

# E-COMMERCE SALES ANALYSIS

## CAPSTONE PROJECT

Data Analytics with Advanced SQL | Power BI |  
MySQL | DAX | Visualization



# About project

**As a Data Analyst at Target Sales Company, my role is to analyze and extract valuable insights from a diverse dataset comprising orders, customers, products, regions, and operational metrics**

**The objective is to support the company's strategic decision-making by identifying key trends in sales performance, customer behavior, and operational efficiency.**

**This project covers advanced SQL data extraction and interactive dashboard creation in Power BI/Tableau, providing a comprehensive view of business performance.**



# Phase 1: SQL Analysis – Advanced Queries



# **Sales Performance Analysis**

**1** Write a query to calculate total sales revenue per category, sub-category, and region.

```
SELECT
    p.product_category,
    c.customer_state AS region,
    SUM(pay.payment_value) AS total_sales_revenue
FROM
    ecommerce.order_items oi
JOIN ecommerce.products p ON oi.product_id = p.product_id
JOIN ecommerce.orders o ON oi.order_id = o.order_id
JOIN ecommerce.customers c ON o.customer_id = c.customer_id
JOIN ecommerce.payments pay ON o.order_id = pay.order_id
WHERE
    o.order_status = 'delivered'
GROUP BY
    p.product_category,
    c.customer_state;
```

## 2 Identify the top 5 best-selling products by both sales revenue and quantity sold.

```
SELECT
    p.product_id,
    p.product_category,
    SUM(pay.payment_value) AS total_sales_revenue
FROM
    ecommerce.order_items oi
JOIN ecommerce.products p ON oi.product_id = p.product_id
JOIN ecommerce.orders o ON oi.order_id = o.order_id
JOIN ecommerce.payments pay ON o.order_id = pay.order_id
WHERE
    o.order_status = 'delivered'
GROUP BY
    p.product_id,
    p.product_category
ORDER BY
    total_sales_revenue DESC
LIMIT 5;
```

```
SELECT
    p.product_id,
    p.product_category,
    COUNT(oi.order_item_id) AS total_quantity_sold
FROM
    ecommerce.order_items oi
JOIN ecommerce.products p ON oi.product_id = p.product_id
JOIN ecommerce.orders o ON oi.order_id = o.order_id
WHERE
    o.order_status = 'delivered'
GROUP BY
    p.product_id,
    p.product_category
ORDER BY
    total_quantity_sold DESC
LIMIT 5;
```

# **Customer Insights**

# 3

Find the most loyal customers by calculating their purchase frequency and total spend.

```
SELECT
    c.customer_unique_id,
    COUNT(DISTINCT o.order_id) AS purchase_frequency,
    SUM(pay.payment_value) AS total_spend
FROM
    ecommerce.customers c
JOIN ecommerce.orders o ON c.customer_id = o.customer_id
JOIN ecommerce.order_items oi ON o.order_id = oi.order_id
JOIN ecommerce.payments pay ON o.order_id = pay.order_id
WHERE
    o.order_status = 'delivered'
GROUP BY
    c.customer_unique_id
ORDER BY
    purchase_frequency DESC,
    total_spend DESC
LIMIT 10;
```



## 4 Identify customers with the highest average order value (AOV).

```
SELECT
    c.customer_unique_id,
    COUNT(o.order_id) AS total_orders,
    SUM(pay.payment_value) AS total_spend,
    SUM(pay.payment_value) / COUNT(o.order_id) AS average_order_value
FROM
    ecommerce.customers c
JOIN ecommerce.orders o ON c.customer_id = o.customer_id
JOIN ecommerce.order_items oi ON o.order_id = oi.order_id
JOIN ecommerce.payments pay ON o.order_id = pay.order_id
WHERE
    o.order_status = 'delivered'
GROUP BY
    c.customer_unique_id
HAVING
    total_orders > 1
ORDER BY
    average_order_value DESC
LIMIT 10;
```

# **Operational Efficiency**

# 5

Analyze delivery performance by calculating the average delivery time by region.

```
SELECT
    c.customer_state AS region,
    AVG(DATEDIFF(COALESCE(o.order_delivered_customer_date, CURRENT_DATE), o.order_purchase_timestamp)) AS avg_delivery_time
FROM
    ecommerce.orders o
JOIN ecommerce.customers c ON o.customer_id = c.customer_id
WHERE
    o.order_status = 'delivered'
GROUP BY
    c.customer_state
ORDER BY
    avg_delivery_time;
```

## 6 Identify regions or products with the highest cancelled rates.

```
SELECT
    c.customer_state AS region,
    COUNT(CASE WHEN o.order_status = 'canceled' THEN 1 END) / COUNT(o.order_id) * 100 AS return_rate
FROM
    ecommerce.orders o
JOIN ecommerce.customers c ON o.customer_id = c.customer_id
WHERE
    o.order_status IN ('delivered', 'canceled')
GROUP BY
    c.customer_state
ORDER BY
    return_rate DESC
LIMIT 5;
```

