# STERLING E-COMMERCE COMPANY

**Exploratory Data Analysis Project** 

### Introduction

- Sterling E-Commerce is a one-stop online shopping destination for a wide range of high-quality products.
- The company's mission is to provide their customers with the best shopping experience possible, with a focus on quality, affordability, and convenience.
- Products across various categories such as
  - health & sports,
  - men's and women's fashion,
  - computing,
  - entertainment,
  - mobiles & tablets,
  - appliances,
  - beauty & grooming,
  - home & living,
  - soghaat,
  - school & education,
  - books, and more.

### **Problem Statement**

- The Director of Sterling contacted our team (of Data Scientists) because they are interested in leveraging the power of their data to gain insights into the business and improve their efficiency.
- Sterling wants to better understand their customers' needs, preferences, and behavior. Specifically, want to identify any patterns or trends.
- Sterling believes that leveraging the power of data can help them make more informed decisions and boost effectiveness.
- They want to understand their data, so they can optimize their product offerings, streamline operations, and enhance Sterling's customer experience

### **Data Dictionary**

- Category The category of goods
- City The city where customers are ordering from
- County The county where customers are ordering from
- Cust Id Customer ID
- Customer Since The date when the customer first order.
- Date of Order The date when the customer placed an order.
- Full Name Customer full name
- Gender (Male, Female)
- Item Id Item ID
- Order Id Order ID
- Payment Method The payment platform the customer used
- Place Name The exact location where the customer are ordering from
- Ref Num Reference Number
- Region The region where the customer are ordering from
- State The state where the customer are ordering from
- User Name The customer's username
- Zip Customer's zip code
- Qty Ordered The quantity of goods ordered
- Total Total amount paid by customer

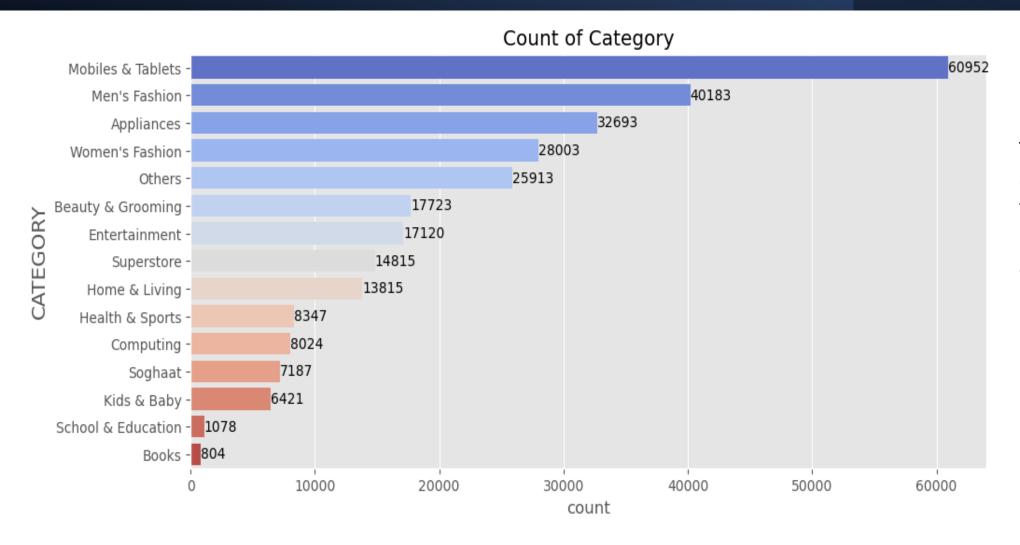
### Data Set Given

- Rows: 283083
- Columns :19
- Datatypes : Floats (2), Integers(5), Objects(10), Date(2)
- Duplicates: 0
- Missing Values: 5 (only on the order\_id) drop the entire rows
- Zeros on the Total :  $18924 \text{ rows} \times 27 \text{ columns}$  replaced the 0.0 with Nan and transformed with the median grouping by the category.

