

## Data Story

### *Don't be a drag, just be a queen*

Over the course of 13 years, RuPaul's Drag Race has become one of the most popular television shows in herstory, with thousands of fans tuning in every week to see which queen has what it takes to become America's Next Drag Superstar. With several spin-offs, international versions and all-stars seasons, it's safe to say that drag race has taken over the world.

This data story looks at how the 170 queens who have competed on the U.S. version of RuPaul's Drag Race stack up against each other. It looks at where the queens come from, how old they are, and their track record.

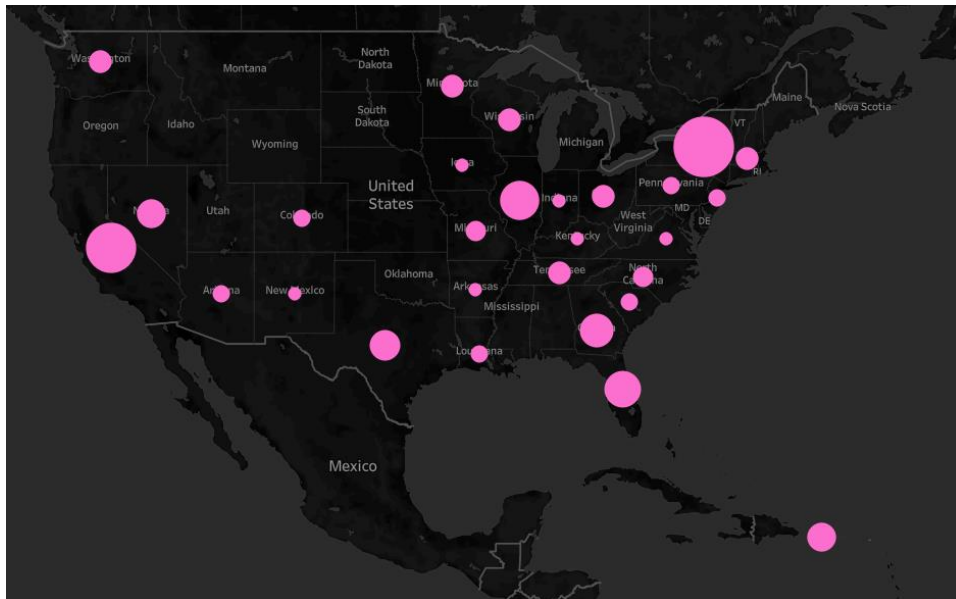
#### Roll Call

Across 13 seasons there have been 170 drag queens that have competed in RuPaul's Drag Race. These queens come from all over, but there's one state that has produced some of the most iconic queens to be on the show. There's even one borough that has had not one, not two but three queens take home the crown in consecutive seasons.

Bob The Drag Queen, Sasha Velour and Aquaria made drag race herstory after making Brooklyn, New York the only place in the world to have three queens win RuPaul's Drag Race.

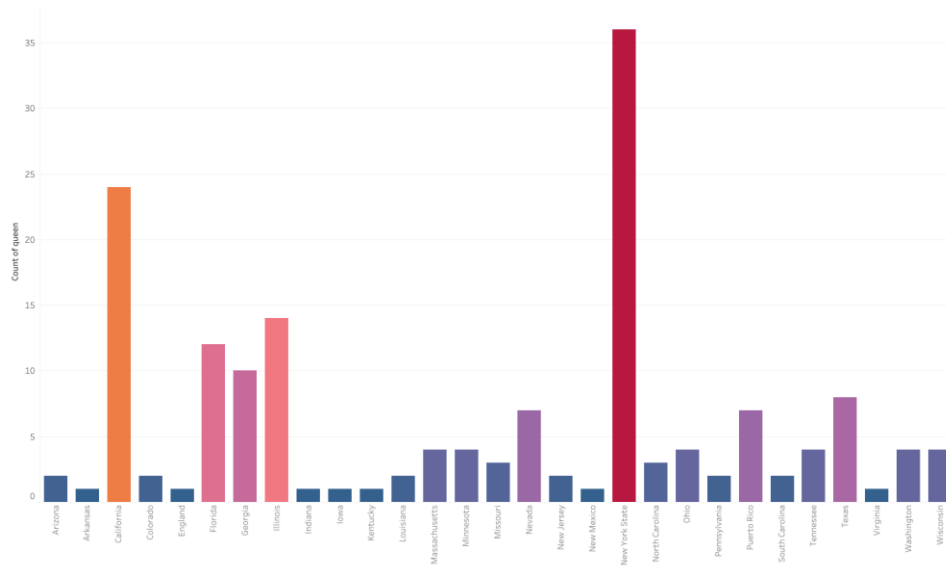
However, talent doesn't only exist in New York. Queens come from all over the United States and even across the pond. However, big cities like Los Angeles, Chicago and Atlanta are primarily where the majority of queens come from.