# **Date and Time Analytics**

**7** Write a query to find the monthly sales trend for the last two years.

```
SELECT
    YEAR(o.order_purchase_timestamp) AS year,
    MONTH(o.order_purchase_timestamp) AS month,
    SUM(pay.payment_value) AS total_sales
FROM
    ecommerce.orders o
JOIN ecommerce.order_items oi ON o.order_id = oi.order_id
JOIN ecommerce.payments pay ON o.order_id = pay.order_id
WHERE
    o.order_status = 'delivered'
GROUP BY
    YEAR(o.order_purchase_timestamp),
    MONTH(o.order_purchase_timestamp)
ORDER BY
    year DESC, month DESC;
```

8

Analyze the seasonality of sales to identify peak months.

```
SELECT
    MONTH(o.order_purchase_timestamp) AS month,
    SUM(pay.payment_value) AS total_sales
FROM
    ecommerce.orders o
JOIN ecommerce.order_items oi ON o.order_id = oi.order_id
JOIN ecommerce.payments pay ON o.order_id = pay.order_id
WHERE
    o.order_status = 'delivered'
GROUP BY
    MONTH(o.order_purchase_timestamp)
ORDER BY
    total_sales DESC;
```

# Advanced SQL Queries



## 9 Use window functions to rank products based on their sales within each category.

```
SELECT
    p.product_category,
    p.product_id,
    SUM(pay.payment_value) AS total_sales,
    RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY p.product_category ORDER BY SUM(pay.payment_value) DESC) AS rank_within_category
FROM
    ecommerce.order_items oi
JOIN ecommerce.products p ON oi.product_id = p.product_id
JOIN ecommerce.orders o ON oi.order_id = o.order_id
JOIN ecommerce.payments pay ON o.order_id = pay.order_id
WHERE
    o.order_status = 'delivered'
GROUP BY
    p.product_category, p.product_id
ORDER BY
    p.product_category, rank_within_category;
```

# 10 Calculate month-to-date (MTD) and year-to-date (YTD) sales metrics.

```
WITH daily_sales AS (  
  SELECT  
    DATE(o.order_purchase_timestamp) AS sale_date,  
    SUM(pay.payment_value) AS daily_sales  
  FROM  
    ecommerce.orders o  
  JOIN ecommerce.order_items oi ON o.order_id = oi.order_id  
  JOIN ecommerce.payments pay ON o.order_id = pay.order_id  
  WHERE  
    o.order_status = 'delivered'  
  GROUP BY  
    DATE(o.order_purchase_timestamp)  
)
```

```
SELECT  
  sale_date,  
  daily_sales,  
  SUM(daily_sales) OVER (  
    PARTITION BY YEAR(sale_date), MONTH(sale_date)  
    ORDER BY sale_date  
  ) AS mtd_sales,  
  SUM(daily_sales) OVER (  
    PARTITION BY YEAR(sale_date)  
    ORDER BY sale_date  
  ) AS ytd_sales  
FROM  
  daily_sales  
ORDER BY  
  sale_date;
```



