where do respondents work, and what do they do?

### 3.1 Most people who answered this survey have a job

This makes it somewhat easier to conduct a salary survey.

Table 8: Counts by Employment Status

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Full time at 1 job | 231 | $86.8 \%$ |
| Full time at 1 job plus additional paid work | 23 | $8.6 \%$ |
| Part time (personal choice) | 2 | $0.8 \%$ |
| Part time (cannot find full time work) | 1 | $0.4 \%$ |
| Freelance / contracting / self-employed | 7 | $2.6 \%$ |
| Unemployed | 2 | $0.8 \%$ |

### 3.2 The most common organization types are consulting firms and political campaigns

Table 9: Counts by Organization Type

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Consulting firm | 60 | $22.6 \%$ |
| Political campaign | 54 | $20.3 \%$ |
| Non-profit/c3/c4 | 42 | $15.8 \%$ |
| Business (non-consulting) | 31 | $11.7 \%$ |
| Labor union | 31 | $11.7 \%$ |
| Party committee | 31 | $11.7 \%$ |
| Other private sector | 11 | $4.1 \%$ |
| Other public sector | 4 | $1.5 \%$ |
| Unemployed | 2 | $0.8 \%$ |

### 3.2.1 Non-whites work in substantially different areas than whites

In fact, we ran a chi-squared test ${ }^{2}$ of these org type and race, and the p-value was $0.033 .{ }^{3}$

[^1]Table 10: Counts by Organization Type and Race

| Overall | Non-White |  | White |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| Consulting firm | 12 | $18.8 \%$ | 48 | $24.0 \%$ |
| Political campaign | 20 | $31.2 \%$ | 34 | $17.0 \%$ |
| Non-profit/c3/c4 | 12 | $18.8 \%$ | 30 | $15.0 \%$ |
| Business (non-consulting) | 4 | $6.2 \%$ | 27 | $13.5 \%$ |
| Labor union | 9 | $14.1 \%$ | 22 | $11.0 \%$ |
| Party committee | 4 | $6.2 \%$ | 27 | $13.5 \%$ |
| Other private sector | 2 | $3.1 \%$ | 9 | $4.5 \%$ |
| Other public sector | 1 | $1.6 \%$ | 3 | $1.5 \%$ |

We did the same thing for gender, but didn't see anything interesting, so you can find Table 47 in the Appendix.

### 3.3 Most people work in "analytics" (whatever that means)

| Table 11: Counts by Job Focus |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent |
| Analytics | 85 | $32.0 \%$ |
| Field data | 57 | $21.4 \%$ |
| Engineering | 37 | $13.9 \%$ |
| Digital | 18 | $6.8 \%$ |
| Consulting | 17 | $6.4 \%$ |
| Other data | 17 | $6.4 \%$ |
| Other | 11 | $4.1 \%$ |
| Polling | 11 | $4.1 \%$ |
| Experiments | 8 | $3.0 \%$ |
| Fundraising | 5 | $1.9 \%$ |

### 3.4 About $40 \%$ of respondents are managers, and $60 \%$ of managers are men

These figures everyone who reports "up the chain" to respondents, both directly or through layer(s) of management.

Table 12: Counts by Management Responsibilities

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| No | 162 | $60.9 \%$ |
| Yes, 1 to 4 | 76 | $28.6 \%$ |
| Yes, 5 to 9 | 20 | $7.5 \%$ |
| Yes, more than 10 | 8 | $3.0 \%$ |

Table 13: Counts by Management Responsibilities and Gender

| Overall | Female |  | Male |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| No | 98 | $71.0 \%$ | 61 | $48.8 \%$ |
| Yes, 1 to 4 | 27 | $19.6 \%$ | 49 | $39.2 \%$ |
| Yes, 5 to 9 | 9 | $6.5 \%$ | 11 | $8.8 \%$ |
| Yes, more than 10 | 4 | $2.9 \%$ | 4 | $3.2 \%$ |

This graph displays the proportion of managers and non-managers that are men and women. Recall that the number of male and female respondents is roughly equal.

Figure 3: Proportions of Managers and Non-Managers by Gender


This could mean that in 1-5 years, we're going to be seeing a crop of female managers. Or this has always been the case, and they'll all have left by then.

### 3.5 Most folks have worked in progressive politics for at least four years, and male respondents have generally been around longer

Note that the survey question was "Years of Experience in the Progressive Space", and not, say, "Years of experience in progressive data".

Table 14: Counts by Years of Experience in Progressive Politics

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Under 1 year | 19 | $7.1 \%$ |
| 1-2 years | 29 | $10.9 \%$ |
| $2-4$ years | 61 | $22.9 \%$ |
| $4-6$ years | 67 | $25.2 \%$ |
| $6-10$ years | 56 | $21.1 \%$ |
| 10 years or more | 34 | $12.8 \%$ |

The average number of years of experience is 5.1. In last year's salary survey, which asked for years in data (not just years in politics), the average was 5.1 years.

This graph displays, for each experience category, the percentage of respondents who are men vs. women. (Recall that roughly equal numbers of men and women answered this survey.) Women are dramatically overrepresented among those with 1-2 years of experience, and men are over-represented among those with 10 years or more of experience.

Figure 4: Proportions of Years of Experience by Gender


Table 15: Counts by Years of Experience and Gender

| Overall | Female |  | Male |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| Under 1 year | 9 | $6.5 \%$ | 9 | $7.2 \%$ |
| 1-2 years | 22 | $15.9 \%$ | 7 | $5.6 \%$ |
| 2-4 years | 33 | $23.9 \%$ | 28 | $22.4 \%$ |
| 4-6 years | 34 | $24.6 \%$ | 31 | $24.8 \%$ |
| 6-10 years | 26 | $18.8 \%$ | 30 | $24.0 \%$ |
| 10 years or more | 14 | $10.1 \%$ | 20 | $16.0 \%$ |

We also looked at the breakdown of years of experience by race but didn't see anything particularly interesting. You can see that analysis in Table 49 in the Appendix.

### 3.6 Almost $50 \%$ of respondents have worked in political campaigns within the last 5 years

Respondents were allowed to select multiple options. For every category, we display the percentage of respondents who selected that option (potentially among multiple).