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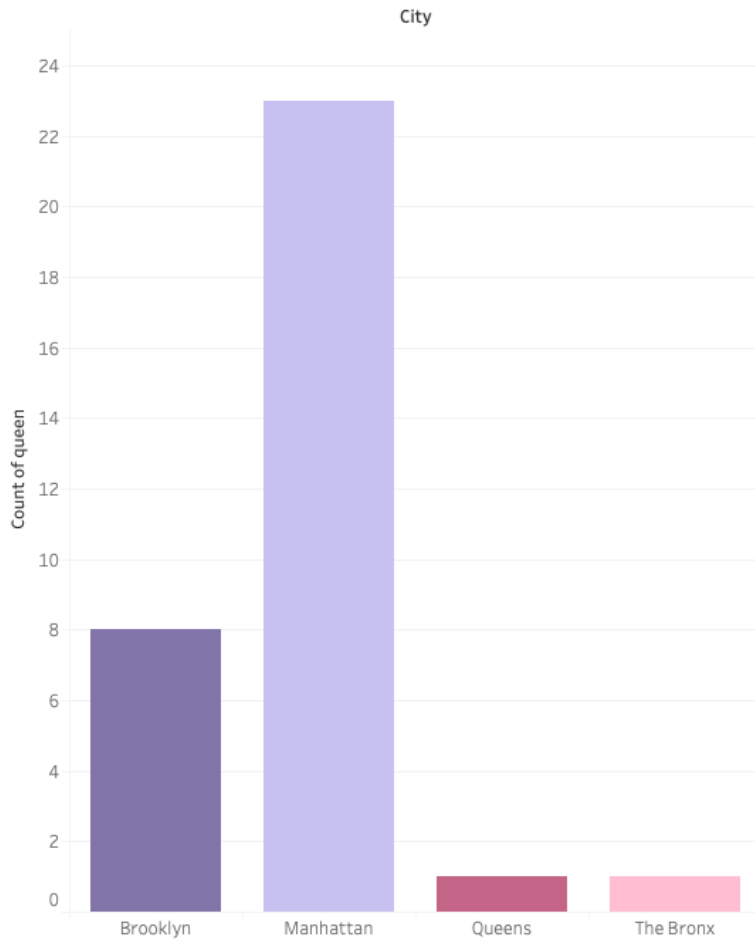
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While queens come from a variety of places, New York remains the state with the highest number of queens that have competed on the show.



Out of all 170 queens that have competed in RuPaul's Drag Race US, 36 (21.18%) are from New York.

Even more impressive is that over half of all New York Queens come from Manhattan.



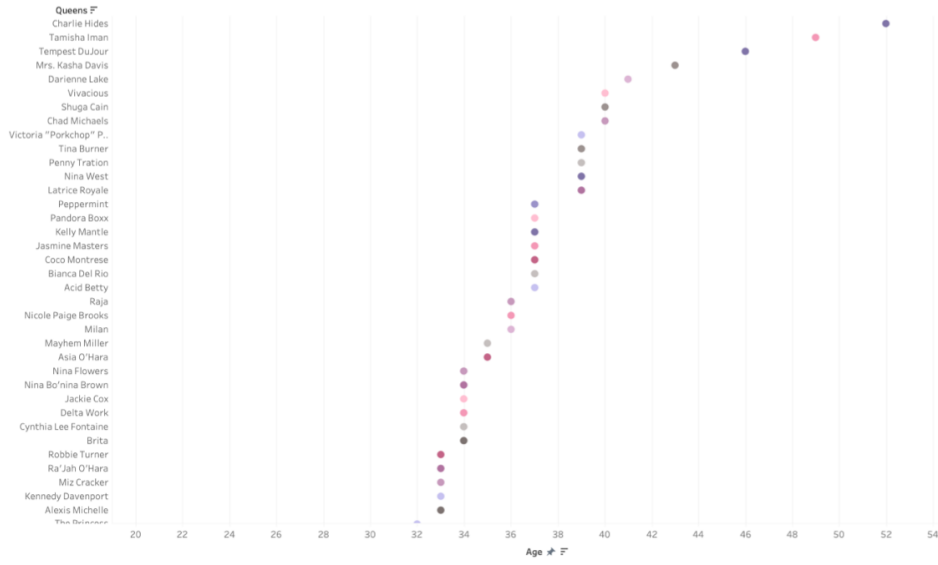
23 queens (12.94%) are from Manhattan. Eight (4.71%) are from Brooklyn. The Bronx and Queens have one queen each. (0.59%).

Additionally, there are three queens (1.76%) that are from Rochester.