## Phase 2: Data Visualization – Power BI



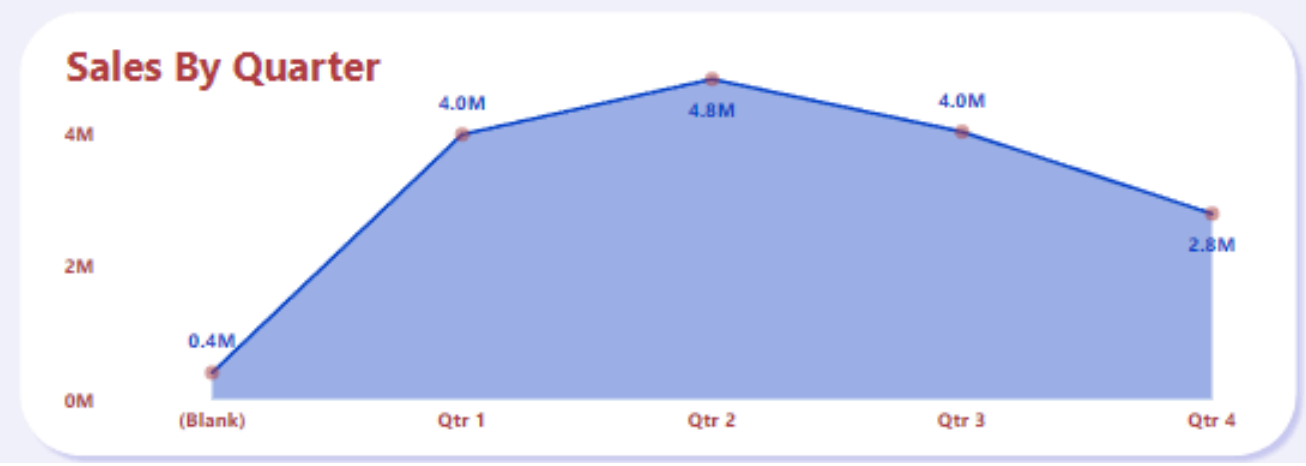
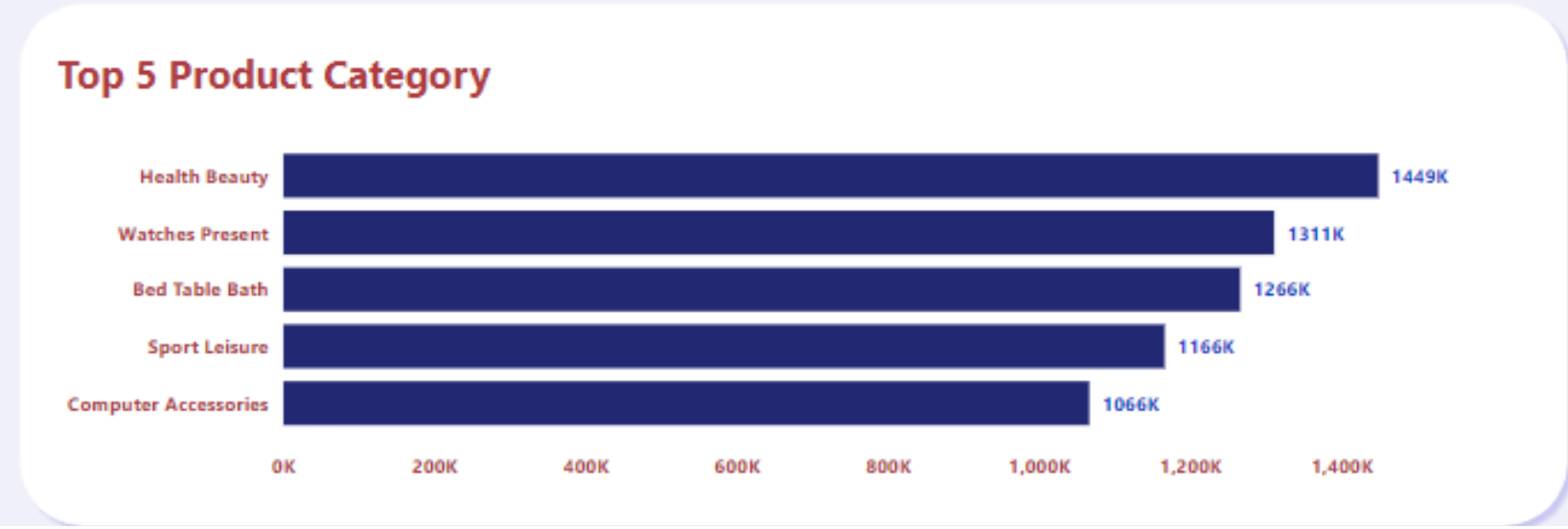
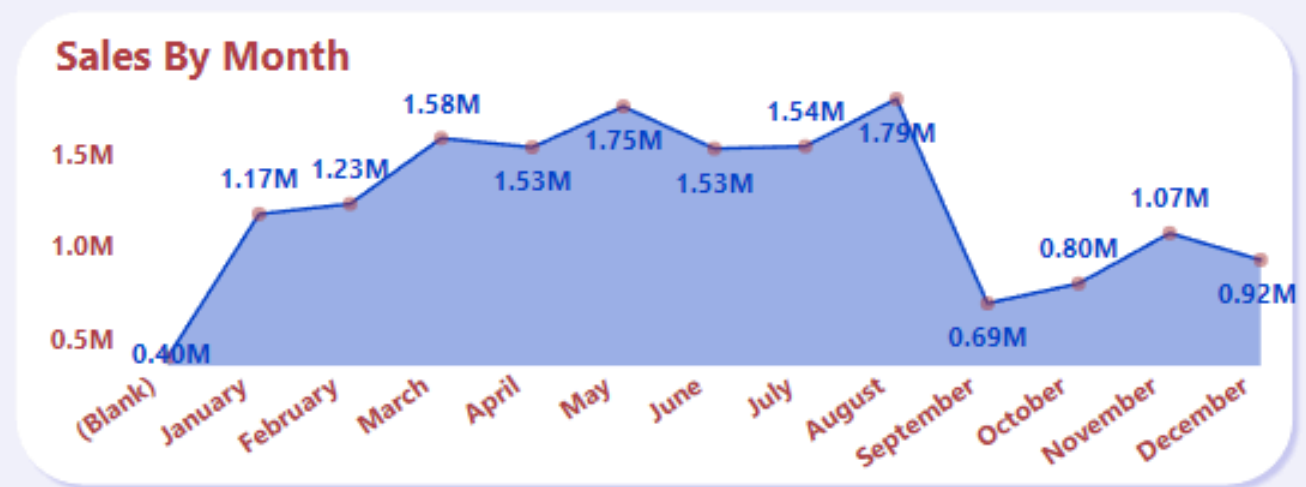