Table 16: Distribution of Past Professional History

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Political campaign | 135 | $50.8 \%$ |
| Nonprofit/c3/c4 | 125 | $47.0 \%$ |
| Consulting firm | 90 | $33.8 \%$ |
| Party committee | 58 | $21.8 \%$ |
| Freelance | 50 | $18.8 \%$ |
| Labor union | 48 | $18.0 \%$ |
| Other private sector | 46 | $17.3 \%$ |
| Business (non-consulting) | 45 | $16.9 \%$ |
| Other public sector | 32 | $12.0 \%$ |

### 3.6.1 Career trajectories are different by industry

This graph shows past employment against current organization (among current organizzations with least 15 respondents). For example, just under $50 \%$ of people who currently work for a consulting firm worked on a political campaign within the last 5 years. By contrast, only about $30 \%$ of people currently working for a labor union did the same. ${ }^{4}$

[^2]Figure 5: Distribution of Work History by Current Organization Type


### 3.7 The overwhelming majority of respondents DID NOT learn the skills they use through formal education.

Where did you learn the majority of skills you use in your current job?

Table 17: Counts by Skills Acquisition

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Formal education | 31 | $11.7 \%$ |
| On the job training | 170 | $63.9 \%$ |
| Self taught (incl online courses) | 58 | $21.8 \%$ |
| Other | 7 | $2.6 \%$ |

### 3.7.1 Men are more likely to say they are self-taught while women say they learned through on-the-job training

Table 18: Counts by Skills Acquisition and Gender

| Overall | Female |  | Male |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| Formal education | 17 | $12.3 \%$ | 14 | $11.2 \%$ |
| On the job training | 96 | $69.6 \%$ | 73 | $58.4 \%$ |
| Self taught (incl online courses) | 21 | $15.2 \%$ | 35 | $28.0 \%$ |
| Other | 4 | $2.9 \%$ | 3 | $2.4 \%$ |

(Some idle speculation: are men actually more likely to be self-taught, or do men and women merely define self-taught differently?)

## 4 What do people make?

### 4.1 The median salary is $\mathbf{\$ 6 8 , 0 0 0}$ and the mean is $\mathbf{\$ 7 8 , 0 0 0}$

Salary is defined as yearly pre-tax income, excluding bonuses or commissions

Table 19: Counts by Salary Range

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Less than $\$ 30,000$ | 1 | $0.4 \%$ |
| $\$ 30,001-\$ 45,000$ | 9 | $3.4 \%$ |
| $\$ 45,001-\$ 60,000$ | 51 | $19.2 \%$ |
| $\$ 60,001-\$ 75,000$ | 80 | $30.1 \%$ |
| $\$ 75,001-\$ 100,000$ | 66 | $24.8 \%$ |
| $\$ 100,001-\$ 125,000$ | 32 | $12.0 \%$ |
| $\$ 125,001$ or higher | 20 | $7.5 \%$ |
| Other, e.g. freelance, unemployed | 7 | $2.6 \%$ |

Figure 6: Distribution of Salary

4.2 Including bonus, the median total compensation is around $\mathbf{\$ 6 8 , 0 0 0}$ and the mean is $\mathbf{\$ 7 9 , 0 0 0}$

This is slightly higher than last year's salary survey, in which the mean total compensation was $\$ 76,506$.
Note that the third column is not necessary the sum of the first two columns. This is because we're taking the median of non-missing/refused values.

Table 20: Summary of Total Compensation

|  | Salary Only | Bonus Only | Salary + Bonus |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Median | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 2,250$ | $\$ 67,500$ |
| Mean | $\$ 78,456$ | $\$ 6,302$ | $\$ 79,478$ |
| St Dev | $\$ 23,888$ | $\$ 12,501$ | $\$ 25,046$ |
| N | 259 | 42 | 259 |

Figure 7: Distribution of Total Compensation


## 5 Breaking down what people make

### 5.1 The longer you've worked in politics, the more you make

There is a positive relationship between years of experience and total compensation. But there's a decent amount of variation of pay among people with similar years of experience.
(And yes, the line still basically looks the same even if you take out those outliers.)

Figure 8: Total Compensation against Years of Experience


Table 21: Distribution of Total Compensation by Years of Experience

| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Under 1 year | 19 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 84,632$ | $\$ 25,428$ |
| $1-2$ years | 29 | $\$ 56,500$ | $\$ 62,110$ | $\$ 16,611$ |
| $2-4$ years | 59 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 69,425$ | $\$ 18,781$ |
| 4-6 years | 65 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 77,496$ | $\$ 22,123$ |
| 6-10 years | 53 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 88,738$ | $\$ 26,051$ |
| 10 years or more | 34 | $\$ 87,750$ | $\$ 98,206$ | $\$ 26,666$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Total | 259 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 79,478$ | $\$ 25,046$ |

Figure 9: Distribution of Total Compensation by Years of Experience


### 5.2 PhDs bring in BANK

As they should after giving up 5 years of their lives...

Table 22: Distribution of Total Compensation by Education Level

| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| No College Degree | 19 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 82,158$ | $\$ 24,947$ |
| Bachelor's Degree | 159 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 77,158$ | $\$ 25,666$ |
| Post-bachelor's Work, no Higher Degree | 19 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 82,632$ | $\$ 24,615$ |
| Master's Degree | 45 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 78,400$ | $\$ 22,358$ |
| PhD or Equivalent | 17 | $\$ 105,000$ | $\$ 97,500$ | $\$ 20,771$ |
| Grand Total |  |  |  |  |

### 5.2.1 But non-college folks are doing fine too

It is really is about that PhD , but not advanced degrees generally. In fact, folks without a college degree are making comparable amounts to those with advanced (post-Bachelor's) work.

Table 23: Distribution of Total Compensation by Simplified Education Level

| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| No College Degree | 19 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 82,158$ | $\$ 24,947$ |
| Bachelor's Degree | 159 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 77,158$ | $\$ 25,666$ |
| Post Bachelor's Work/Degree | 81 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 83,401$ | $\$ 23,537$ |
| Grand Total | 259 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 79,478$ | $\$ 25,046$ |

### 5.3 Be an engineer

Table 24: Distribution of Total Compensation by Job Focus

| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Analytics | 82 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 83,853$ | $\$ 23,294$ |
| Field data | 55 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 70,131$ | $\$ 20,846$ |
| Engineering | 37 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 94,297$ | $\$ 24,988$ |
| Consulting | 17 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 85,000$ | $\$ 35,194$ |
| Digital | 17 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 67,647$ | $\$ 22,334$ |
| Other data | 17 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 73,971$ | $\$ 19,102$ |
| Other | 11 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 80,318$ | $\$ 28,169$ |
| Polling | 11 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 68,500$ | $\$ 21,429$ |
| Experiments | 7 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 85,071$ | $\$ 23,310$ |
| Fundraising | 5 | $\$ 52,500$ | $\$ 55,500$ | $\$ 6,708$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Total | 259 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 79,478$ | $\$ 25,046$ |

Figure 10: Distribution of Total Compensation by Job Focus


### 5.4 Not all directors are created equal

Fun fact: 218 people submitted a job title. Within those submission, there are 149 unique titles. ${ }^{5}$ We bucketed these into 12 categories largely by eye-balling it.

