AI GURBANI RESEARCH

The Names of God in Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji

A Word-Count Study of 44 Divine Names across all 1,430 Angs

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PURPOSE OF THIS RESEARCH

Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji addresses the One Formless Divine by countless Names — drawn from Sanatan, Vaishnav, Sufi and Sikh traditions alike — teaching that the same Light dwells in all. This study measures, as objectively as possible, **how often each Divine Name is uttered in the sacred text**.

1. To count every occurrence of 44 Divine Names across all 1,430 Angs, using audited Gurmukhi surface-form sets so that look-alike words are never miscounted.

2. To show, for each Name, which Guru Sahibaan and Bhagats use it, and in how many distinct shabads.

3. To present the record plainly, for reflection and further study — drawing no interpretive or theological conclusions.

Research conducted end-to-end by **Fable** — frontier LLM model of Anthropic

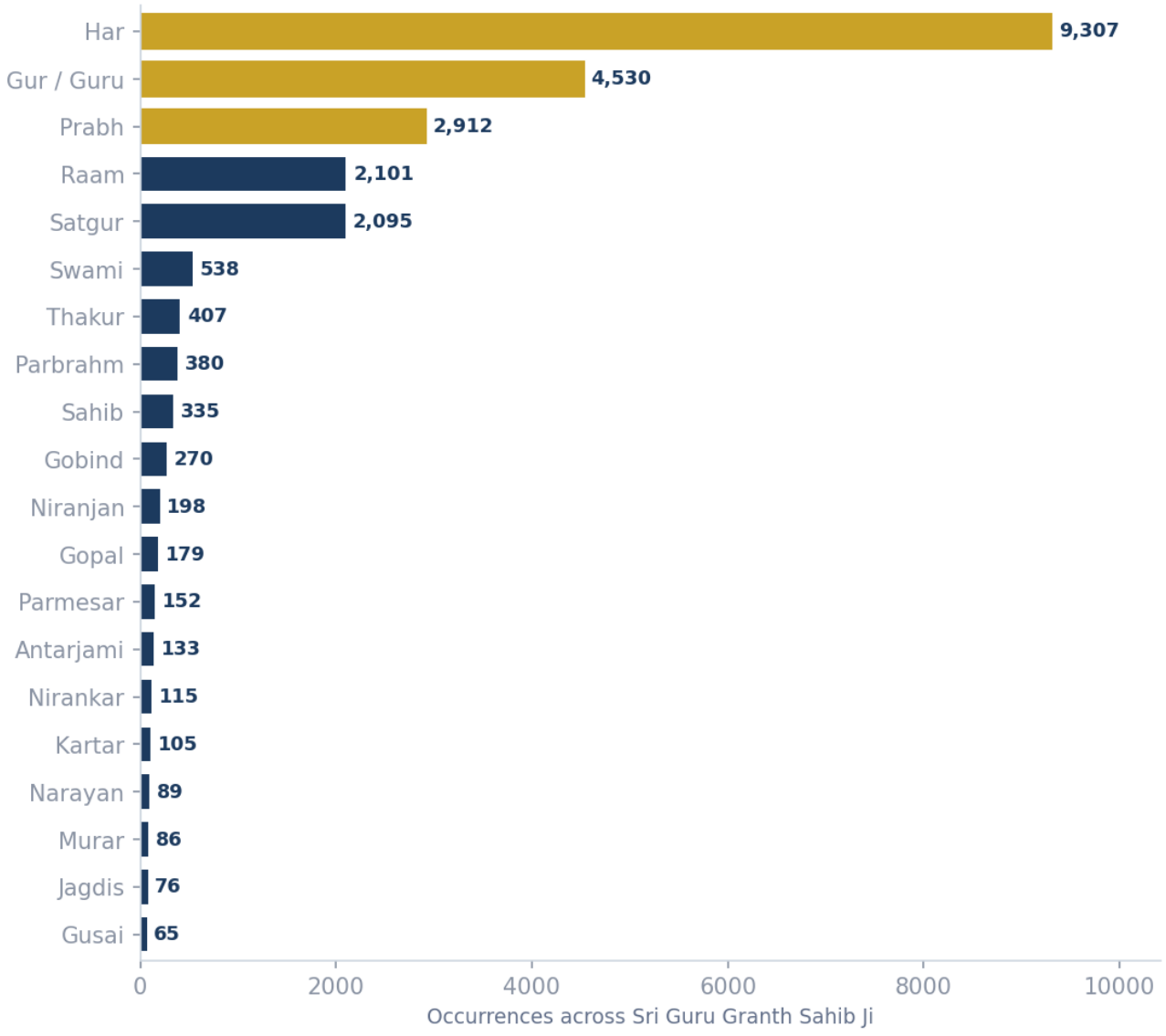
Counted from the complete Unicode text (ShabadOS v4.8.7) · 24,473 total occurrences