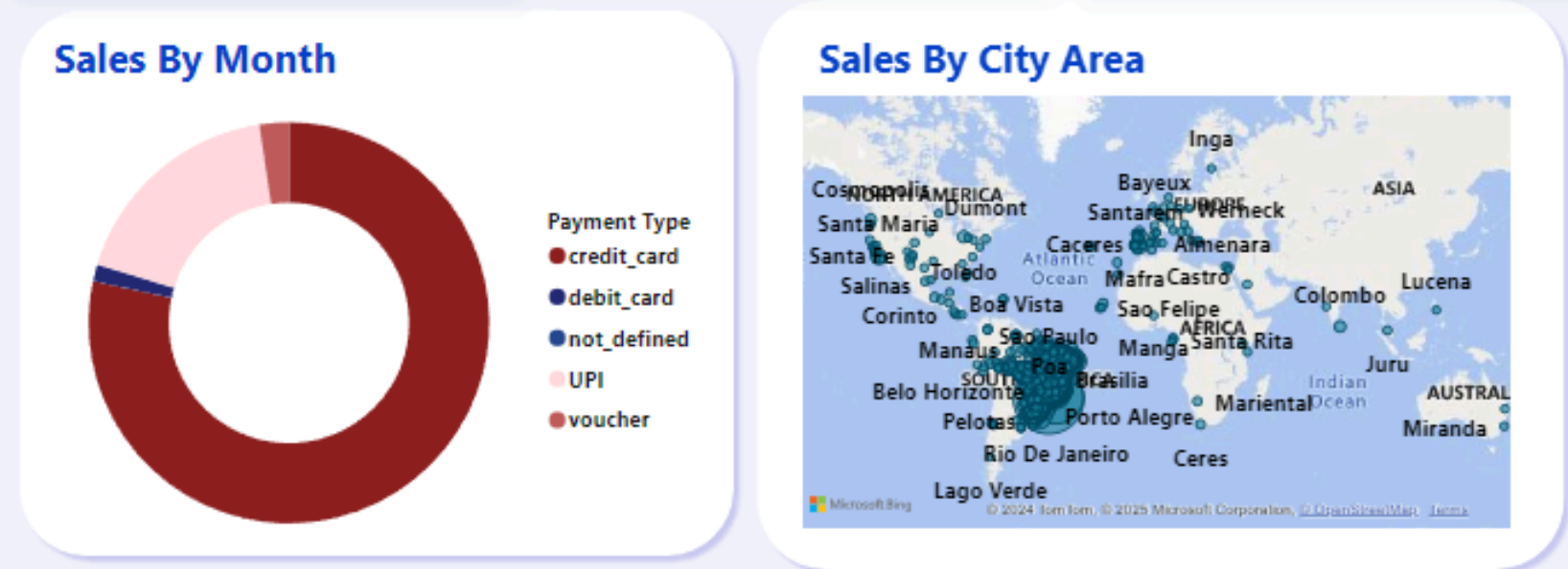
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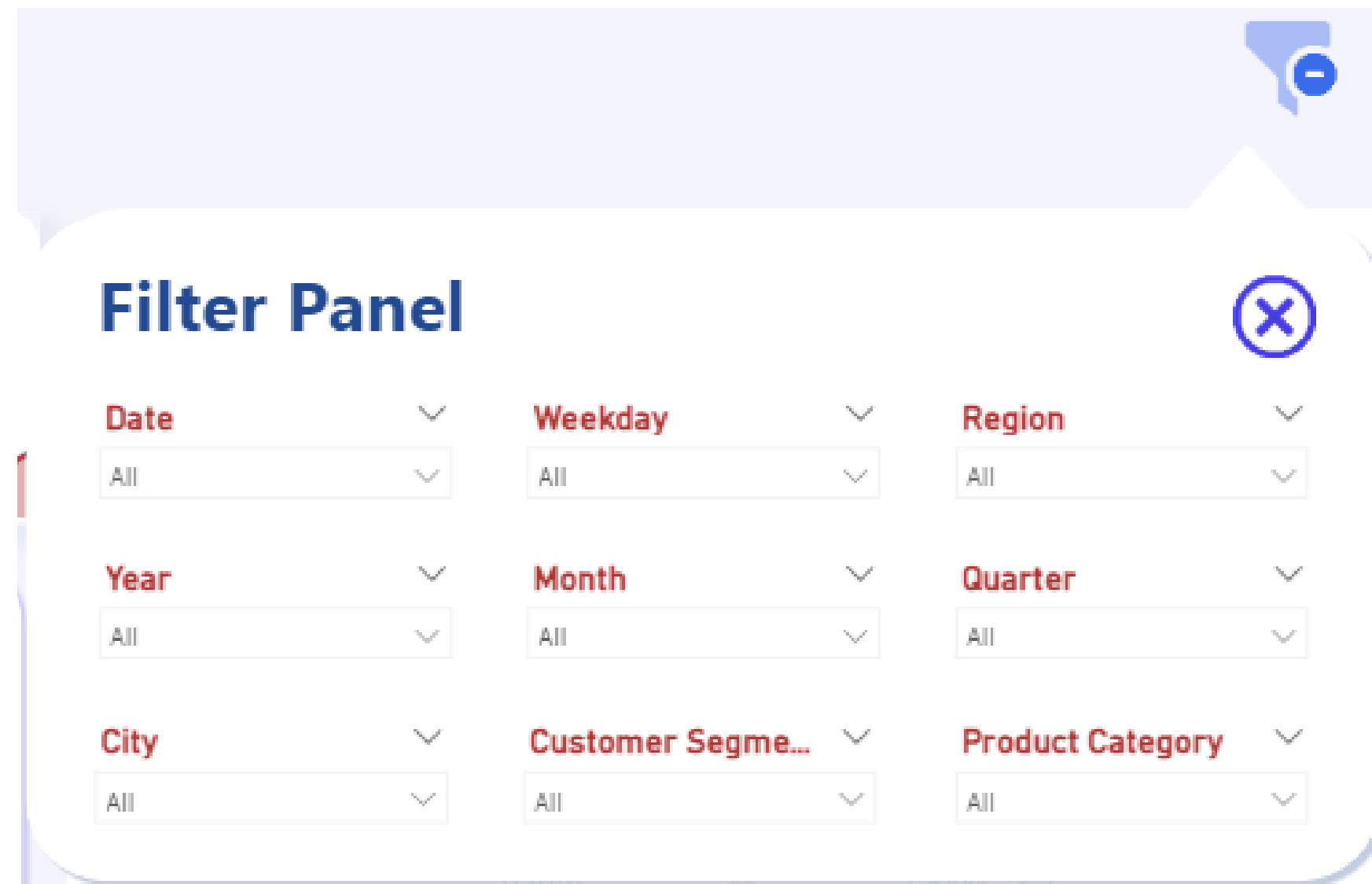
## E-COMMERCE DASHBOARD