[^3]Table 25: Distribution of Total Compensation by Job Title

| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Account Exec / Implementation | 7 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 76,157$ | $\$ 23,656$ |
| Data Manager | 22 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 65,659$ | $\$ 21,226$ |
| Data Director | 23 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 73,804$ | $\$ 20,724$ |
| Analyst | 30 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 67,433$ | $\$ 18,119$ |
| Data Scientist | 14 | $\$ 77,500$ | $\$ 81,929$ | $\$ 19,941$ |
| Dev/Engineering | 32 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 85,827$ | $\$ 27,017$ |
| Management | 20 | $\$ 77,500$ | $\$ 80,400$ | $\$ 24,285$ |
| Analytics Director | 27 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 89,278$ | $\$ 24,652$ |
| Director-Level | 27 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 94,801$ | $\$ 28,714$ |
| Freelance | 5 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 89,400$ | $\$ 29,842$ |
| Other | 5 | $\$ 52,500$ | $\$ 59,500$ | $\$ 15,652$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Total | 212 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 79,784$ | $\$ 25,269$ |

### 5.5 West coast, best coast?

Table 26: Distribution of Total Compensation by Location

| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Washington, DC | 117 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 84,010$ | $\$ 27,071$ |
| New York City | 51 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 77,353$ | $\$ 22,189$ |
| Other major US city (over 1 million people) | 32 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 73,445$ | $\$ 23,408$ |
| Smaller city/town | 29 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 67,138$ | $\$ 18,356$ |
| Chicago | 15 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 79,667$ | $\$ 23,008$ |
| San Francisco | 5 | $\$ 112,500$ | $\$ 101,000$ | $\$ 23,157$ |
| Los Angeles | 4 | - | - | - |
| Rural area | 4 | - | - | - |
| Canada | 1 | - | - | - |
| Oceania | 1 | - | - | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Total | 249 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 79,404$ | $\$ 25,091$ |

### 5.6 Womp womp, the gender pay gap is real

Table 27: Distribution of Total Compensation by Gender

| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Female | 135 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 74,369$ | $\$ 22,441$ |
| Male | 121 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 85,722$ | $\$ 26,539$ |
| Other | 3 | - | - | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Total | 256 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 79,735$ | $\$ 25,067$ |

### 5.6.1 ...even when you consider job focus

Table 28: Distribution of Total Compensation by Job Focus and Gender

| Overall | Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |
| Analytics | 40 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 79,765$ | $\$ 24,745$ | 41 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 88,607$ | $\$ 20,912$ |
| Field data | 32 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 67,584$ | $\$ 20,189$ | 23 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 73,674$ | $\$ 21,674$ |
| Engineering | 15 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 83,233$ | $\$ 23,304$ | 21 | $\$ 112,500$ | $\$ 103,476$ | $\$ 22,969$ |
| Digital | 11 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 69,091$ | $\$ 21,397$ | 6 | $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 65,000$ | $\$ 25,836$ |
| Other data | 10 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 73,000$ | $\$ 18,174$ | 7 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 75,357$ | $\$ 21,767$ |
| Consulting | 10 | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 72,200$ | $\$ 23,305$ | 6 | $\$ 91,500$ | $\$ 111,750$ | $\$ 39,854$ |
| Other | 5 | $\$ 69,500$ | $\$ 73,700$ | $\$ 15,912$ | 6 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 85,833$ | $\$ 36,113$ |
| Polling | 6 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 73,333$ | $\$ 24,983$ | 5 | $\$ 55,500$ | $\$ 62,700$ | $\$ 17,050$ |
| Experiments | 4 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - |
| Fundraising | 2 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Total | 129 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 74,591$ | $\$ 22,514$ | 115 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 86,234$ | $\$ 26,573$ |

Figure 11: Distribution of Total Compensation by Job Focus and Gender

$\square$ Female $\square$ Male

### 5.6.2 ...even when you consider organization type

Table 29: Distribution of Total Compensation by Organization Type and Gender

| Overall | Female |  |  |  |  | Male |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |
| Consulting firm | 28 | $\$ 77,500$ | $\$ 80,911$ | $\$ 24,694$ | 27 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 93,370$ | $\$ 32,428$ |
| Political campaign | 32 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 69,297$ | $\$ 18,450$ | 22 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 78,636$ | $\$ 21,709$ |
| Non-profit/c3/c4 | 18 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 66,917$ | $\$ 22,068$ | 22 | $\$ 77,500$ | $\$ 78,409$ | $\$ 24,755$ |
| Labor union | 20 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 79,785$ | $\$ 22,462$ | 11 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 86,318$ | $\$ 18,449$ |
| Business (non-consulting) | 17 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 70,594$ | $\$ 18,020$ | 13 | $\$ 88,000$ | $\$ 91,471$ | $\$ 21,766$ |
| Party committee | 15 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 68,000$ | $\$ 19,735$ | 15 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 72,167$ | $\$ 19,682$ |
| Other private sector | 4 | - | - | - | 7 | $\$ 125,000$ | $\$ 119,321$ | $\$ 22,806$ |
| Other public sector | 1 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Total | 130 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 73,102$ | $\$ 21,527$ | 117 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 85,747$ | $\$ 26,699$ |

Figure 12: Distribution of Total Compensation by Organization Type and Gender






$\qquad$
5.6.3 ...even when you consider management responsibilties

Table 30: Distribution of Total Compensation by Management Responsibilities and Gender

| Overall | Female |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Male |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | 95 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 70,340$ | $\$ 21,751$ | 57 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 76,737$ | $\$ 24,592$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes, 1 to 4 | 27 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 79,204$ | $\$ 20,878$ | 49 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 89,148$ | $\$ 22,576$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes, 5 to 9 | 9 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 91,833$ | $\$ 17,755$ | 10 | $\$ 106,562$ | $\$ 105,262$ | $\$ 17,127$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes, more than 10 | 4 | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Total | 131 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 73,644$ | $\$ 22,045$ | 116 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 84,439$ | $\$ 24,632$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Figure 13: Total Salary against Years of Experience and Gender


