

ThemeXpert Report Finds 72% of Live Joomla Sites Run Unsupported Versions

ThemeXpert mapped every major Joomla release from 2005 to 2026 against third-party market-share, search and live-site data. Full methodology is published.

CLAYMONT, DE, UNITED STATES, August 20, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [ThemeXpert](#) has published a 20-year analysis of Joomla's market share, compiling third-party data on the content management system from 2005 through 2026.

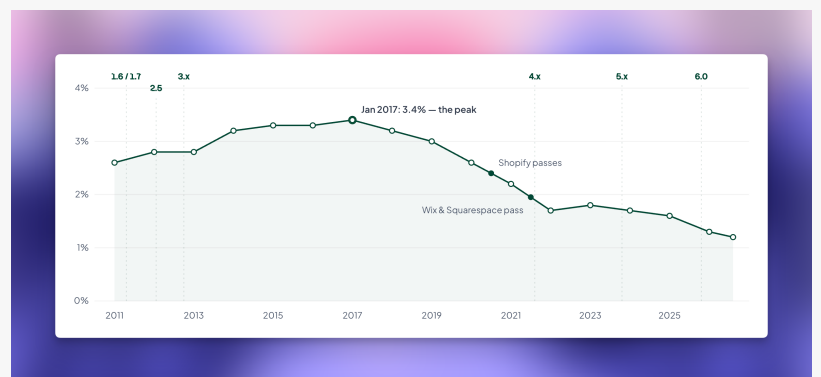
The report, [The Rise and Fall of Joomla](#), draws on three public data sources: W3Techs market-share surveys, Google Trends search interest, and BuiltWith live-site counts. Each figure is published with its source and the date it was collected.

Figures reported in the analysis include:

- Joomla's share of all websites measured 3.4% in January 2017 and 1.2% in August 2026, according to W3Techs surveys.
- Its share of the CMS market measured 11% in 2010 and 1.7% in August 2026.
- Google Trends search interest for the term, indexed so that the strongest month equals 100, reached its highest point in March 2009 and measured 2 in August 2026.
- BuiltWith counted 755,424 live Joomla websites as of August 2026.
- W3Techs version data shows 53.1% of Joomla installations running Joomla 3, and 72.1% running versions that no longer receive security updates.
- As of August 2026, AI support in Joomla is a proof of concept that has not been merged into the core software. The Joomla Community Magazine reported in February 2026 that the work requires "cleanup, proper installation scripts, and automated tests."



Joomla declined with every version release



Joomla's share of the actual web

The report maps these figures against the release dates of every major Joomla version, from 1.0 in September 2005 to 6.1 in April 2026.

The analysis also documents two datasets it excluded. A cumulative-downloads chart was compiled and then removed because the counter it relied on is updated manually and remained unchanged for three years. A search-visibility series is published as a ratio rather than as raw counts, because the raw counts decline for WordPress over the same period, which the report treats as a property of the underlying keyword database.

The report was compiled by Parvez Akther, who built his first website on Mambo, the content management system Joomla was forked from in 2005, released his first commercial product for the platform in 2009, and later founded ThemeXpert.

"We work in this ecosystem every day, and we wanted the numbers in one place with the sources attached," Akther said. "The methodology is published alongside the charts so that anyone can check the figures or reuse them."

ThemeXpert has stated that journalists and researchers may reuse the figures and charts with attribution and a link to the source page.

About ThemeXpert

Parvez Akther has worked in the Joomla ecosystem for twenty years, beginning on its predecessor Mambo and releasing his first commercial product for the platform in 2009. ThemeXpert, the company he founded, has built Joomla templates, extensions and websites since 2012, and its flagship product is the Quix page builder for Joomla. The company is based in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The full analysis is available at <https://www.themexpert.com/fall-of-joomla/>

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