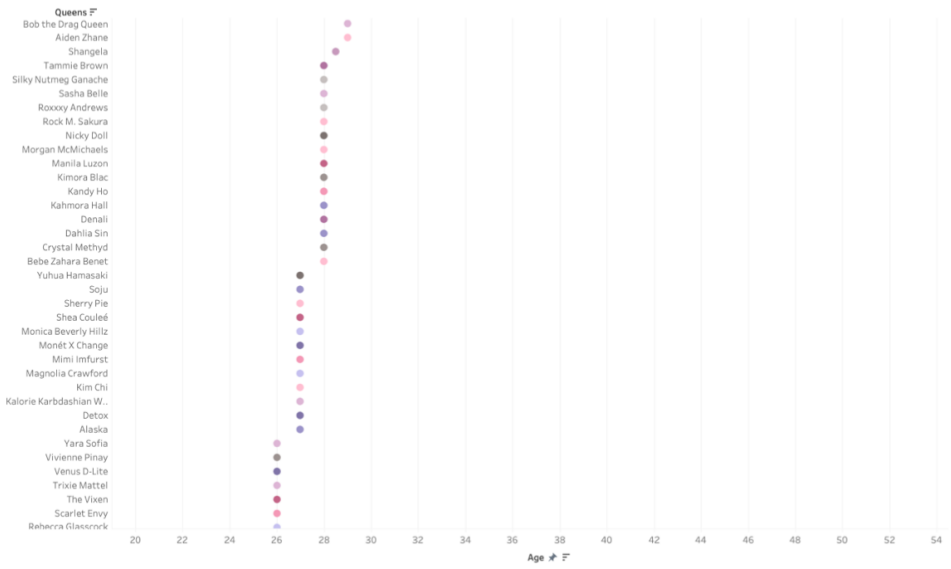
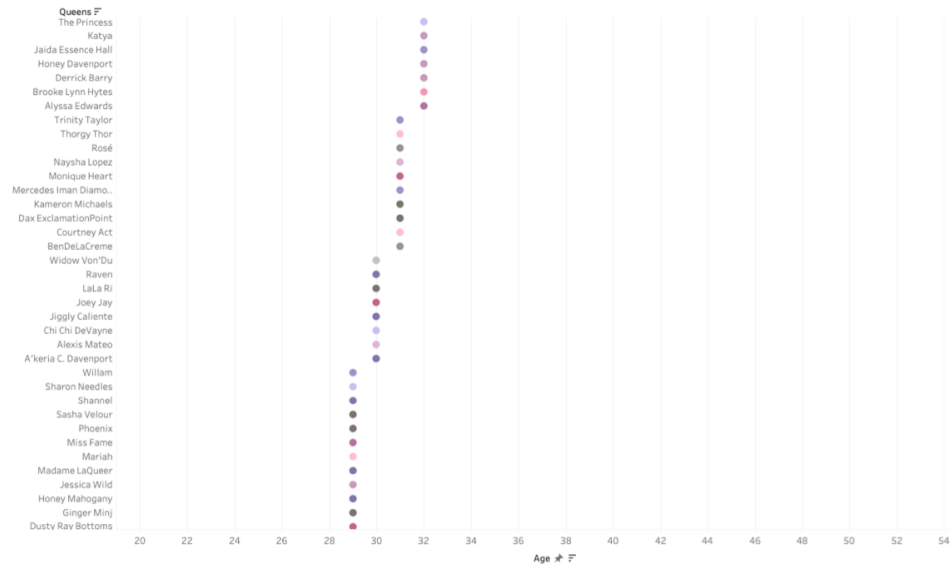
### **Most “experienced” queens**

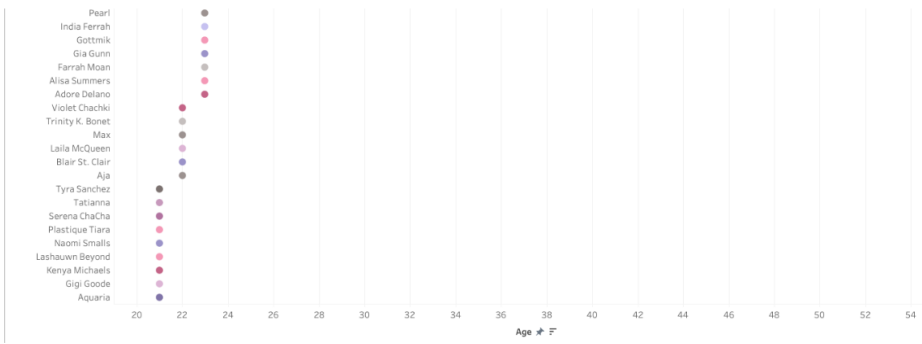
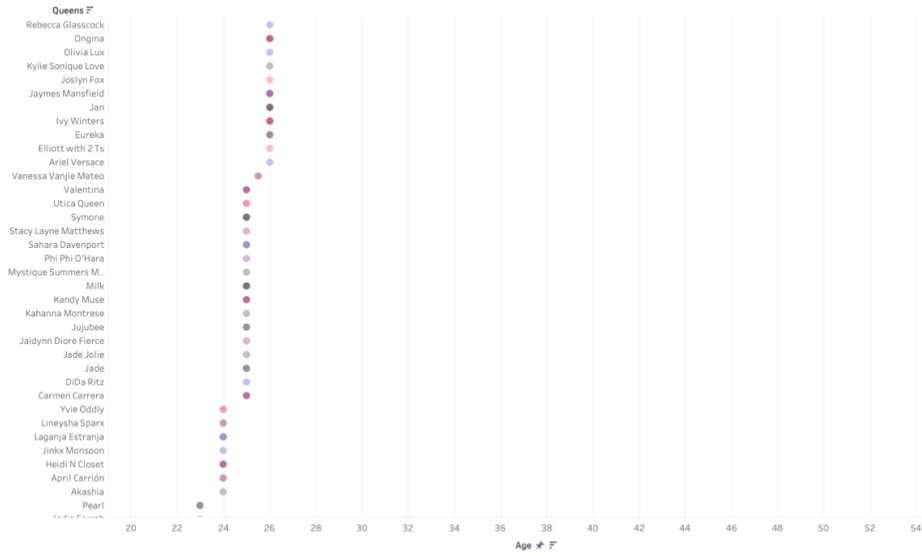
Not only do the queens come from a variety of places, but they also represent a wide range of ages. Now some queens would argue that age doesn’t matter when it comes to pure talent, but more years in the business means more experience.