Overview

44	24,473	1,430	4,729
DIVINE NAMES	TOTAL OCCURRENCES	ANGS COVERED	SHABADS REFERENCED

Every figure below is a **token (whole-word) count** computed directly from the primary text. Each Name is matched only through an audited set of its true surface forms (root plus case inflections); unrelated look-alike words are excluded. The repeated invocation lines — the Mool Mantar mangal (ੴ … ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ) and raag or section headings — are not counted, so every figure reflects usage in the body of the shabads. Compound words (for example ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ, ਗੁਰਬਾਣੀ) are not counted toward ਗੁਰ / ਗੁਰੂ.

The Most-Uttered Names



Every Divine Name — Ranked by Occurrence

#	Divine Name	Gurmukhi	Occurrences	Shabads	Writers	Raags used (most-used, by occurrences)
1	**Har**	ਹਰਿ	9,307	2,785	23	Gauree (1281), Aasaa (887), Maaroo (549), Siree Raag (494)
2	**Gur / Guru**	ਗੁਰ/ ਗੁਰੂ	4,530	2,190	28	Gauree (576), Maaroo (409), Aasaa (392), Siree Raag (298)
3	**Prabh**	ਪ੍ਰਭ	2,912	1,622	17	Gauree (485), Bilaaval (284), Aasaa (231), Soohee (201)
4	**Raam**	ਰਾਮ	2,101	931	20	Aasaa (262), Gauree (246), Soohee (215), Bihaagraa (163)
5	**Satgur** · True Guru	ਸਤਿਗੁਰ	2,095	1,246	20	Gauree (276), Maaroo (200), Aasaa (175), Siree Raag (150)
6	**Swami**	ਸੁਆਮੀ	538	431	11	Gauree (48), Bilaaval (42), Aasaa (37), Dhanaasree (37)
7	**Thakur**	ਠਾਕੁਰ	407	332	9	Gauree (61), Aasaa (39), Saarang (34), Bilaaval (22)
8	**Parbrahm**	ਪਾਰਬ੍ਰਹਮ	380	336	9	Gauree (105), Bilaaval (37), Aasaa (27), Sorath (26)
9	**Sahib**	ਸਾਹਿਬੁ	335	275	10	Aasaa (47), Maaroo (37), Gauree (36), Vadhans (23)
10	**Gobind**	ਗੋਬਿੰਦ	270	237	15	Gauree (40), Aasaa (27), Basant (18), Saarang (18)
11	**Niranjan**	ਨਿਰੰਜਨ	198	170	16	Gauree (26), Maaroo (22), Aasaa (18), Raamkalee (17)
12	**Gopal**	ਗੋਪਾਲ	179	169	8	Gauree (17), Raamkalee (15), Saarang (13), Bhairao (12)
13	**Parmesar**	ਪਰਮੇਸਰੁ	152	140	8	Gauree (23), Sorath (13), Aasaa (12), Raamkalee (11)
14	**Antarjami**	ਅੰਤਰਜਾਮੀ	133	129	7	Gauree (21), Soohee (13), Maaroo (12), Sorath (11)
15	**Nirankar**	ਨਿਰੰਕਾਰ	115	113	12	Gauree (20), Aasaa (11), Maaroo (10), Sorath (8)
16	**Kartar**	ਕਰਤਾਰ	105	97	8	Siree Raag (21), Aasaa (10), Raamkalee (8), Gauree (7)
17	**Narayan**	ਨਾਰਾਇਣ	89	70	7	Gond (17), Gauree (10), Bhairao (10), Maaroo (7)
18	**Murar**	ਮੁਰਾਰਿ	86	84	9	Gauree (11), Aasaa (8), Sorath (7), Soohee (6)
19	**Jagdis**	ਜਗਦੀਸ	76	67	5	Gauree (14), Saarang (8), Bilaaval (6), Raamkalee (6)