### **FEATURE ENGINEERING (Creating 8 More columns)**

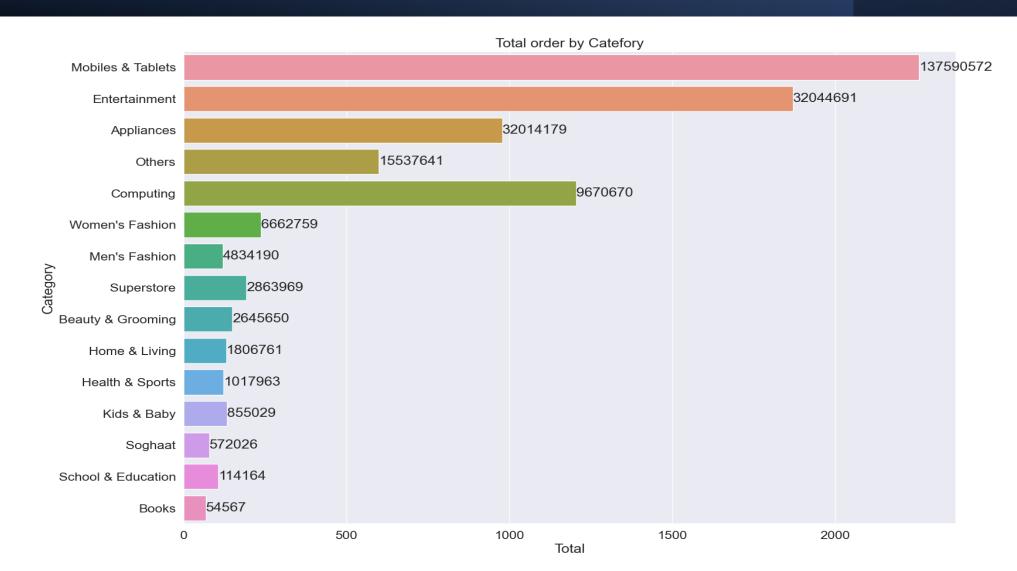
- Split the Date into Quater Month, Month\_name and Days
- Create a New Column for seasons using the Months and 'if' functions
- Create a Customer loyalty column using the 'customer since' column

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Insight: The Mobile & Tablets, men's fashion and Appliances are the top 3, while Books, School/education items are the least items ordered

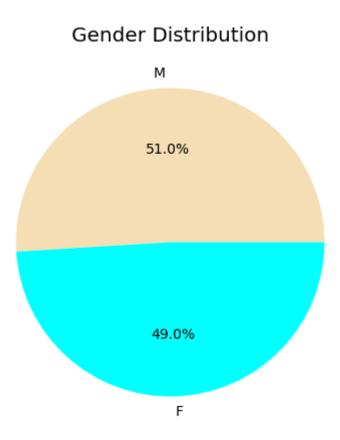
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#### **Insight:**

Mobile/Tablets,
Entertainment,
Appliances and
computing are mostly
the products ordered

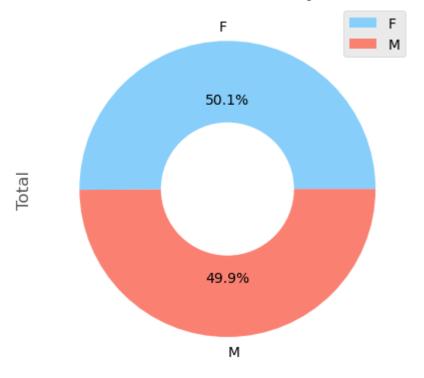
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#### **Insight:**

We have an almost equal distribution in the Gender, with male slightly higher than female.