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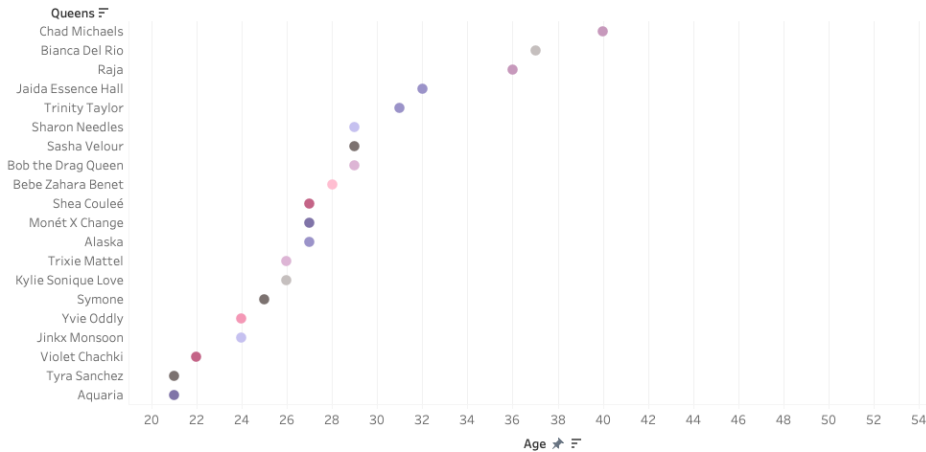




The average age of queen is 29. The age of the oldest queen to have competed on Drag Race US is 52 (Charlie Hides), while the age of the youngest is 21.

While there may be some more “experienced” queens on the roster, that doesn’t guarantee they’ll have the charisma, uniqueness, nerve and talent needed to win. The graph below only shows the ages of the winners.

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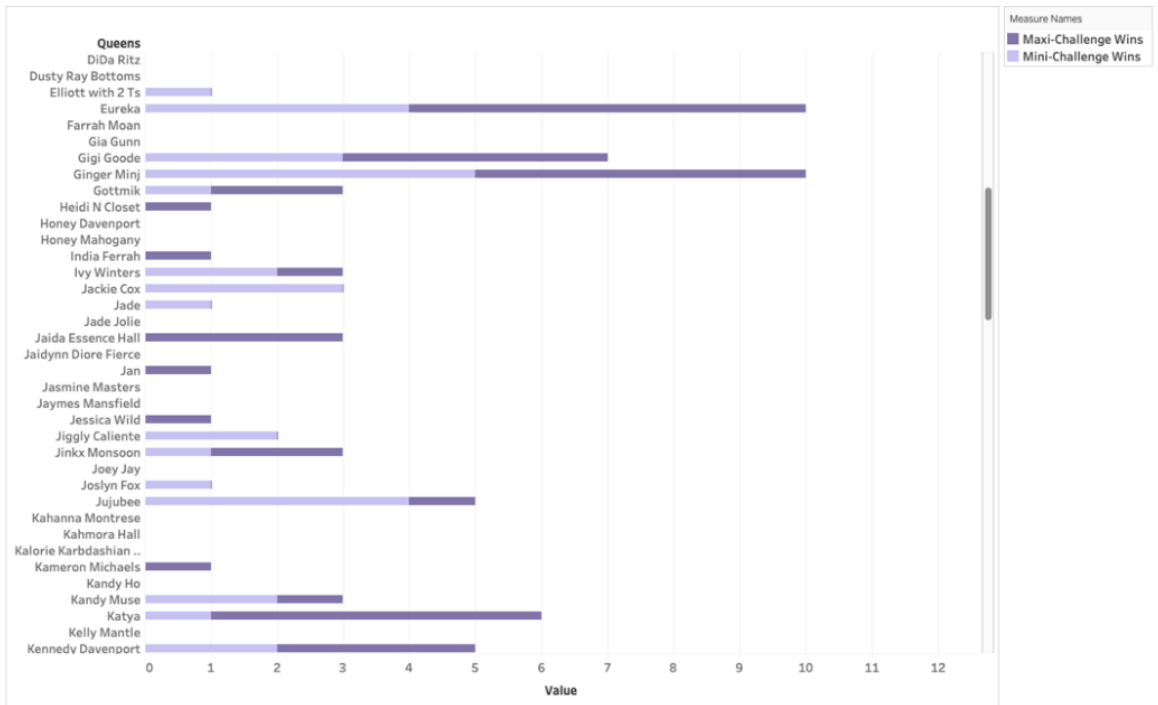
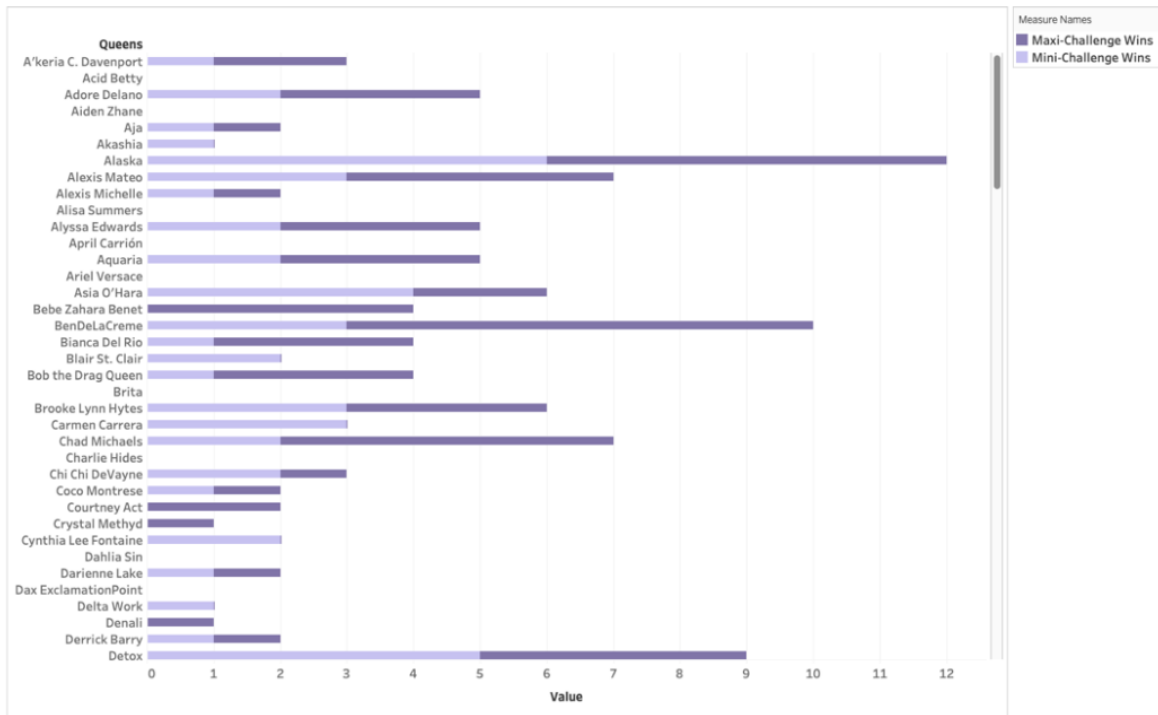
The oldest queen to have won a regular season of Drag Race Bianca Del Rio who was 37 at the time of competing. However, Chad Michaels holds the title for being the oldest queen to ever win drag race when she took home the crown during All Stars One.