20	**Gusai**	ਗੁਸਾਈ	65	64	7	Gauree (12), Aasaa (11), Sorath (5), Maaroo (5)
21	**Madho**	ਮਾਧੋ	48	46	7	Sorath (9), Gauree (8), Aasaa (4), Bilaaval (4)
22	**Khuda**	ਖੁਦਾਇ	45	32	5	Maaroo (9), Aasaa (7), Malaar (7), Tilang (4)
23	**Mohan**	ਮੋਹਨ	40	31	3	Gauree (12), Bilaaval (5), Saarang (5), Maaroo (4)
24	**Allah**	ਅਲਹ	37	28	6	Aasaa (7), Prabhaatee (6), Tilang (4), Salok Fareed Jee (4)
25	**Beethal**	ਬੀਠਲ	27	19	4	Aasaa (7), Basant (3), Gond (2), Saarang (2)
26	**Banwari**	ਬਨਵਾਰੀ	26	25	7	Gauree (3), Sorath (3), Dhanaasree (3), Aasaa (2)
27	**Jagannath**	ਜਗੰਨਾਥੁ	23	20	5	Kaanraa (6), Nat Naaraayan (3), Maaroo (3), Jaithsree (2)
28	**Mukand**	ਮੁਕੰਦ	22	8	5	Gond (15), Gauree (2), Aasaa (1), Tilang (1)
29	**Waheguru**	ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ	16	5	1	Svaiyay Fourth Mehl (16)
30	**Kesav**	ਕੇਸਵ	15	13	4	Salok Kabeer Jee (3), Maaroo (2), Basant (2), Maajh (1)
31	**Dharnidhar**	ਧਰਣੀਧਰ	14	14	6	Maaroo (3), Dhanaasree (2), Raamkalee (2), Gauree (1)
32	**Madhusudan**	ਮਧੁਸੂਦਨ	14	14	5	Maajh (2), Aasaa (2), Jaithsree (2), Maaroo (2)
33	**Akal** · Timeless	ਅਕਾਲ	12	12	3	Maaroo (3), Sorath (2), Saarang (2), Siree Raag (1)
34	**Damodar**	ਦਾਮੋਦਰ	11	11	2	Salok Sehshkritee (3), Gauree (2), Aasaa (1), Sorath (1)
35	**Karim**	ਕਰੀਮ	11	11	4	Tilang (3), Raamkalee (3), Maaroo (2), Siree Raag (1)
36	**Narhar**	ਨਰਹਰਿ	10	10	5	Bhairao (2), Kaanraa (2), Siree Raag (1), Gauree (1)
37	**Banwali**	ਬਨਵਾਲੀ	6	6	3	Maaroo (2), Aasaa (1), Gujri (1), Dhanaasree (1)
38	**Kanha** · Krishna	ਕਾਨ੍	6	5	3	Aasaa (4), Gauree (1), Svaiyay Fourth Mehl (1)
39	**Rahim**	ਰਹੀਮ	5	5	3	Raamkalee (2), Siree Raag (1), Tilang (1), Maaroo (1)
40	**Basudev** · Vasudev	ਬਾਸੁਦੇਵ	5	5	2	Aasaa (1), Raamkalee (1), Maaroo (1), Saarang (1)
41	**Saringdhar**	ਸਾਰਿੰਗਧਰ	4	3	2	Gauree (2), Maaroo (2)

42	**Saringpani**	ਸਾਰਿੰਗਪਾਣਿ	1	1	1	Gauree (1)
43	**Kamlakant**	ਕਮਲਾਕੰਤ	1	1	1	Maaroo (1)
44	**Chakrapani**	ਚਕ੍ਰਪਾਣਿ	1	1	1	Maaroo (1)

Who Uses the Most Names

The writers of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji who invoke the widest range of Divine Names, with their total occurrences across all Names in this study.