**Sum of Price By Product Category**

| Product Category | Total Sales           |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Watches Present  | 13,10,893.45          |
| Toys             | 5,66,925.14           |
| Telephony        | 3,98,760.08           |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>1,60,08,872.14</b> |

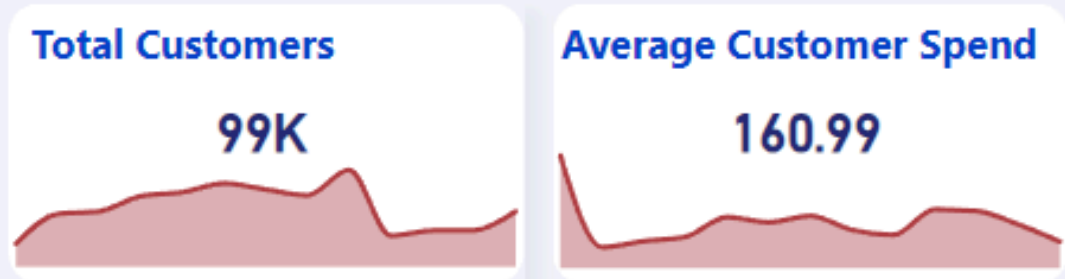




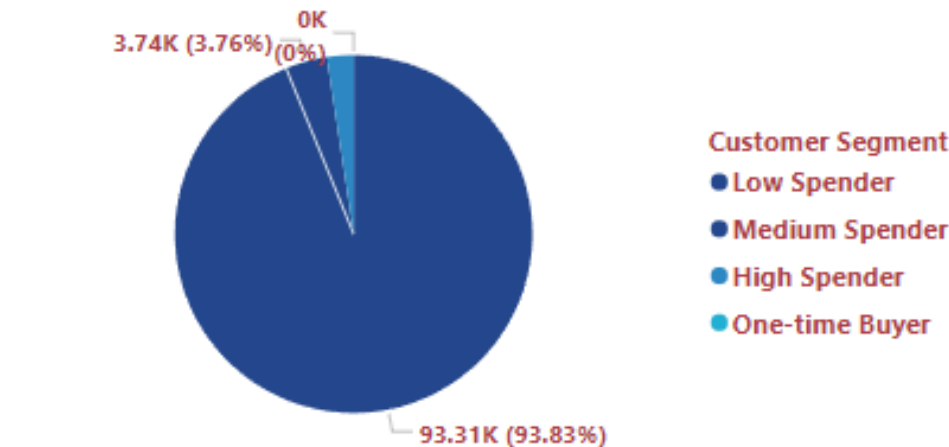
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# Customer Insights Dashboard