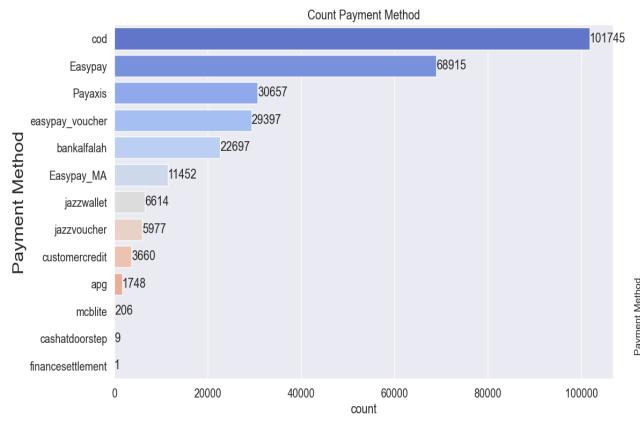
#### Pie Chart of Total order by Gender



#### **Insight:**

The Female Gender have the most order, although the difference is infinitesimal.

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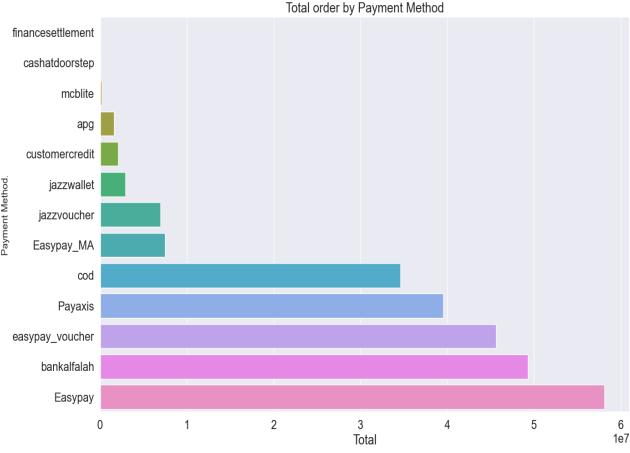


#### **Insight:**

Cod, easy pay are outstanding in our dataset and mostly used for customer payment, and finance settlement, cash at doorstep, and mcblite are the least used

#### **Insight:**

Easypay, Bankafalah and easypay\_voucher are the most payment methods used against the Total orders.



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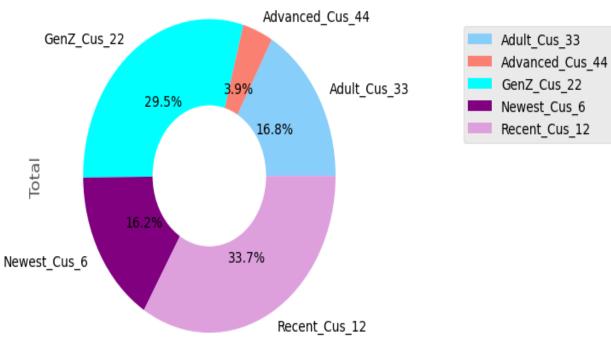
#### **Insight:**

Recent (12yrs) and GenZ (22) customers are more in numbers, with advanced customers (44yrs) as the least

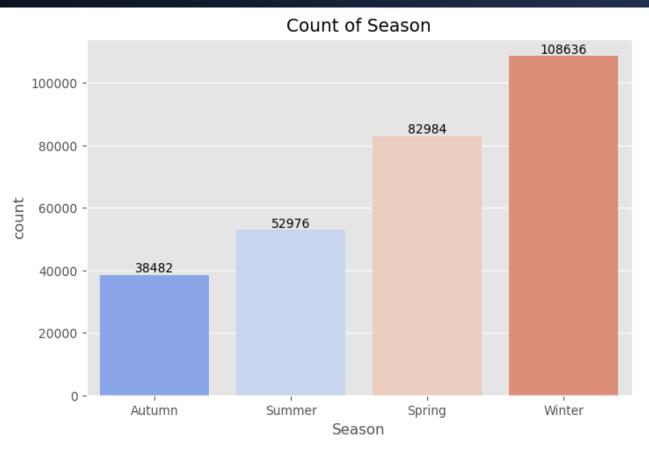
#### **Insight:**

The recent\_cus(12yrs) are most followed by Genz\_customers (22yrs)