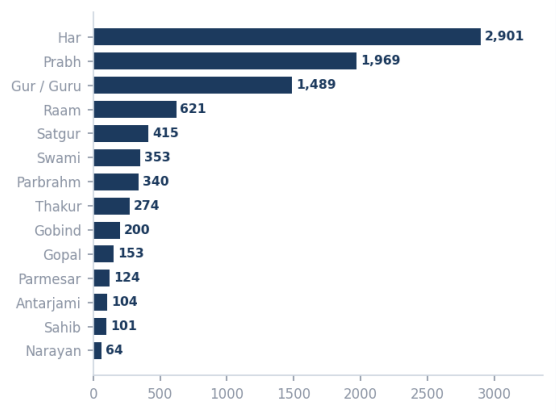
Writer	Distinct Names used	Total occurrences
Guru Arjan Dev Sahib Ji (M5)	42	9,481
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Ji (M1)	34	2,527
Guru Ramdas Sahib Ji (M4)	31	6,889
Bhagat Kabir Ji	30	626
Bhagat Namdev Ji	25	220
Guru Amardas Sahib Ji (M3)	23	3,815
Bhatt Gayand	15	75
Bhagat Ravidas Ji	14	92
Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji (M9)	11	166
Bhatt Kalh Sahar	11	166
Baba Sundar	9	57
Bhatt Mathura	8	37

Which Names Each Writer Uses

For every writer who uses at least five different Divine Names, the chart shows their Names ordered by how many times each is uttered. Bar colour marks the writer's tradition — Guru Sahibaan in navy, Bhagats in maroon, Bhatts in green.

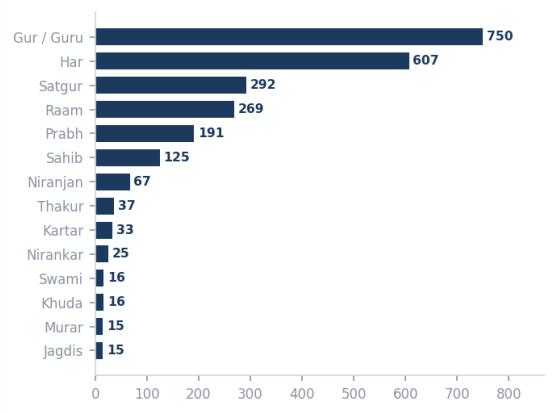
Guru Arjan Dev Sahib Ji (M5)

42 distinct Names · 9,481 occurrences



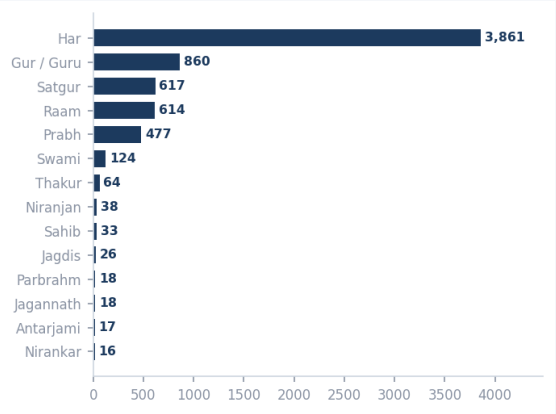
Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Ji (M1)

34 distinct Names · 2,527 occurrences



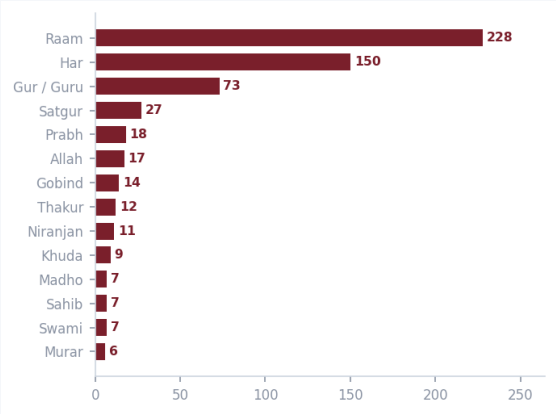
Guru Ramdas Sahib Ji (M4)