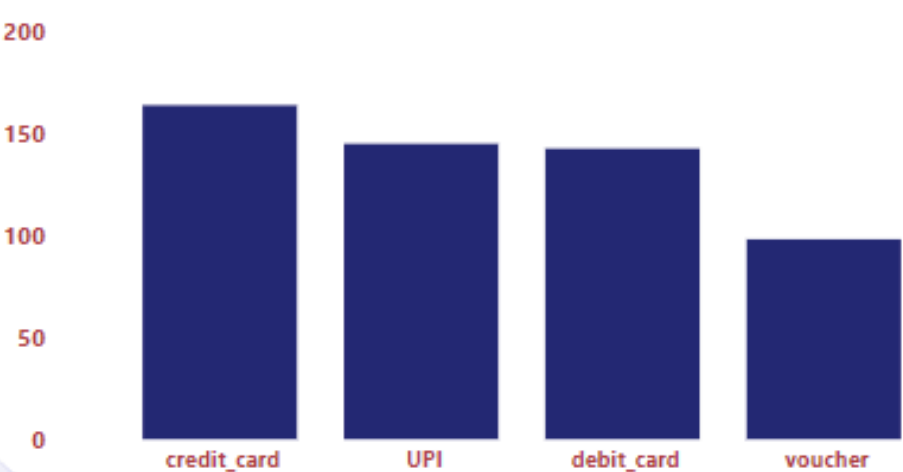
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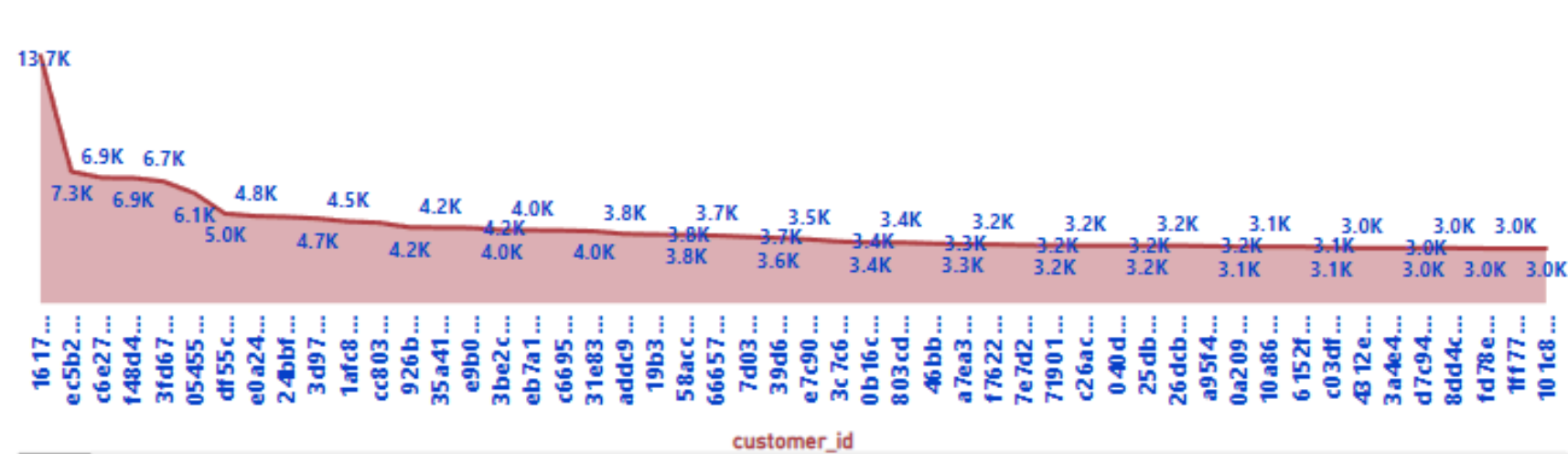
Count of Customer ID by Customer Segment