Figure 14: Total Compensation against Years of Experience and Gender



### 5.6.5 Here's a linear regression for you fancy data science types

Table 31: Regression of Salary on Gender, Years of Experience, and Management Responsibilities

|  | Dependent variable: |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Compensation |
| Male | $\begin{gathered} 6,197.158^{* *} \\ (2,741.619) \end{gathered}$ |
| Years of Experience | $\begin{gathered} 2,099.241^{* * *} \\ (469.984) \end{gathered}$ |
| Manage 1-4 | $\begin{gathered} 8,703.920^{* * *} \\ (3,084.123) \end{gathered}$ |
| Manage 5-9 | $\begin{gathered} 19,911.120^{* * *} \\ (5,257.143) \end{gathered}$ |
| Manage 10+ | $\begin{gathered} 23,749.240^{* * *} \\ (7,891.319) \end{gathered}$ |
| Constant | $\begin{gathered} 60,358.720^{* * *} \\ (2,813.459) \end{gathered}$ |
| Observations | 255 |
| $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ | 0.237 |
| Adjusted R ${ }^{2}$ | 0.222 |
| Residual Std. Error | $21,078.290(\mathrm{df}=249)$ |
| F Statistic | $15.494^{* * *}(\mathrm{df}=5 ; 249)$ |
| Note: | 0.1; ${ }^{* *} \mathrm{p}<0.05 ;^{* * *} \mathrm{p}<0$. |

### 5.7 Good news - there actually isn't much of a pay differential by race

Table 32: Distribution of Total Compensation by Race

| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| White | 195 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 80,222$ | $\$ 25,211$ |
| Non-White | 64 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 77,208$ | $\$ 24,592$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Total | 259 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 79,478$ | $\$ 25,046$ |

Table 33: Regression of Salary on Race, Years of Experience, and Management Responsibilities

|  | Dependent variable: |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Total Compensation |
| White | $\begin{gathered} 1,835.349 \\ (3,079.563) \end{gathered}$ |
| Years of Experience | $\begin{gathered} 2,227.345^{* * *} \\ (468.350) \end{gathered}$ |
| Manage 1-4 | $\begin{gathered} 10,420.710^{* * *} \\ (3,018.413) \end{gathered}$ |
| Manage 5-9 | $\begin{gathered} 20,708.070^{* * *} \\ (5,277.534) \end{gathered}$ |
| Manage 10+ | $\begin{gathered} 24,456.580^{* * *} \\ (7,942.223) \end{gathered}$ |
| Constant | $\begin{gathered} 60,497.970^{* * *} \\ (3,554.695) \end{gathered}$ |
| Observations | 258 |
| R ${ }^{2}$ | 0.227 |
| Adjusted R ${ }^{2}$ | 0.211 |
| Residual Std. Error | $21,204.760(\mathrm{df}=252)$ |
| F Statistic | $14.782^{* * *}(\mathrm{df}=5 ; 252)$ |
| Note: | <0.1; ${ }^{* *} \mathrm{p}<0.05$ ' $^{* * *} \mathrm{p}<0$. |

## 6 What are the perks?

Respondents were allowed to select multiple options. For every category, we display the percentage of respondents who selected that option (potentially among multiple).

Table 34: Distribution of Benefits Offered

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Paid vacation days | 204 | $76.7 \%$ |
| 401(k) or other retirement plan | 200 | $75.2 \%$ |
| Paid sick days | 199 | $74.8 \%$ |
| Cell phone reimbursement | 159 | $59.8 \%$ |
| 401(k) matching | 124 | $46.6 \%$ |
| Organizational bonding activities | 113 | $42.5 \%$ |
| Paid maternity leave | 87 | $32.7 \%$ |
| Paid paternity leave | 79 | $29.7 \%$ |
| Professional development | 74 | $27.8 \%$ |
| Company credit card | 31 | $11.7 \%$ |
| Day care | 1 | $0.4 \%$ |

### 6.1 If you care about benefits, avoid political campaigns

This graphs shows \% of respondents who report having a type of benefit by organization type among organizations with at least 20 responses. For example, $100 \%$ of respondents from labor unions report paid sick days while only $28 \%$ of respondents from political campaigns report the same.

Figure 15: Benefits Offered by Organization Type


## 7 How do people negotiate and what happens when they do?

As a preface to this section, we just want say for the record that even jobs that appear non-negotiable may have options for negotiation, e.g., asking for additional benefits or remote flexibility. And on the campaign side, non-negotiable may just mean negotiable if you play some hardball.

Also please note that none of these responses include promotions or other internal changes within the organization.

### 7.1 About half of all respondents negotiate

Table 35: Counts by Negotiation Outcomes

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| No, accepted initial offer | 109 | $41.0 \%$ |
| Initially asked for an amount that employer met with initial offer | 22 | $8.3 \%$ |
| Initially asked for an amount and employer offered a lower amount | 6 | $2.3 \%$ |
| Asked for increase, but employer did not increase offer | 24 | $9.0 \%$ |
| Negotiated and received 0-4\% increase over initial offer | 18 | $6.8 \%$ |
| Negotiated and received 5-9\% increase over initial offer | 31 | $11.7 \%$ |
| Negotiated and received 10-15\% increase over initial offer | 23 | $8.6 \%$ |
| Negotiated and received a greater than 15\% increase over initial offer | 8 | $3.0 \%$ |
| Other | 2 | $0.8 \%$ |
| Not Applicable | 22 | $8.3 \%$ |
| Refused/Missing | 1 | $0.4 \%$ |

### 7.2 Men negotiate more than women, and they are more likely to succeed

Among the subset of individuals who responded with something other than "Other/Not Applicable".
Note that a successful negotiation is defined as either negotiating an amount above the initial offer or asking for an amount that the employer meets with the initial offer. An unsuccessful negotiation is one in which either the respondented asks for an initial amount that the employer fails to meet or asks for an increase that the employer does not meet.