31 distinct Names · 6,889 occurrences



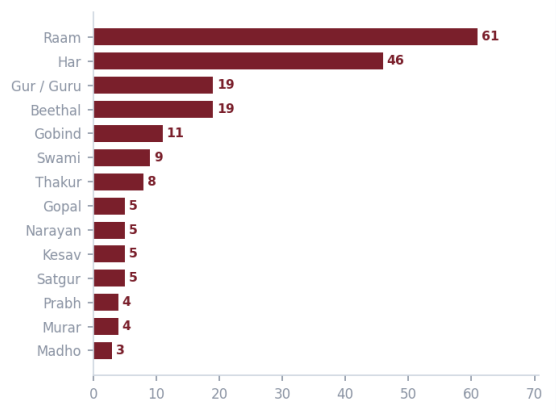
Bhagat Kabir Ji

30 distinct Names · 626 occurrences



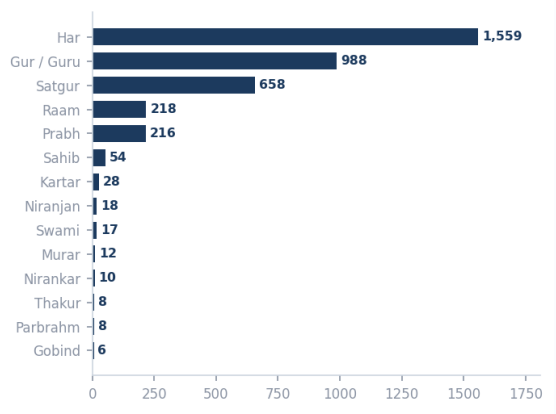
Bhagat Namdev Ji

25 distinct Names · 220 occurrences



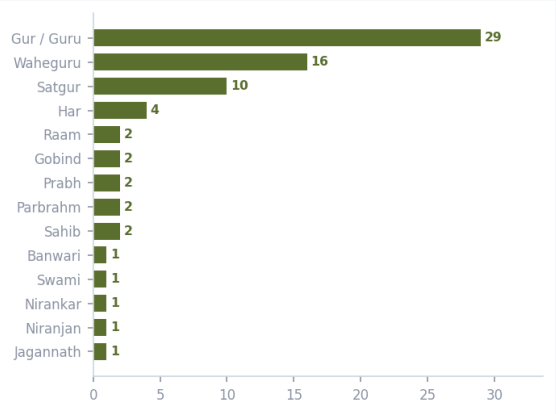
Guru Amardas Sahib Ji (M3)

23 distinct Names · 3,815 occurrences



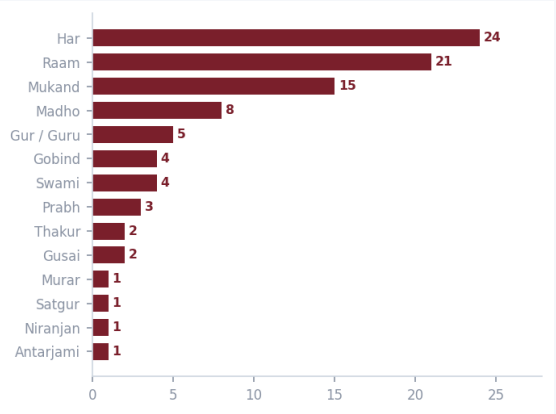
Bhatt Gayand

15 distinct Names · 75 occurrences



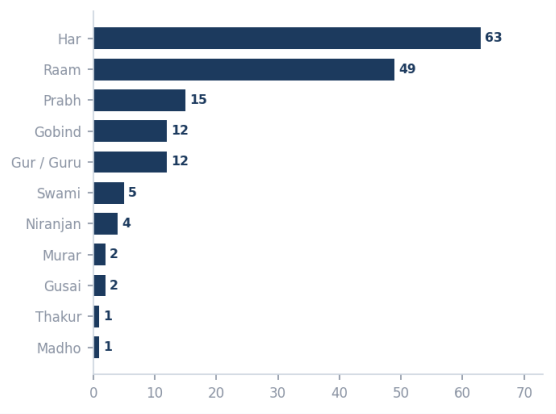
Bhagat Ravidas Ji

14 distinct Names · 92 occurrences



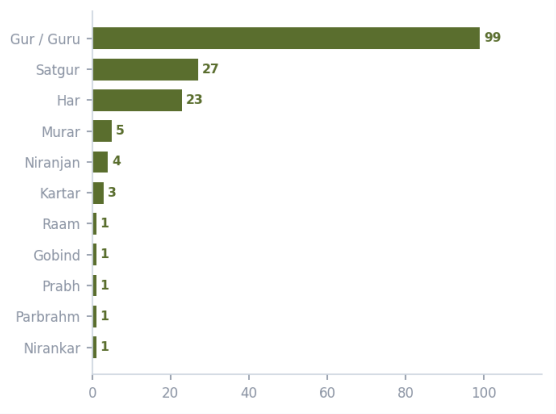
Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji (M9)

