# **Bicycle Wholesaler**Profit Decline Analysis and **Strategic Solutions**

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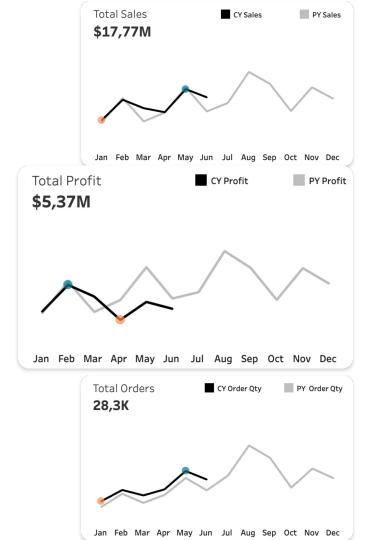
### Objective

Identify the **key drivers** behind the **declining profits** of bicycle wholesaler division.

# Overview of the Sales, Profit and Orders

While **sales** and number of **orders** have increased steadily with highest month of **August**.

Profit show fluctuations up to 42% in month of May 2008

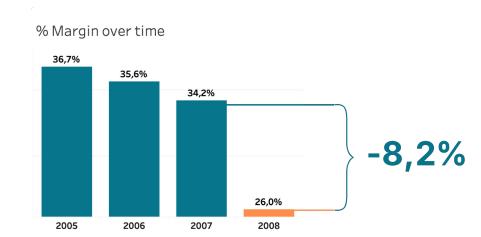


#### Margin

The constant drop in profit margins between 2005 and 2008 demonstrates that costs are rising faster than revenue.

Even though freight expenses were cut in 2008, the overall margin declined dramatically.

This suggests inefficiency in cost control or an inability to pass on higher expenses to customers via pricing adjustments.

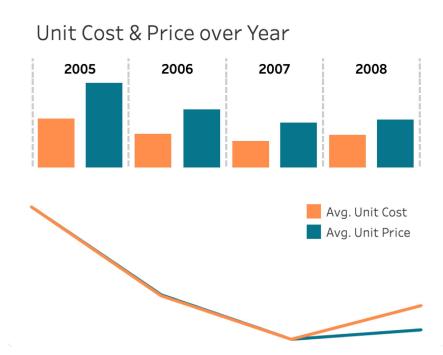


#### % Differences

2006 - 2007 both Unit Cost and Unit Price are falling at nearly the same rate (up to 0,2% diff).

In **2008**, the **Percent Difference** between Unit Price and Unit Cost is negative at **-15.95%**, suggesting that the unit cost increased more rapidly than the unit price.

This could be a sign that the company is absorbing some of the cost increases rather than fully passing them to customers.

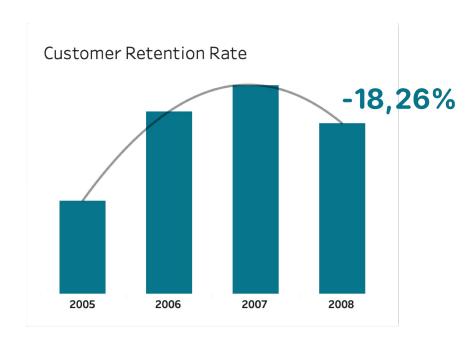


#### **Customer Comes 1st**

While many customers continued to buy and even increased their purchases between 2007 and 2008.

There was also a significant number of customers who substantially **cut** their **orders**.

And 18,26% quit buying entirely.



#### **Customers - Geo location**

California leads with \$17.09M in sales, followed by Washington at \$11.97M, and Texas at \$11.52M

France is the main international contributor, with Seine (Paris) contributing \$2.0M in sales, followed by Loiret at \$1.71M.

Some states and regions have relatively **low** sales. For instance, **Rhode Island** only contributed **\$24K**, and **Montana** has **\$48K** in total sales.



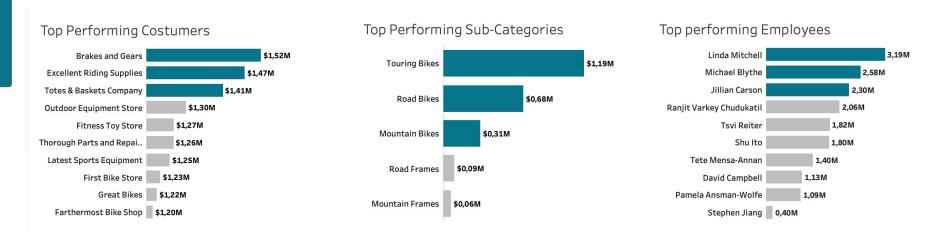
Sales Across Europe | Country & Province



#### Key Players in Our Growth

#### Unveiling the Top Performers

By contrasting our top and less performing areas, we can focus our efforts on what works while addressing gaps to unlock further potential across the board.



#### Conclusion | Recommendations



Beyond sales growth, focus on **improving cost structures**, particularly in high-cost areas beyond freight. Regular cost analysis and supplier renegotiation can ensure continued profitability.



Target international markets, especially Europe and regions showing moderate sales growth, with **localized marketing strategies** to unlock additional revenue.



Create a **client retention program** aimed at customers who have cut their purchases, offering targeted promotions or incentives. Conduct feedback surveys with consumers who have quit completely to learn why and build win-back tactics.



To **sustain profit margins**, align your pricing approach with cost swings. When costs rise, gradually raising prices or looking for methods to minimize costs will limit margin erosion while remaining competitive.



Implement **re-engagement methods** for low-performing consumers, invest in personnel training and assistance, and examine the feasibility of underperforming product categories before deciding whether to pivot or optimize offers.

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