Pie Chart of Total order by Cus Years

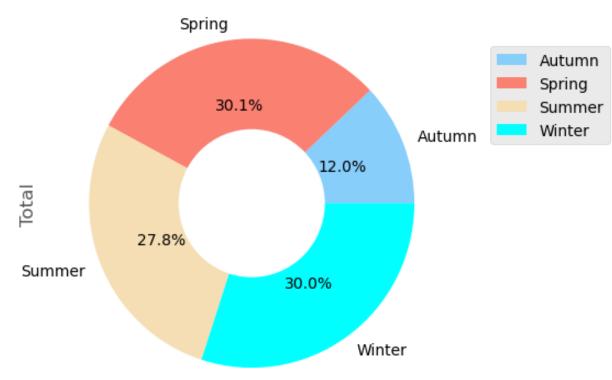


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#### **Insight:**

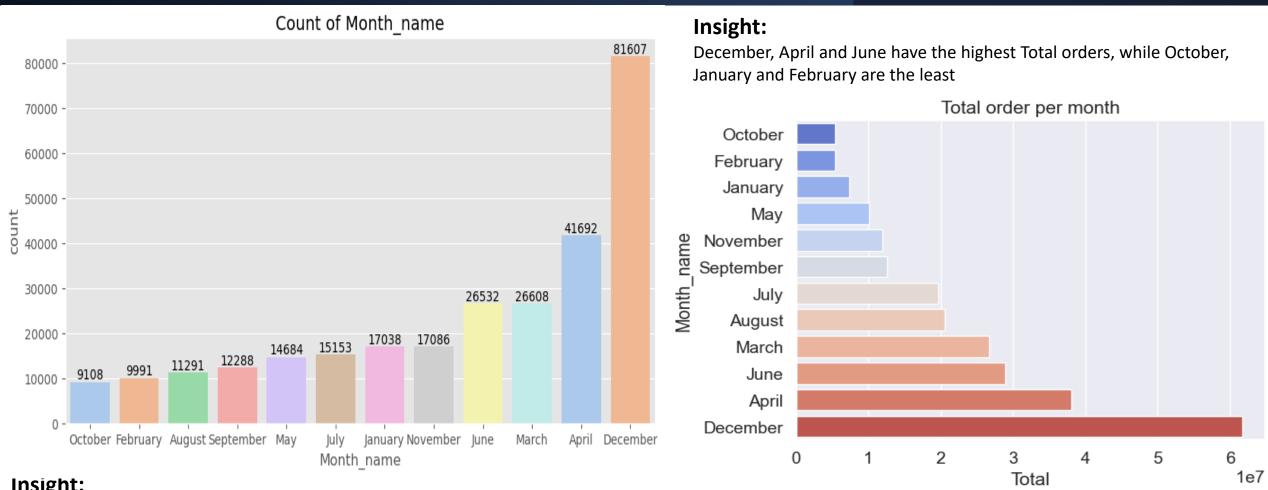
Most of the orders are made in Spring and Winter
Pie Chart of Total order by season



#### **Insight:**

Winter and Spring are most prominent and possibly the busiest for sterling E-commerce while Summer and Autum are light

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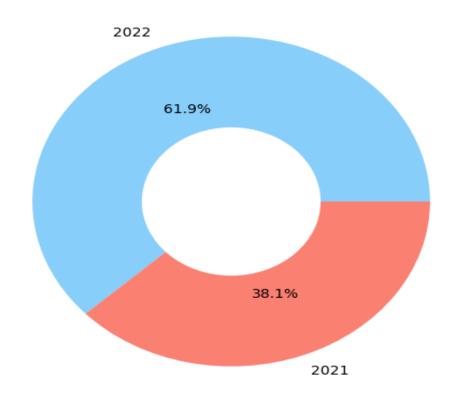


#### Insight:

December is Winter, while march and April are spring in most seasons and this is the period Sterling E-commerce experience most of their orders. October, February are the most quiet periods.