11 distinct Names · 166 occurrences



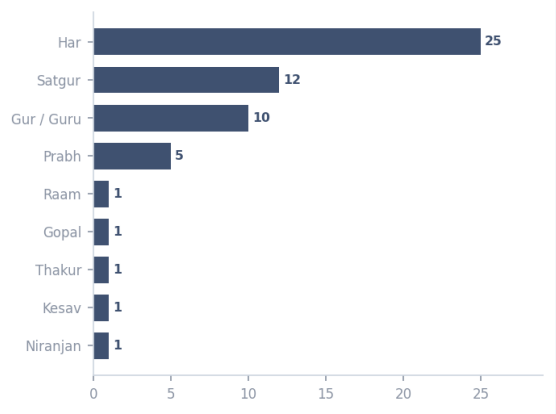
Bhatt Kalh Sahar

11 distinct Names · 166 occurrences



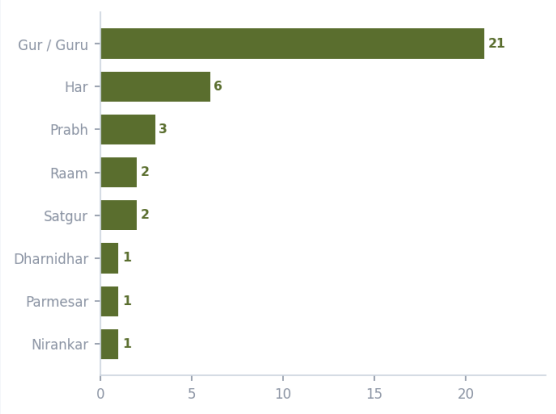
Baba Sundar

9 distinct Names · 57 occurrences



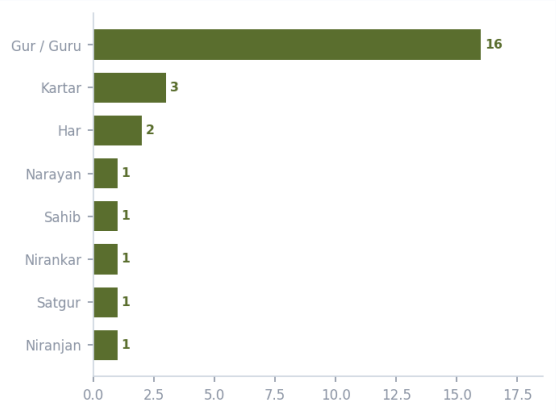
Bhatt Mathura

8 distinct Names · 37 occurrences



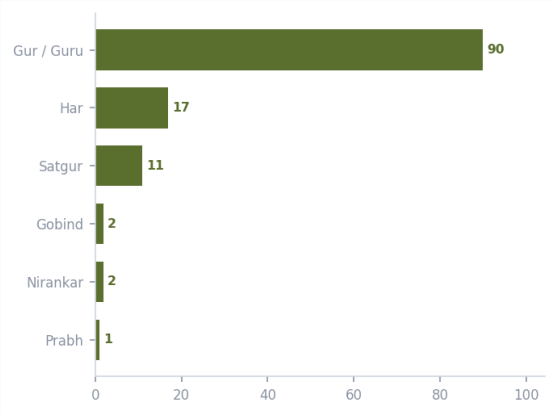
Bhatt Keerat

8 distinct Names · 26 occurrences



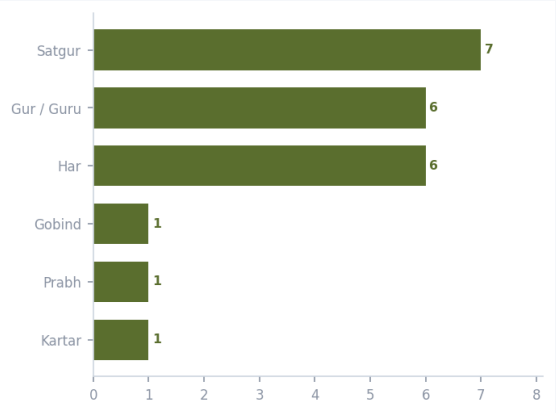
Bhatt Nalh

6 distinct Names · 123 occurrences



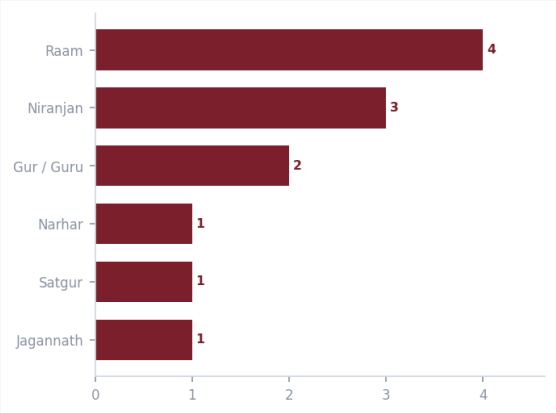
Bhatt Balh