Table 36: Counts by Negotiation Outcomes and Gender

| Overall | Female |  | Male |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| Accepted Initial Offer | 62 | $48.4 \%$ | 46 | $41.8 \%$ |
| Successfully Negotiated | 48 | $37.5 \%$ | 53 | $48.2 \%$ |
| Unsuccessfully Negotiated | 18 | $14.1 \%$ | 11 | $10.0 \%$ |

Figure 16: Negotiation Outcomes by Gender (Removing NA/Other)


### 7.3 Whites negotiate about as frequently as non-whites, but they are more likely to succeed

Among the subset of individuals who responded with something other than "Other/Not Applicable".
Note that a successful negotiation is defined as either negotiating an amount above the initial offer or asking for an amount that the employer meets with the initial offer. An unsuccessful negotiation is one in which either the respondented asks for an initial amount that the employer fails to meet or asks for an increase that the employer does not meet.

Table 37: Counts by Negotiation Outcomes and Race

| Overall | Non-White |  | White |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| Accepted Initial Offer | 25 | $43.9 \%$ | 84 | $45.7 \%$ |
| Successfully Negotiated | 18 | $31.6 \%$ | 84 | $45.7 \%$ |
| Unsuccessfully Negotiated | 14 | $24.6 \%$ | 16 | $8.7 \%$ |

Figure 17: Negotiation Outcomes by Race (Removing NA/Other)


### 7.4 Labor unions and political campaigns: places where negotiation is challenging

Note that labor unions operate using pay scales: when a position is opened, it is assigned a pay grade (or a series of grades). Each grade has a minimum and maximum salary and usually includes scheduled increases. As a result, it's difficult to negotiate salary at hire.

It's a little funny that labor unions and political campaigns, which are so different along salary, tenure, gen$\mathrm{der} /$ race composition, and benefits offered, have at least this one thing in common.

Figure 18: Negotiation Outcome by Organization Type


## 8 What do you think of your salary?

### 8.1 A plurality of respondents think they are underpaid; very few think they are overpaid

Do you think your salary or income is... (in your field, not necessarily your organization)

Table 38: Counts by Pay Opinion

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Less than others in similar positions are making | 114 | $42.9 \%$ |
| About the same as others in similar positions are making | 108 | $40.6 \%$ |
| More than others in similar positions are making | 21 | $7.9 \%$ |
| I don't know how my salary/income compares to others' | 20 | $7.5 \%$ |
| Refused/Missing | 3 | $1.1 \%$ |

### 8.2 Respondents who think they are underpaid actually have similar pay to respondents who think they are comparably paid

Table 39: Distribution of Total Compensation by Pay Opinion

| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Less than others | 112 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 77,131$ | $\$ 25,434$ |
| About the same | 105 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 77,128$ | $\$ 22,189$ |
| More than others | 20 | $\$ 112,500$ | $\$ 106,225$ | $\$ 24,423$ |
| Don't know | 20 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 77,400$ | $\$ 24,899$ |
| Refused/Missing | 2 | - | - | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Total | 257 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 79,415$ | $\$ 25,133$ |

### 8.2.1 And this is true of both men and women

Table 40: Distribution of Total Compensation by Pay Opinion and Gender

| Overall | Female |  |  |  | Male |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Median | Mean | St Dev | N | Median | Mean | St Dev |
| Less than others | 57 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 72,370$ | $\$ 21,212$ | 53 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 82,899$ | $\$ 28,707$ |
| About the same | 63 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 74,567$ | $\$ 22,574$ | 42 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 80,970$ | $\$ 21,286$ |
| More than others | 6 | $\$ 114,750$ | $\$ 102,417$ | $\$ 27,469$ | 14 | $\$ 112,500$ | $\$ 107,857$ | $\$ 23,916$ |
| Don't know | 8 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 64,375$ | $\$ 11,934$ | 11 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 89,136$ | $\$ 26,999$ |
| Refused/Missing | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grand Total | 134 | $\$ 67,500$ | $\$ 74,271$ | $\$ 22,496$ | 120 | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 85,707$ | $\$ 26,650$ |

### 8.3 People who work at unions are happiest with their pay, vendors/non-consultant businesses are the least

Figure 19: Pay Opinion by Organization Type

8.4 Men are more likely than women to think they're overpaid while whites and non-whites have similar opinions of their salary

Table 41: Counts by Pay Opinion and Gender

| Overall | Female |  | Male |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| Less than others in similar positions are making | 58 | $42.0 \%$ | 54 | $43.2 \%$ |
| About the same as others in similar positions are making | 65 | $47.1 \%$ | 43 | $34.4 \%$ |
| More than others in similar positions are making | 6 | $4.3 \%$ | 15 | $12.0 \%$ |
| I don't know how my salary/income compares to others' | 8 | $5.8 \%$ | 11 | $8.8 \%$ |
| Refused/Missing | 1 | $0.7 \%$ | 2 | $1.6 \%$ |

Table 42: Counts by Pay Opinion and Race

| Overall | Non-White | White |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| Less than others in similar positions are making | 30 | $45.5 \%$ | 84 | $42.0 \%$ |
| About the same as others in similar positions are making | 28 | $42.4 \%$ | 80 | $40.0 \%$ |
| More than others in similar positions are making | 4 | $6.1 \%$ | 17 | $8.5 \%$ |
| I don't know how my salary/income compares to others' | 3 | $4.5 \%$ | 17 | $8.5 \%$ |
| Refused/Missing | 1 | $1.5 \%$ | 2 | $1.0 \%$ |

## 9 How are your skillz?

As a reminder, respondents were asked to rate their skill level on a 1-10 point scale for a variety of tools and concepts.

- 1 = I have never used this tool/skill
- $5=$ I use this tool/skill regularly (or did within the past two years)
- $10=$ I feel comfortable training others on this tool/skill


### 9.1 Excel is still king

Turns out, the "data" in "progressive data" basically means Excel. Maybe SQL.

Figure 20: Average Score by Skill


Figure 21: Distribution of Scores by Skill


### 9.2 Women self-report having lower levels of "hard" skills

Note that these are self-reported levels of skills, not necessarily objective measures of skills.