At the other end of the spectrum are Aquaria and Tyra Sanchez, who are the youngest queens to win drag race at 21.

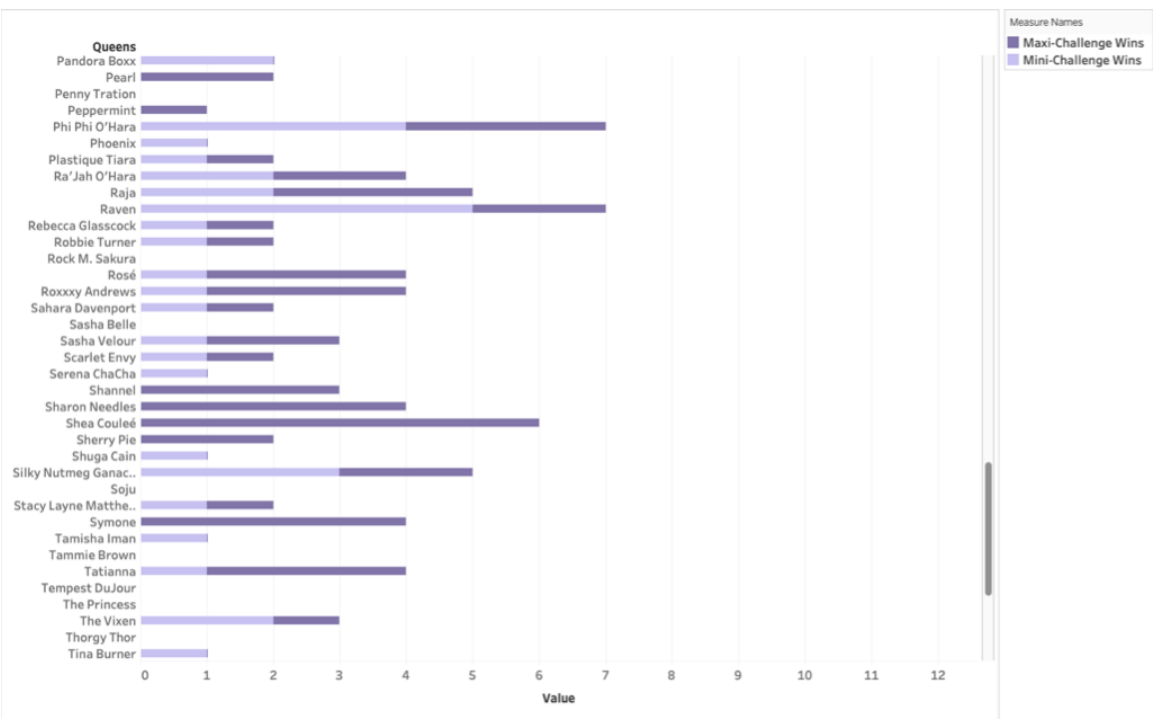
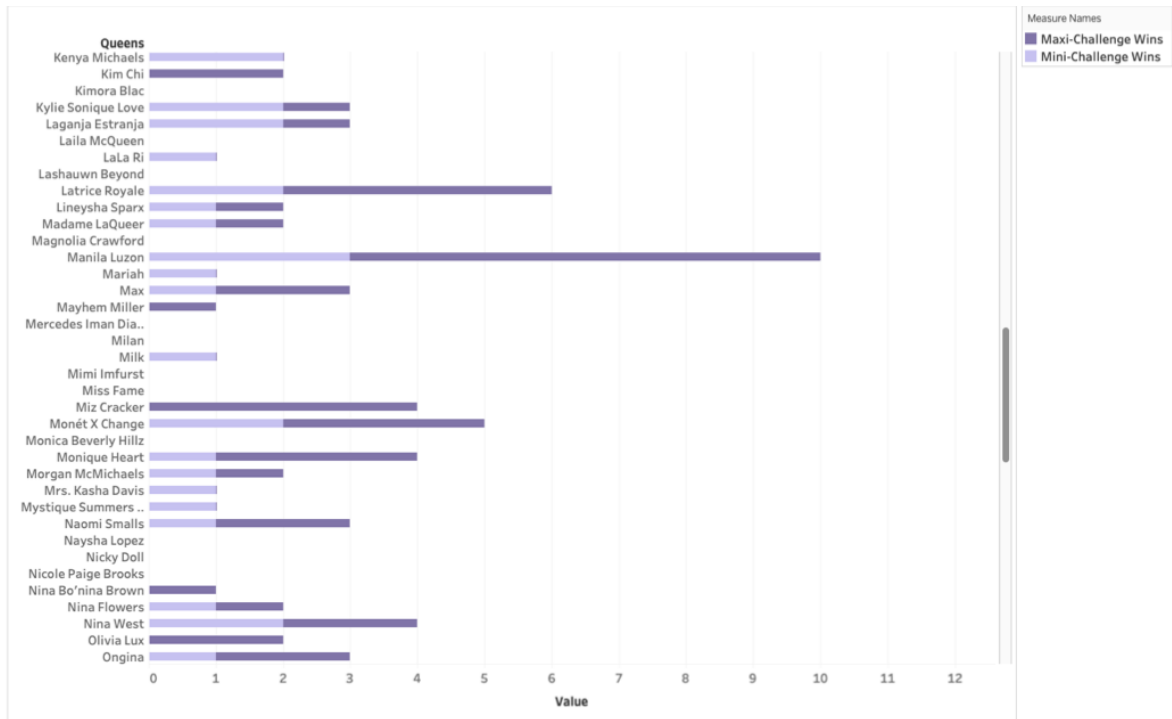
### Track Record