6 distinct Names · 22 occurrences



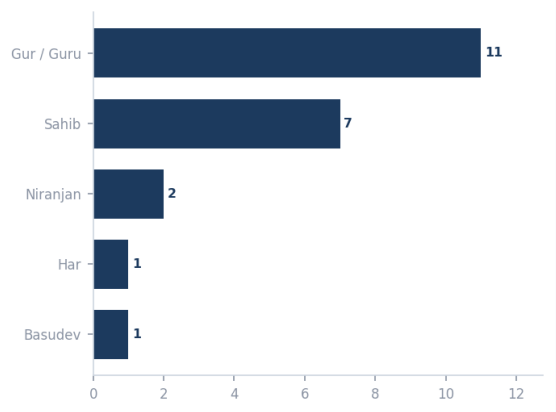
Bhagat Beni Ji

6 distinct Names · 12 occurrences



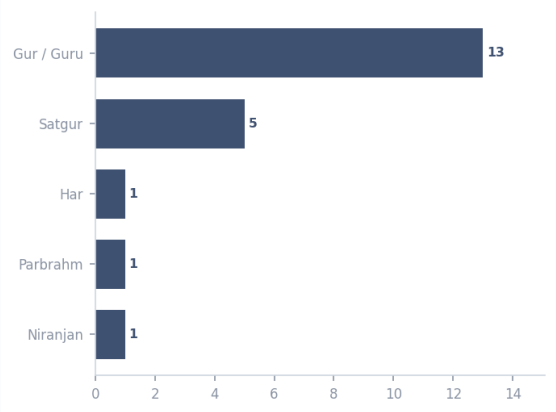
Guru Angad Dev Sahib Ji (M2)

5 distinct Names · 22 occurrences



Satta and Balwand

5 distinct Names · 21 occurrences



Sheikh Farid Ji

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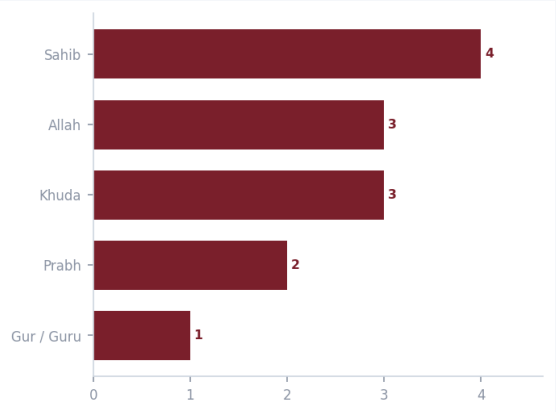
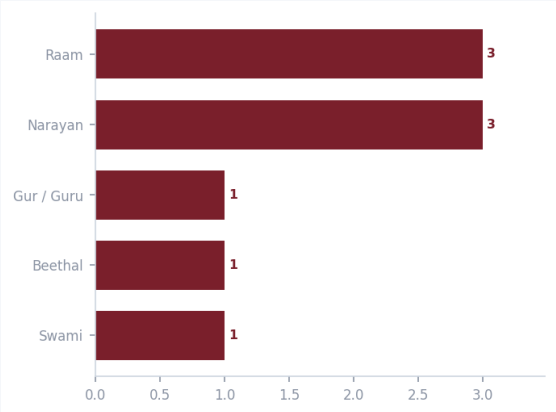


Bhagat Trilochan Ji

5 distinct Names · 9 occurrences



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