Android Version Distribution statistics will now only be available in Android Studio

For the longest time, Google would publish Android version distribution statistics on a dedicated webpage. However, the chart hasn't been updated since May of 2019, and even then, May's update happened *6 months after the last update*. It's clear by now that Google no longer plans to update that chart, but today we've learned that Google has another place where they show the version distribution statistics: Android Studio (via *9to5Google*).

Developers can find the latest Android Platform/API Version Distribution statistics by creating a new project in Android Studio and then selecting "help me choose" under the minimum SDK dropdown.

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Configure Your Project	t	
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÷	Package name	
	com.example.myapplication	
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	C:\Users\mmrah\AndroidStudioProjects\MyApplication2	
	Language	
	Kotlin	
	Minimum SDK API 14: Android 4.0 (IceCreamSandwich)	
Empty Activity	Your app will run on approximately 100% of devices. Help me choose	
Creates a new empty activity	Use legacy android.support libraries 💿	
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The chart will help developers decide the right minimum SDK version for their application. For example, if you select "Android 6.0 Marshmallow" as the minimum SDK version, then Android Studio will inform you that your app will run on 84.9% of all devices. Similarly, if you select "Android 8.0 Oreo" as the

minimum SDK version, then Android Studio will inform you that your app can run on 60.8% of all devices.

ANDROID PLATFORM VERSION	API LEVEL	CUMULATIVE DISTRIBUTION	The minimum SDK version determines the lowest level of Android that your app will run. You typically want to target as many users as possible, so you would ideally want to supp
.0 Ice Cream Sandwich	15		everyone with a minimum SDK version of 1. However, that has some disadvantages, su as lack of features, and very few people use devices that old anymore.
.1 Jelly Bean	16	99.8%	Your choice of minimum SDK level should be a tradeoff between the distribution of user
.2 Jelly Bean	17	99.2%	you wish to target and the features that your application will need. Click each Android Version/API level for more information.
.3 Jelly Bean	18	98.4%	
.4 KitKat	19	98.1%	
5.0 Lollipop	21	94.1%	
i.1 Lollipop	22	92.3%	
.0 Marshmallow	23	84.9%	
.0 Nougat	24	73.7%	
7.1 Nougat	25	66.2%	
.0 Oreo	26	60.8%	
.1 Oreo	27	53.5%	
		39.5%	
),0 Pie	28		
0. Android 10	29	8.2%	

Based on this data, we can construct a table showing the distribution of Android OS versions.

Android Platform Version (API Level)	Distribution (as of April . 0, 2020)
Android0 "Ice Cream Sandwich" (15)	0.2%
Android 4.1 "Jelly Bean" (16)	0.6%
Android 4.2 "Jelly Bean" (17)	0.8%
Android 4.3 "Jelly Bean" (18)	0.3%
Android 4.4 "KitKat" (19)	4%
Android 5.0 "Lollipop" (21)	1.8%
Android 5.1 "Lollipop" (22)	7.4%
Android 6.0 "Marshmallow" (23)	11.2%
Android 7.0 "Nougat" (24)	7.5%
Android 7.1 "Nougat" (25)	5.4%

Android Platform Version (API Level)	Distribution (as of April 10, 2020)
Android 8.0 "Oreo" (26)	7.3%
Android 8.1 "Oreo" (27)	14%
Android 9 "Pie" (28)	31.3%
Android 10 (29)	8.2%

It makes sense for Android version distribution to be shown in Android Studio since this data is really only useful for developers anyway.