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#### Count of Year Distribution

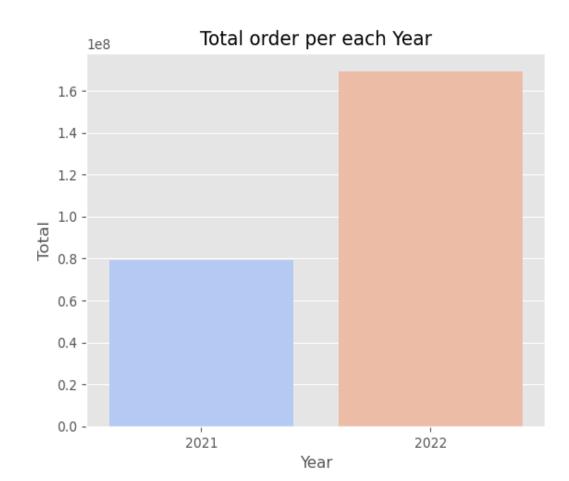


#### **Insight:**

Year 2022 has more activities than 2021 in our dataset

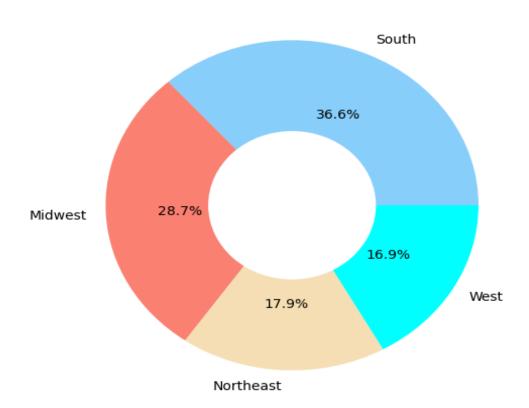
#### **Insight:**

We have more order in 2022 than the previous year of 2021



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#### Count of Region/Distribution



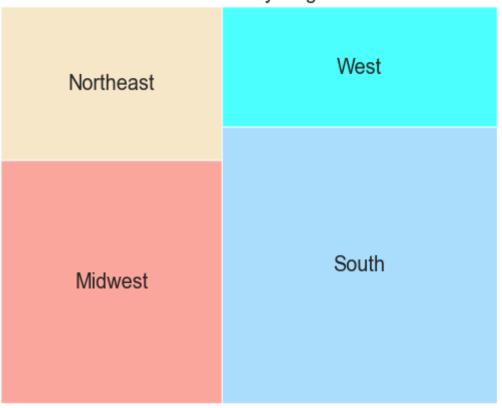
#### **Insight:**

South region followed by Midwest region have the most number of customers, with the least being the west.

#### **Insight:**

The total order mostly are coming also from the south and then midwest, the Northeast and west remains the least

#### Total order by Region



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Overview of Total amount paid by Customer by Region & State



#### **Insight:**

Further seeing the details in the total order, we can see the cities with higest/lowest order by state in the various regions. South have Texas and Florida, west have California as the highest sales

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Overview of Total order by Customer by Top\_10 County



#### **Insight:**

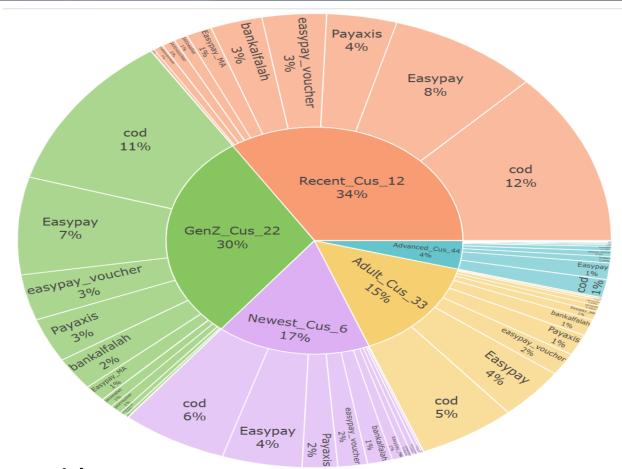
L.A. County returns the highest Total of order and by research is the most populous county in the United States. 9,861,224 residents estimated in 2022