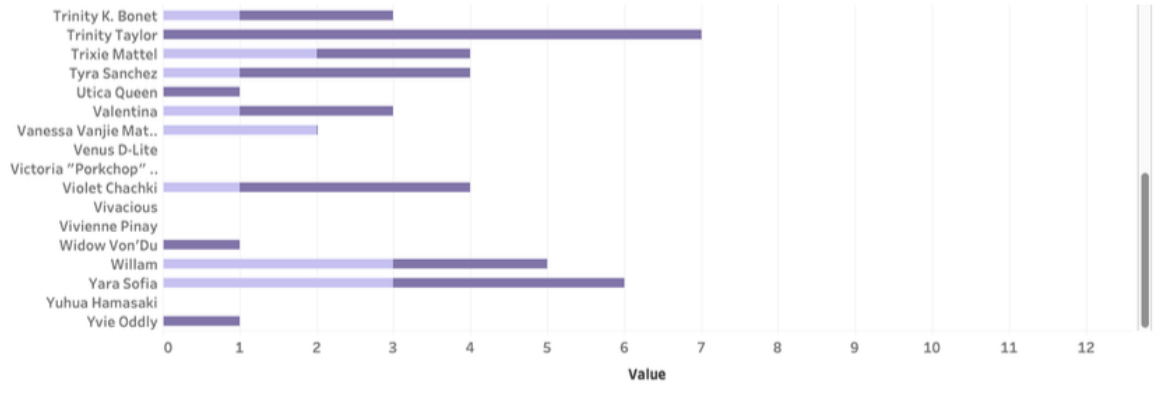
With a roster this large, the question remains: who is the best drag queen that has ever competed on the show?

Each episode contains a Mini and Maxi challenge that tests the queens in a variety of ways. There are three queens that have the most Maxi challenge wins.