Table 43: Differences in Self-Reported Skill by Gender

| Skill | Skill Type | Female | Male | Difference |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| SQL | Data Science | 5.8 | 7.2 | 1.3 |
| Python | Data Science | 3 | 4.3 | 1.3 |
| Data Visualization | Data Science | 3.8 | 4.9 | 1.1 |
| GIS | Data Science | 3.3 | 4.2 | 0.99 |
| R | Data Science | 2.8 | 3.7 | 0.93 |
| Management | Other | 5.3 | 6 | 0.71 |
| Modeling | Data Science | 2.9 | 3.6 | 0.63 |
| Catalist Q/M Tool | Other | 3.8 | 4.4 | 0.55 |
| Experiments | Data Science | 3.7 | 4.2 | 0.5 |
| VAN | CRM | 6.5 | 6.9 | 0.36 |
| Google Analytics | Digital Tools | 3.5 | 3.7 | 0.19 |
| Microsoft Excel | Other | 8.4 | 8.6 | 0.18 |
| Facebook Ads | Digital Tools | 1.9 | 2 | 0.035 |
| CRM (Not Salesforce) | CRM | 3.8 | 3.5 | -0.3 |
| Stata | Data Science | 2.8 | 2.4 | -0.37 |
| Salesforce | CRM | 3.2 | 2.8 | -0.48 |

Figure 22: Distribution of Self-Reported Scores by Skill and Gender















$\square$ Female $\square$ Male

Luckily, we can actually do some basic statistics to see which of these distributions are different. We'll use a Kolmogorov-Smirnov test to see which of these skillsets actually appear to follow different distributions by gender.

Basically, we're testing the null hypothesis that the distributions are identical.

Table 44: KS Tests for Differences in Skill Distribution by Gender

| Skill | Skill Type | KS Statistic | P-Value |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Python | Data Science | 0.23 | 0.0015 |
| SQL | Data Science | 0.22 | 0.0028 |
| GIS | Data Science | 0.21 | 0.0078 |
| Modeling | Data Science | 0.21 | 0.0084 |
| Management | Other | 0.2 | 0.013 |
| Data Visualization | Data Science | 0.19 | 0.022 |
| Experiments | Data Science | 0.18 | 0.027 |
| R | Data Science | 0.16 | 0.081 |
| Salesforce | CRM | 0.13 | 0.23 |
| Catalist Q/M Tool | Other | 0.11 | 0.45 |
| Google Analytics | Digital Tools | 0.077 | 0.83 |
| Stata | Data Science | 0.071 | 0.9 |
| Facebook Ads | Digital Tools | 0.071 | 0.9 |
| VAN | CRM | 0.066 | 0.94 |
| CRM (Not Salesforce) | CRM | 0.065 | 0.94 |
| Microsoft Excel | Other | 0.06 | 0.97 |

See the Appendix for a longer discussion of self-reported skillset by field.

### 9.3 Different jobs have different skills

Figure 23: Average Score by Skill by Job Focus


## 9.4 'Data Scientist' actually means something! Meanwhile, analytics director does not

First, here's a table of average score by skill type. This is helpful but a little noisy.

Figure 24: Average Score by Skill by Job Title


Here's a table of a mean-adjusted score. This will help us pinpoint the differences in skillset.
Basically, for each skill, we subtract the mean skill level from an individual's self-reported skill level so that now we're displaying the number of units above/below the mean. ${ }^{6}$ A mean-adjusted score of 0 means the selfreported skill is the average score for that skill. A mean-adjusted score of 1 means that the self-reported skill are 1 unit above the average score for the skill, a score of -1 is 1 unit below the average score for the skill.

For example, data scientists self-report scores on modeling that are about 4 units above the average self-reported score on modeling (averaged across all respondents). They also self-report scores on VAN that are about 2 units lower than the average VAN score.

Meanwhile, analytics directors do not meaningfully differentiate themselves through either hard or soft skills (see how many of the scores are near 0 , meaning they have the average level of competency for that skill).

[^4]Figure 25: Mean-Adjusted Score by Skill by Job Title


### 9.5 What should I learn for \$\$

You have limited time, and not all skills matter equally. So what should you learn?

### 9.5.1 If you're not a manager...brush up on those hard skills

Figure 26: Salary versus Skill by Skill Type for Non-Managers


Here's a graph of the slopes of those lines, basically. This is also the part where we engage in some hand-wringing about how this isn't actual a causal relationship.

Figure 27: Impact of a 1 Unit increase in Skill on Salary (shown with error bars of 1 SE ) for Non-Managers


### 9.5.2 If you are a manager...be a better manager?

Figure 28: Salary versus Skill by Skill Type for Managers


Here's a graph of the slopes of those lines, basically. This is also the part where we engage in some hand-wringing about how this isn't actual a causal relationship.

Figure 29: Impact of a 1 Unit increase in Skill on Salary (shown with error bars of 1 SE) for Managers


## 10 Where are people going?

### 10.1 About $50 \%$ of all respondents and $35 \%$ of respondents not currently on a political campaign plan on changing organizations within the next year

Respondents were allowed to select multiple options. For every category, we display the percentage of respondents who selected that option (potentially among multiple).

Table 45: Counts by Future Work Plans

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| My current job / for my current employer | 139 | $52.3 \%$ |
| Consulting firm | 64 | $24.1 \%$ |
| Other private sector | 53 | $19.9 \%$ |
| Nonprofit/c3/c4 | 46 | $17.3 \%$ |
| Business (non-consulting) | 41 | $15.4 \%$ |
| Other public sector | 26 | $9.8 \%$ |
| Freelance | 23 | $8.6 \%$ |
| Labor union | 23 | $8.6 \%$ |
| Political campaign | 10 | $3.8 \%$ |
| Party committee | 8 | $3.0 \%$ |

Table 46: Counts by Future Work Plans among Respondents NOT on a political campaign

| Category | N | Percent |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| My current job / for my current employer | 137 | $64.6 \%$ |
| Consulting firm | 38 | $17.9 \%$ |
| Nonprofit/c3/c4 | 34 | $16.0 \%$ |
| Business (non-consulting) | 28 | $13.2 \%$ |
| Other private sector | 27 | $12.7 \%$ |
| Labor union | 22 | $10.4 \%$ |
| Freelance | 17 | $8.0 \%$ |
| Other public sector | 12 | $5.7 \%$ |
| Political campaign | 5 | $2.4 \%$ |
| Party committee | 3 | $1.4 \%$ |

## 11 Notes

- When treating salary as a numeric variable, we use the mean of the reported salary range (e.g., \$60,000$\$ 75,000$ was treated as $\$ 67,500$ )
- We deleted 3 responses that appeared to be from people outside progressive data world (based on job description)
- When treating years of experience as a numeric variable, we use the mean of the reported range
- Job titles were bucketed
- We generally try to avoid disclosing salary statistics for groups that contain fewer than 5 individuals. In those cases, those groups are marked with '-' on a table, and those values are excluded from calcuating the totals included with the table.
- Annie wasted a few days of her life trying to cluster people into job categories based on various formulations of skills, years of experience, and job focus. She was not successful, so if you have better ideas, please let her know. ${ }^{7}$

[^5]- Annie also tried to be cool like the 2016 O'Reilly Data Science Salary Survey and fit a linear model, but she couldn't get a root mean squared error below about $\$ 20,000$, so no model for you. ${ }^{8}$

If you have any suggestions about ways to improve this analysis or next year's survey, please e-mail any one of the authors.