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#### **Insight:**

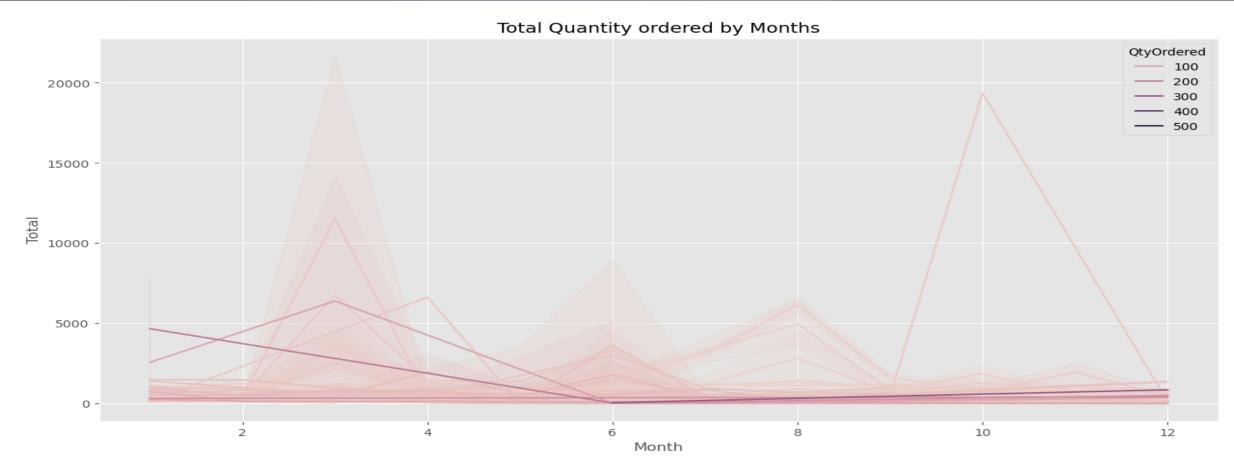
Most of the orders are in the Winter, and Spring and still remains Mobiles & tablets, men and women fashions are also part of the top orders across seasons



#### **Insight:**

Comparing the customer loyalty against payment methods, it would seem almost everyone prefers the COD and easypay across all ages.

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#### **Insight:**

Most of the total quantity ordered are highest in December, march and April, which is also the Winter and Spring months.

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#### **Insight:**

The Customer loyalty is equally distributed by region as previously seen with most sales coming from the South.

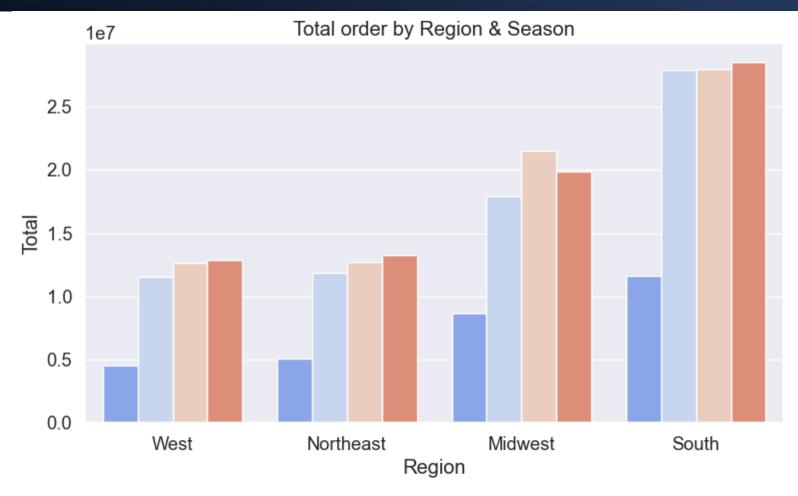
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Autumn