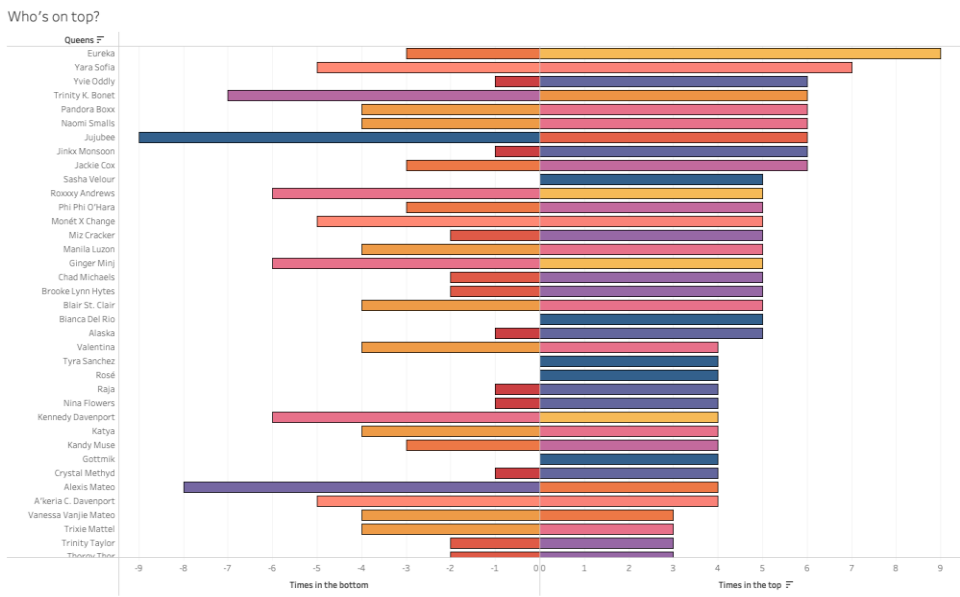




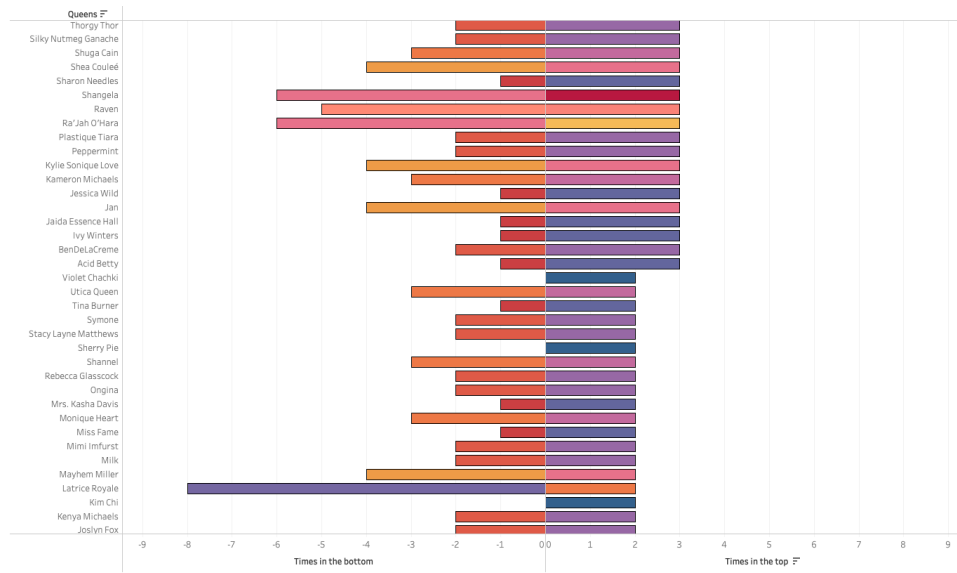


Manila Luzon, BenDeLaCreme, and Trinity Taylor are the only queens that have seven maxi challenge wins. The data comes from all seasons of RuPaul's Drag Race including All Stars seasons.

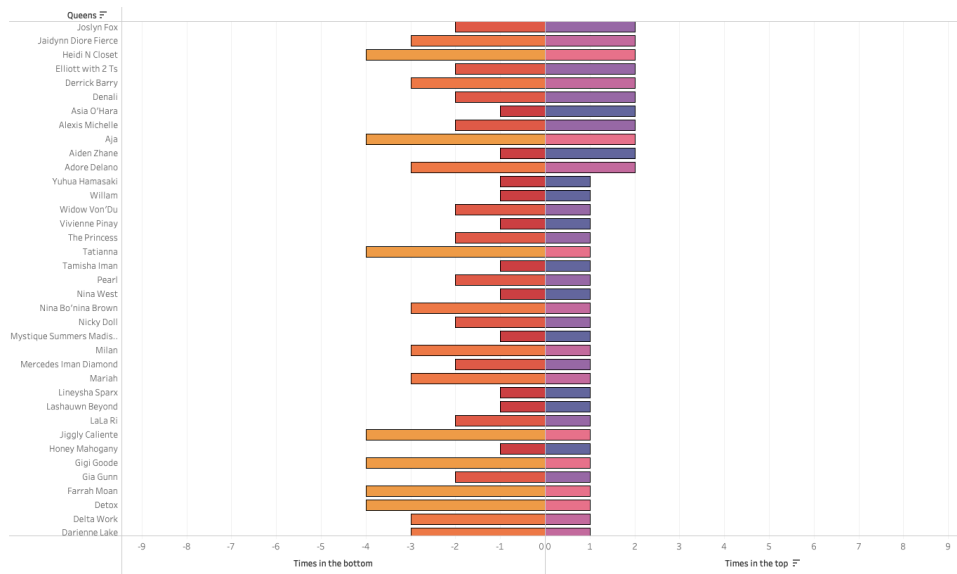
Additionally, each episode has tops and bottoms of the week, representing who did exceptionally well or poorly in the maxi challenge.