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## 13 Appendix

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### 13.1 Most people don't have a bonus

Figure 30: Bonus Prevalance by Salary Range


### 13.2 Women are more likely to work at labor unions and political campaigns

Table 47: Counts by Organization Type and Gender

| Overall | Female |  | Male |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| Consulting firm | 30 | $21.7 \%$ | 30 | $24.0 \%$ |
| Political campaign | 32 | $23.2 \%$ | 22 | $17.6 \%$ |
| Non-profit/c3/c4 | 19 | $13.8 \%$ | 22 | $17.6 \%$ |
| Labor union | 20 | $14.5 \%$ | 11 | $8.8 \%$ |
| Business (non-consulting) | 17 | $12.3 \%$ | 13 | $10.4 \%$ |
| Party committee | 15 | $10.9 \%$ | 15 | $12.0 \%$ |
| Other private sector | 4 | $2.9 \%$ | 7 | $5.6 \%$ |
| Other public sector | 1 | $0.7 \%$ | 3 | $2.4 \%$ |
| Unemployed |  |  | 2 | $1.6 \%$ |

13.3 Women have roughly the same levels of educational attainment as men

Table 48: Counts by Education and Gender

| Overall | Female |  | Male |  |
| :--- | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| No College Degree | 10 | $7.2 \%$ | 9 | $7.2 \%$ |
| Bachelor's Degree | 82 | $59.4 \%$ | 78 | $62.4 \%$ |
| Post Bachelor's Work/Degree | 46 | $33.3 \%$ | 38 | $30.4 \%$ |

### 13.4 Whites and non-whites have roughly comparable years of experience

Table 49: Counts by Years of Experience and Race

| Overall | Non-White |  | White |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Category | N | Percent | N | Percent |
| Under 1 year | 4 | $6.1 \%$ | 15 | $7.5 \%$ |
| 1-2 years | 9 | $13.6 \%$ | 20 | $10.0 \%$ |
| 2-4 years | 13 | $19.7 \%$ | 48 | $24.0 \%$ |
| 4-6 years | 17 | $25.8 \%$ | 50 | $25.0 \%$ |
| 6-10 years | 13 | $19.7 \%$ | 43 | $21.5 \%$ |
| 10 years or more | 10 | $15.2 \%$ | 24 | $12.0 \%$ |

### 13.5 Even within the same job focus, women report lower skillsets

Here's that table of skill differences among analytics practioners...

Table 50: Differences in Self-Reported Skill by Gender among Non-Manager Analytics Practioners

| Skill | Skill Type | Female | Male | Difference |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Catalist Q/M Tool | Other | 3.5 | 5.2 | 1.7 |
| SQL | Data Science | 7.1 | 8.6 | 1.5 |
| Python | Data Science | 3.8 | 5.2 | 1.4 |
| GIS | Data Science | 3.2 | 4.4 | 1.2 |
| Microsoft Excel | Other | 8.2 | 9.1 | 0.91 |
| Data Visualization | Data Science | 5.2 | 6.1 | 0.89 |
| Modeling | Data Science | 4.4 | 5.2 | 0.77 |
| Experiments | Data Science | 4.2 | 4.7 | 0.54 |
| R | Data Science | 4.4 | 4.8 | 0.48 |
| VAN | CRM | 6 | 6.4 | 0.42 |
| Google Analytics | Digital Tools | 2.6 | 3 | 0.42 |
| Management | Other | 4.6 | 4.9 | 0.37 |
| Stata | Data Science | 3 | 3.3 | 0.32 |
| Facebook Ads | Digital Tools | 1.1 | 1.3 | 0.18 |
| Salesforce | CRM | 2.4 | 2 | -0.39 |
| CRM (Not Salesforce) | CRM | 2.8 | 2.1 | -0.73 |

...and engineers.

Table 51: Differences in Self-Reported Skill by Gender among Non-Manager Engineers

| Skill | Skill Type | Female | Male | Difference |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| GIS | Data Science | 1.5 | 3.5 | 2 |
| Data Visualization | Data Science | 2.1 | 3.9 | 1.8 |
| Python | Data Science | 4.1 | 5.6 | 1.6 |
| Management | Other | 3.2 | 4.6 | 1.5 |
| Google Analytics | Digital Tools | 4.4 | 5.6 | 1.3 |
| R | Data Science | 1.8 | 3 | 1.2 |
| SQL | Data Science | 6.5 | 7.6 | 1.1 |
| CRM (Not Salesforce) | CRM | 3.2 | 3.8 | 0.62 |
| Modeling | Data Science | 1.7 | 2.3 | 0.57 |
| Facebook Ads | Digital Tools | 1 | 1.4 | 0.44 |
| Experiments | Data Science | 2.4 | 2.6 | 0.24 |
| Salesforce | CRM | 2 | 2.2 | 0.2 |
| Stata | Data Science | 1.4 | 1.2 | -0.16 |
| Catalist Q/M Tool | Other | 1.8 | 1.6 | -0.22 |
| Microsoft Excel | Other | 7.7 | 6.9 | -0.82 |
| VAN | CRM | 5.8 | 4.1 | -1.7 |

## 14 Survey Questionnaire

This survey is designed to collect information about compensation of progressive data, analytics, and technology staff. All information here should be submitted anonymously. Only aggregated responses will be made public within the community.