Summer

Spring

Winter

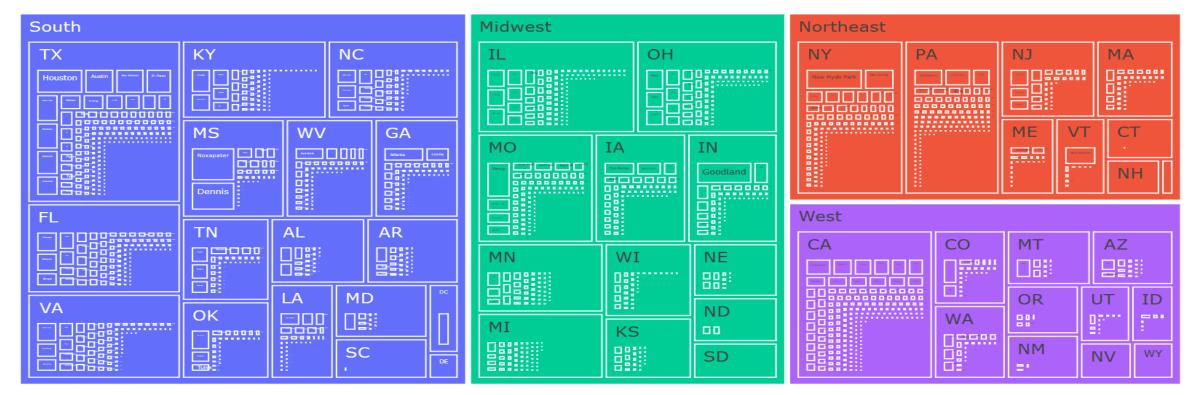




Autum months appears to b the lowest for all Total orders as every other season seems to be equally distributed

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Overview of Total amount paid by Customer by Region, State & City



#### **Insight:**

We have broken down the Total sales by State and we can see the regions, distribution of the states and city using the interactive map, clearly showing we have Texas and Florida (South), Ilanois and Ohio (Midwest), Newyork and Carlifornia in thr Northeast and Western Region

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#### **INSIGHT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- The Sales are mostly in the Southern Region followed by Midwestern region, having the Northeast and West as the least areas for customer order
- The winter and the spring are the seasons where most orders do come
- There is no clear distinctive difference between customer Gender and they are almost equal with subtle differences both in count and Total orders
- Payment method mostly used are cod and easy pay, although most Total orders were returned from easypay, bankafalah and easypayvoucher
- On the category of items sold, the Mobile& Tablets, men's fashion and appliances are highest in numbers, however, on the total orders, entertainment and computing together with mobile and tables are mostly ordered.
- Advanced and Adult customer orders are declining, perhaps this should be a recommendation to stock more items used by aging people.

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Sterling E-commerce should consider collecting data on the cost of items to be able to determine the profit margins on each products
- Because of the reason above, we could not estimate if the items on sales are returning profit or loss
- We also recommend stocking old people items as we noticed a declining order for Advanced and Elderly Customers
- Perhaps also having a customer loyalty point system in their business as we noticed some usernames which are reoccurring in the dataset, but could not explore more on them (e.g. Jugonzalez ordered 2,524 times between 2021 and 2022
- Expanding to High-Performing Regions: The region with the largest orders come from the South,
   followed by the Midwest and the least come from the West. Marketing Campaigns
- Enhancing Customer Engagement: The highly loyal customers and the ones with a long-term relationship with the company could be offered personalized rewards, incentives, or exclusive benefit