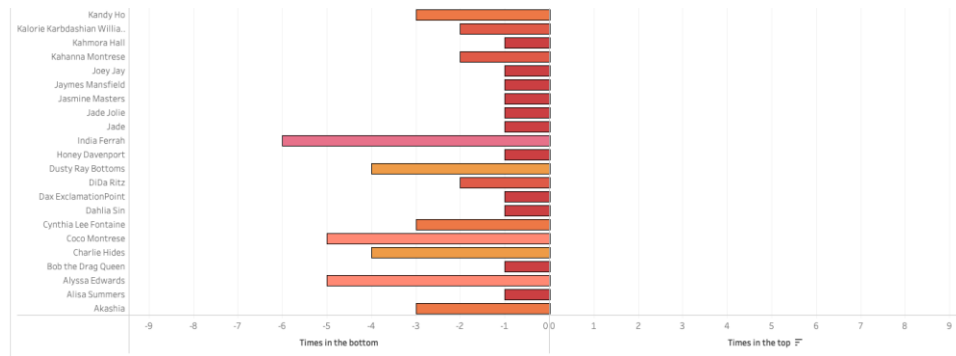
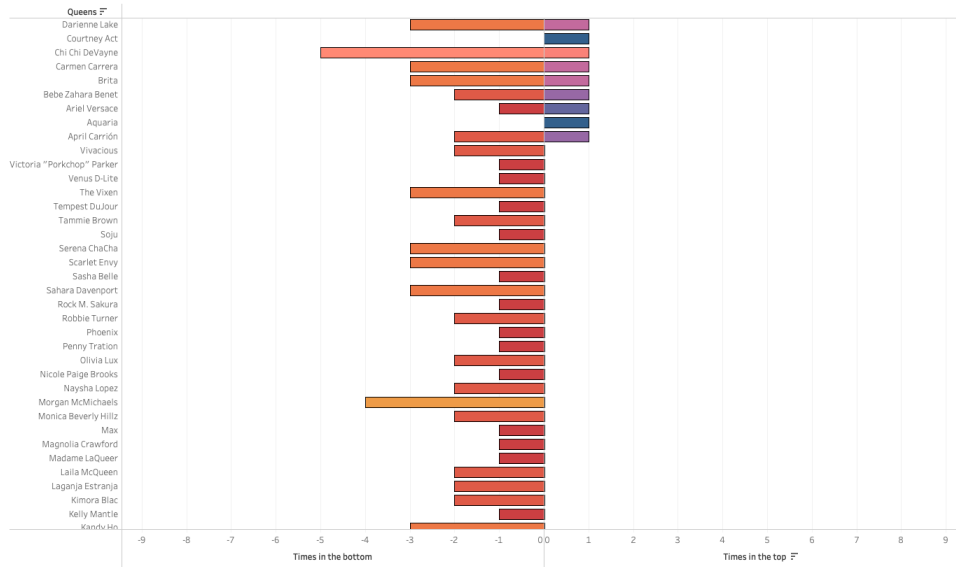
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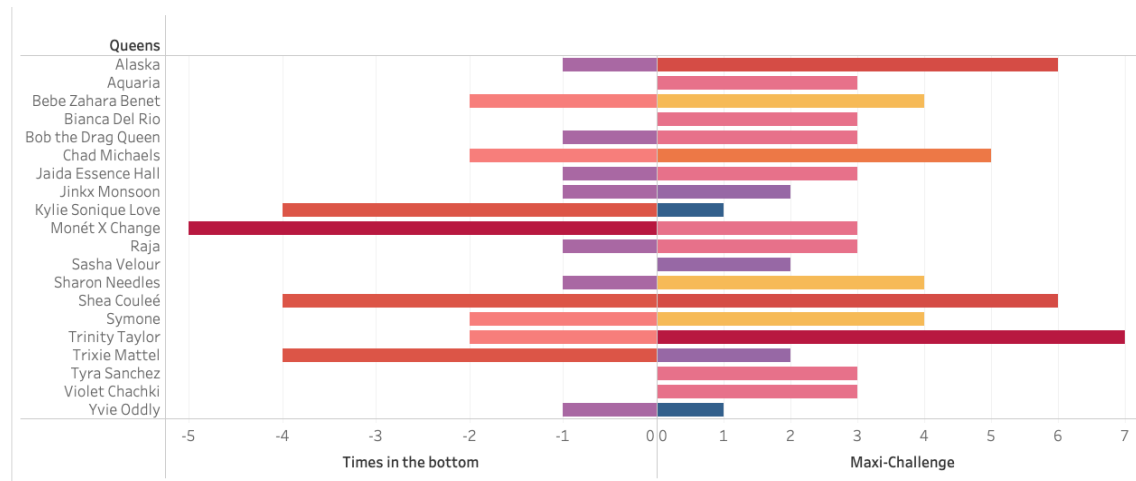


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Across her three seasons, Jujubee is the queen who has been in the bottom the most with a total of nine times. Similarly, Eureka who has also been in three seasons, is the queen who has been in the top the most with nine times.

The queen with the best track record comes from the small circle of queens that have actually won the competition.



Monét X Change is the only winner that has been in the bottom five times, while Aquaria, Bianca Del Rio, Sasha Velour, Tyra Sanchez and Violet Chachki are winners that have never been in the bottom.

Out of all the winners of RuPaul's Drag Race, Alaska is the queen with the most wins along with the fewest times in the bottom. Although Trinity Taylor is the queen with the most wins total, she was in the bottom more than once which decreases her standing. This means that according to this evaluation Alaska would be the most successful queen that has competed on drag race.