### 14.1 About You

Race/Ethnicity (multiple choice)

- Hispanic/Latino
- African-American
- Asian-American
- Native American
- Middle Eastern / Arab-American
- White
- Other (write-in)

Gender (single choice)

- Female
- Male
- Other (write-in)

Do you identify as LGBTQQIA? (single choice)
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual

- I identify with one of these identities
- I identify with two or more of these identities
- I do not identify with any of these identities
- Other (write-in)

Highest level of education completed (single choice)

- High school/secondary school/associate's degree/some college credit but no 4-year degree
- Bachelor's degree
- Some post-bachelor's work but no higher degree
- Master's degree
- PhD or other doctoral degree
- Other (write-in)

Where did you learn the majority of skills you use in your current job? (single choice)

- Formal education
- Self taught (including Coursera and things like that)
- On the job training
- Other (write-in)


### 14.2 Current Job and Salary Information

Organization Type (single choice, required)

- Consulting firm (with at least some clients in progressive politics)
- Nonprofit organization/c3/c4
- Political campaign
- Business (non-consulting; e.g a technology vendor)
- Labor union
- Party committee
- Other private sector
- Other public sector
- Unemployed

Employment Status (single choice, required)

- Full time at 1 job
- Full time at 1 job plus additional paid work (2nd job, contracts, etc)
- Part time, because of personal choice
- Part time, because of inability to find full time work
- Freelance / contracting / self-employed (either FT or PT)
- Unemployed
- Other (write-in)

Location (single choice, required)

- Washington, DC
- New York City
- San Francisco
- Chicago
- Los Angeles
- Other major US city (over 1 million people)
- Smaller city/town
- Suburbs
- Exurbs
- Rural area
- Canada
- Europe
- Africa
- Oceania
- Asia

What type of benefits do you personally receive from your organization? (multiple choice)

- Cell phone reimbursement / company cell phone
- Company credit card
- Paid vacation days
- Paid sick days
- 401(k) or other retirement plan
- 401(k) matching
- Organizational bonding activities
- Continuing education / professional development
- Day care
- Paid maternity leave
- Paid paternity leave
- Other (write-in)

What type of organizations have you worked at in the past five years? (multiple choice)

- Consulting firm
- Freelance
- Nonprofit organization/c3/c4
- Political campaign
- Political-related business (non-consulting; e.g a technology or digital vendor)
- Labor union
- Party committee
- Other private sector
- Other public sector

Where do you want or expect to be working a year from now? (multiple choice)

- Consulting firm
- Freelance
- Nonprofit organization/c3/c4
- Political campaign
- Political-related business (non-consulting; e.g a technology or digital vendor)
- Labor union
- Party committee
- Other private sector
- Other public sector

Guaranteed salary range (single choice, required)
Yearly pre-tax, excluding bonuses or commissions

- Less than $\$ 30,000$
- \$30,001-\$45,000
- \$45,001 - \$60,000
- \$60,001-\$75,000
- \$75,001-\$100,000
- \$100,001-\$125,000
- $\$ 125,001$ or higher
- I have no fixed salary (freelancers, etc)
- Unemployed

Bonus or commission pay (open text)
Do you think your salary or income is...(single choice)
In your field, not necessarily your organization

- Less than others in similar positions are making
- About the same as others in similar positions are making
- More than others in similar positions are making
- I don't know how my salary/income compares to others'


## Position/job title (open text)

Department, team or focus of work (single choice, required)

- General analytics or data science
- General field/grassroots-focused data (e.g. VAN admin)
- Other general data management (finance data, digital data, DBA, etc)
- Surveys / polling
- Engineering / software development
- Digital analytics
- Experiments / testing
- Consulting / client relations
- Non-tech/data campaign management (Manager, State Field Director, Digital Director, etc.)
- Other campaign staff
- General digital (e.g. digital director, online campaigner)
- Development / fundraising
- Other (write-in)

Do you manage full-time staffers? (single choice)
Include everyone who reports "up the chain" to you, both directly or through layer(s) of management

- Yes, 1 to 4
- Yes, 5 to 9
- Yes, more than 10
- No

Years of experience in the progressive space (single choice)

- Under 1 year
- 1-2 years
- 2 - 4 years
- 4-6 years
- 6-10 years
- 10 years or more

When you last took a job with a new employer, did you negotiate your salary? (single choice)
Not including promotions or other internal changes within your organization

- No, accepted initial offer
- Asked for increase, but employer did not increase offer
- Negotiated and received 0-4\% increase over initial offer
- Negotiated and received 5-9\% increase over initial offer
- Negotiated and received 10-15\% increase over initial offer
- Negotiated and received a greater than $15 \%$ increase over initial offer
- Initially asked for an amount that employer met with initial offer
- Initially asked for an amount and employer offered a lower amount
- Was offered a non-negotiable salary (union contract or other fixed band)
- Other (write-in)


### 14.3 Rate your skills and abilities

- $1=I$ have never used this tool/skill
- $5=$ I use this tool/skill regularly (or did within the past two years)
- $10=I$ feel comfortable training others on this tool/skill
(For all skills listed, respondents had the option of choosing one value between 1 and 10, inclusive)
VAN
Catalist Q and M tools
Google Analytics
Microsoft Excel
Salesforce
Constituent Relationship Management tools (Mailchimp, Convio, Constant Contact, etc.)
SQL
Facebook Power Editor / Business Manager
Python
GIS
R
Stata
Data visualization (Tableau, Fusion Tables, etc)
Building statistical models
Designing randomized experiments
Staff management


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ This means we've solved the diversity problem, right?

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Basically, we're testing the null hypothesis that the distribution of non-whites and whites across organization types is perfectly proportional, i.e., that the percentages are all the same and the variations are just the product of statistical noise
    ${ }^{3}$ So you might argue that the sample size is too small to calculate chi-squared values. You're probably right! In fact, R even gave us a nice warning telling us that our chi-squared approximation may be incorrect. The other objection you might have is something around how we use frequentist approaches. Well, Bayesian Bro, you can write the STAN code next year.

[^2]:    ${ }^{4}$ There are some survey design issues with this question in that we probably should have asked respondents to exclude their current organization

[^3]:    ${ }^{5}$ Because it's not like data is easier when standardized or anything.

[^4]:    ${ }^{6}$ It would be nice if we could standardize all of these to have mean 0 and SD 1 , but since so many of these are skewed in distinctly non-normal ways, we'll do this mean adjustment instead.

[^5]:    ${ }^{7}$ Tried a few different things, including using PCA for feature reduction (especially for skills) and t-sne for clustering.

[^6]:    ${ }^{8}$ If you must know, LASSO.