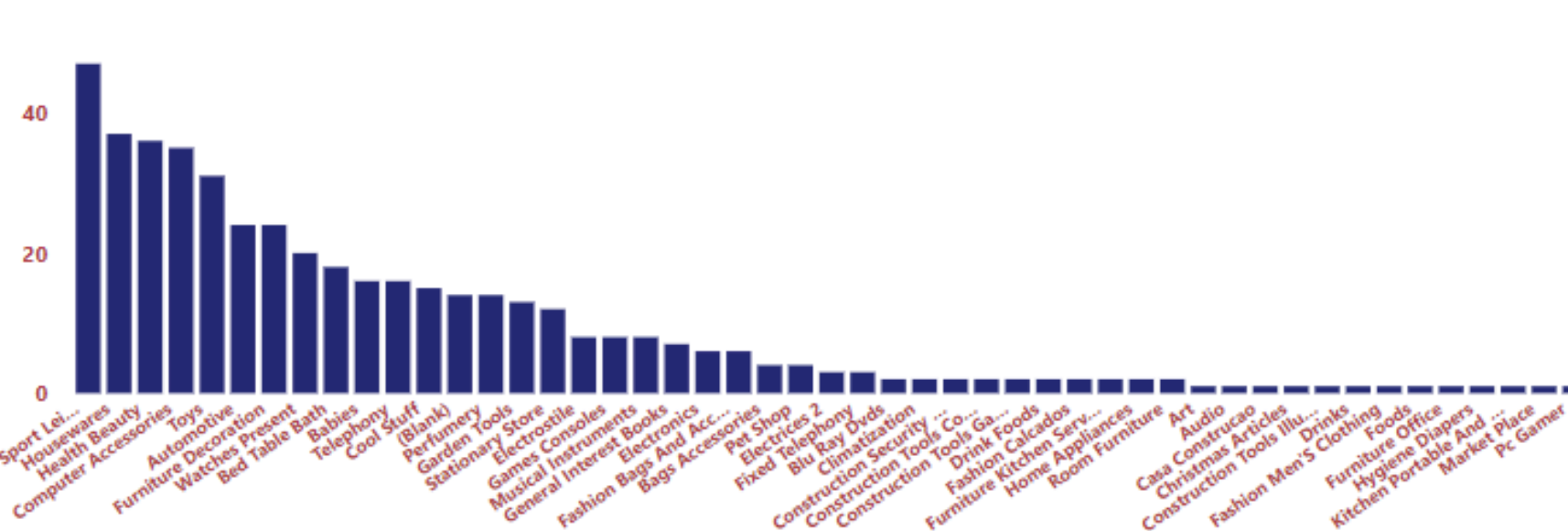
Average Customer Spend by Payment Type



Customer Lifetime Value by Customer Id

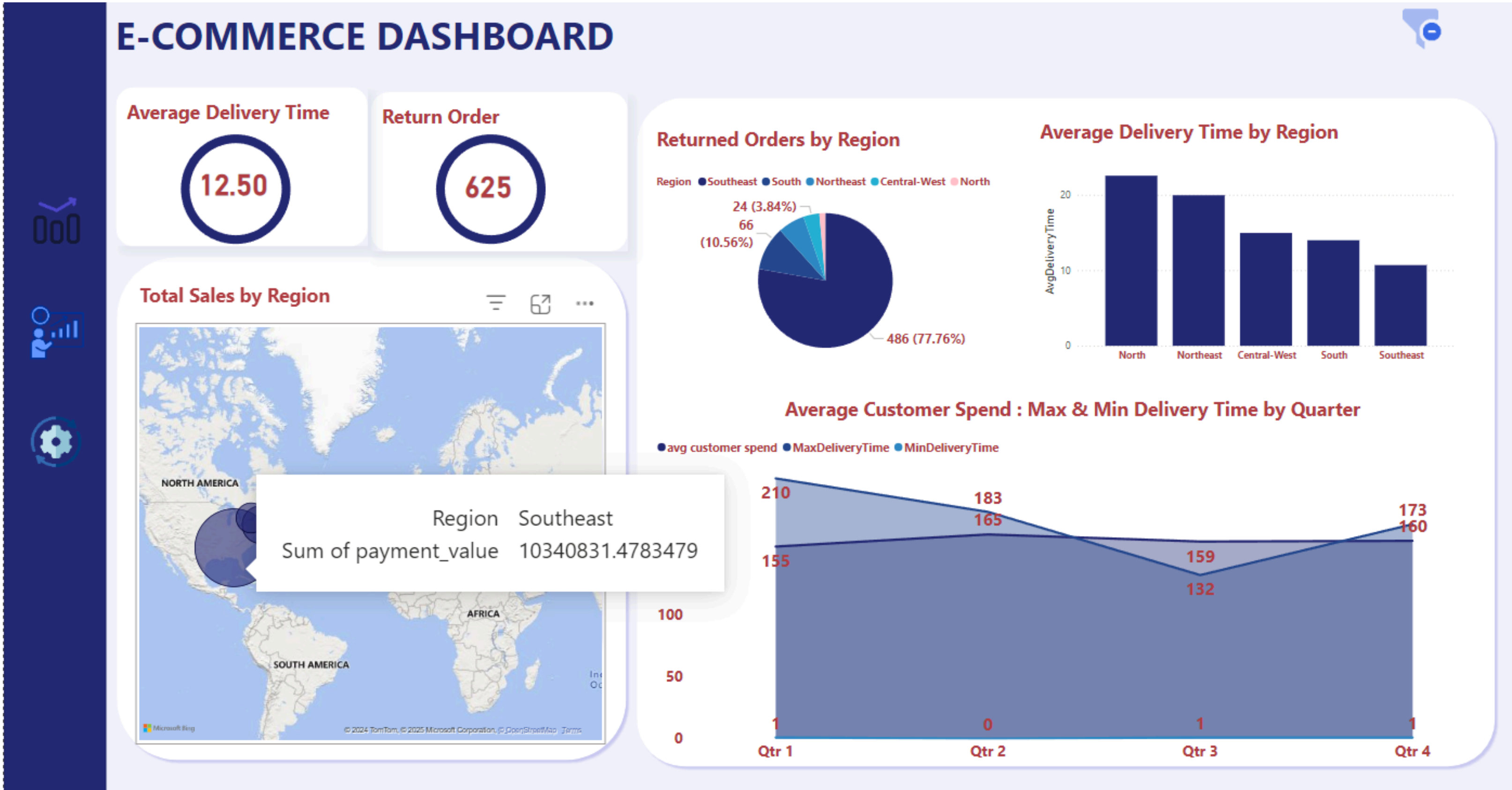


Returned Order by Product Category





# Regional & Operational Trends Dashboard



# Phase 3: E-Commerce Sales Performance Insights Report





# Executive Summary

As a Data Analyst at Target Sales Company, I have conducted an in-depth analysis of the company's sales data to uncover key insights and provide actionable recommendations. The analysis focused on sales performance, customer behavior, regional trends, and operational metrics. The findings are presented through an interactive dashboard created in Power BI providing stakeholders with a clear view of business performance and opportunities for optimization.

The analysis covered various critical areas such as Sales Performance, Customer Behavior, Operational Metrics to help stakeholders understand what drives sales, who the key customers are, and how to improve operational efficiency.

## Key areas of focus:

- Sales Performance Trends
- Customer Lifetime Value (CLV) & Segmentation
- Regional Sales & Return Analysis
- Operational Metrics & Delivery Time Analysis
- Seasonality & Monthly Sales Trends
- The report outlines key findings and provides actionable recommendations to improve business performance, customer satisfaction, and operational efficiency.

# 1. Sales Performance Insights

**1. Sales peaked in July (\$1.7M), but Q4 shows a significant decline, with December being the lowest-performing month (\$0.88M).**

- This drop highlights seasonal declines and missed opportunities for Q4 holiday promotions, which could have boosted revenue during the festive season.

**2. Quarterly Trends: Q2 was the highest-performing quarter, generating \$5.1M in sales, while Q4 had the lowest contribution (\$2.7M).**

- This indicates seasonality trends that can be leveraged to optimize marketing strategies during peak seasons.

**3. Health & Beauty remains the top-performing category with \$1.45M in sales, maintaining steady demand even during off-peak months.**

- This consistency suggests that investing in this category through promotions, bundling, and product expansion could further drive revenue.

**4. Average Order Value (AOV) stands at \$154.10.**

- The AOV indicates moderate purchasing behavior, which can be improved by offering personalized product recommendations and upselling opportunities.

## 2. Customer Insights

### 1. 93.83% of customers are low spenders, making small, infrequent purchases.

- The customer base is predominantly low-value, suggesting that most buyers are price-sensitive.
- Actionable Insight: Implement loyalty programs, bundle deals, and discount campaigns to increase customer lifetime value.

### 2. Customer Lifetime Value (CLV): The highest CLV is \$13.7K, driven by a small group of loyal customers.

- These high-value customers contribute significantly to overall revenue.
- Actionable Insight: Focus on retaining high-value customers through personalized offers, exclusive benefits, and priority services

### 3. Returned Orders are highest in the "Sport & Leisure" and "Housewares" categories, with 47 and 37 returns, respectively.

- This indicates potential quality issues or misalignment with customer expectations in these categories.
- Actionable Insight: Improve product descriptions, conduct quality checks, and review return policies to reduce return rates.

# 3. Regional & Operational Insights

## **1. The North region dominates sales, contributing 64.59% of the total payment value (\$10.34M).**

- This indicates that the North region is a key market, but it also has the highest average delivery time (22.5 days), which could affect customer satisfaction.

## **2. The Southeast region has the shortest average delivery time at 10.7 days.**

- This region's operational model can serve as a benchmark for improving delivery times across other regions.

## **3. Average Delivery Time increased significantly in Q2, with a max delivery time of 210 days.**

- This spike suggests logistical inefficiencies during peak periods, possibly due to high order volumes or resource shortages.
- Actionable Insight: Review warehouse operations, partner with local couriers, and allocate more resources during peak periods to improve delivery performance.

# Recommendations for Stakeholders

## 1. Implement Holiday Promotions and Marketing Campaigns in Q4:

- The sales decline in Q4 highlights missed opportunities for holiday promotions. Running discount campaigns and festive offers in Q4 can help boost revenue during slower months.

## 2. Launch a Customer Loyalty Program:

- The data shows that a small subset of high-value customers drives a significant portion of revenue. Implementing a loyalty program targeting these customers can improve customer retention and lifetime value.

## 3. Focus on Health & Beauty Category Promotions:

- The Health & Beauty category shows steady demand even during off-peak periods. Focus on expanding this product line, bundling products, and offering targeted promotions to maximize revenue.

#### **4.Address Product Return Rates:**

- Returned orders are highest in the "Sport & Leisure" and "Housewares" categories. Conduct product quality checks and improve product descriptions to reduce return rates.

#### **5.Optimize Delivery Operations in the North Region:**

- The North region contributes the most revenue, but it has the longest average delivery time (22.5 days).
- Action Steps:
  - Establish regional warehouses to reduce shipping times.
  - Partner with local courier services to improve delivery efficiency.
  - Track delivery performance and allocate more resources during peak times to avoid delays.

#### **6. Upsell and Cross-Sell to Increase Average Order Value (AOV):**

The AOV is \$154.10, indicating moderate purchasing behavior. To increase this:

- Recommend complementary products during checkout.
- Offer bundle deals to encourage customers to buy more.
- Personalize offers based on customer purchase history.

# Conclusion

**The E-Commerce Sales Dashboard provides valuable insights into sales performance, customer behavior, and operational efficiency. By addressing seasonal trends, customer engagement, and operational bottlenecks, the company can boost revenue, improve customer satisfaction, and enhance overall efficiency.**

**Key areas of focus include:**

- Launching loyalty programs to retain high-value customers.**
- Introducing targeted promotions during off-peak months.**
- Improving delivery times in the North region to enhance customer satisfaction.**
- Addressing return rates to reduce operational losses.**

**These recommendations, if implemented effectively, can help Target Sales Company drive growth, enhance operational efficiency, and improve customer loyalty**



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