IBM Employee Attrition and Performance Analysis Using Pandas



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INTRODUCTION

Employee attrition is a critical concern for organizations striving to retain top talent and maintain operational efficiency. High turnover rates can lead to increased costs, loss of institutional knowledge, and disruption in workplace culture. Analyzing attrition trends and performance data can help organizations proactively address the underlying factors contributing to employee turnover.

This report leverages **Pandas and Seaborn library** to perform an in-depth analysis of the **IBM HR Analytics Employee Attrition & Performance** dataset. Pandas provides robust tools for data manipulation, allowing for the identification of key patterns, trends, and relationships within the dataset.

Through this report, we aim to uncover actionable insights that can help HR teams implement strategies to reduce attrition, improve employee satisfaction, and optimize workforce performance.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of this Pandas-based analysis are:

1. Understand Employee Attrition Patterns

- Analyze attrition trends by age, gender, marital status, and department.
- Identify which groups are most vulnerable to attrition.

2. Evaluate Income and Performance Relationships

- Explore the correlation between monthly income, performance ratings, and attrition.
- Assess whether financial incentives could help reduce turnover.

3. Analyze the Impact of Tenure and Distance

 Investigate how factors like years with the company, years under the current manager, and commuting distance influence attrition.

4. Provide Actionable Insights

 Use findings to propose strategic interventions to improve retention and enhance employee satisfaction. This analysis aims to empower HR teams with data-driven recommendations to address workforce challenges effectively.

DATASET OVERVIEW

The dataset consists of **1,470** records and **35** features, including demographic details, professional characteristics, satisfaction levels, and attrition status.

ATTRIBUTES:

- **Age**: Age of the employee in years.
- Attrition: Whether the employee left the company (Yes/No).
- **BusinessTravel**: Frequency of business travel (e.g., Rarely, Often).
- **DailyRate**: Daily income of the employee in USD.
- **Department**: Department of the employee (e.g., Sales, R&D).
- **DistanceFromHome**: Distance from home to the workplace (in miles).
- **Education**: Education level (1: Below College, 5: Doctorate).
- EducationField: Field of education (e.g., Life Sciences, Technical Degree, Marketing).
- **EmployeeCount**: Always 1
- **EmployeeNumber**: Unique identifier for each employee (not useful for analysis).
- **EnvironmentSatisfaction**: Employee's satisfaction with the work environment (1-4).

- **Gender**: Gender of the employee (Male/Female).
- **HourlyRate**: Hourly rate of the employee's pay.
- **JobInvolvement**: Employee's involvement level in their job (1-4).
- **JobLevel:** Level of the job (1-5).
- **JobRole**: Designation of the employee (e.g., Manager, Analyst).
- **JobSatisfaction**: Employee's job satisfaction (1: Low, 4: High).
- MaritalStatus: Marital status of the employee (Single/Married/Divorced).
- MonthlyIncome: Monthly salary in USD.
- MonthlyRate: Monthly rate of the employee's pay.
- **NumCompaniesWorked**: Number of companies the employee has worked for.
- Over18: whether an employee is above the age of 18(yes/no).
- **OverTime**: Whether the employee works overtime (Yes/No).
- **PercentSalaryHike**: Percentage increase in salary.
- **PerformanceRating**: Performance rating (1: Low, 4: Excellent).
- **RelationshipSatisfaction**: Satisfaction level with workplace relationships (1-4).
- **StandardHours**: Standard hours (always 80, irrelevant for analysis).
- **StockOptionLevel**: Level of stock options granted to the employee (0-3).

- **TotalWorkingYears**: Total years of professional experience.
- **TrainingTimesLastYear**: Number of training sessions attended last year.
- WorkLifeBalance: Work-life balance rating (1-4).
- YearsAtCompany: Total years spent at the company.
- YearsInCurrentRole: Number of years in the current role.
- YearsSinceLastPromotion: Years since the last promotion.
- YearsWithCurrManager: Years working with the current manager.

EDA STEP BY STEP PROCESS

- 1. Understanding the Dataset
- 2. Data Cleaning
- 3. Data type Conversion
- 4. Feature Engineering
- 5. Outlier detection and removal
- 6. Data Analysis
 - Univariate analysis
 - Bivariate analysis
 - Multivariate analysis
- 7. Visualisation
- 8. Insights Extraction
- 9. Conclusion and Recommendations

DATA PREPROCESSING

1.DATA UNDERSTANDING

Exploring the structure and characteristics of the dataset to identify key features for analysis.

```
df.shape()
df.info()
df.describe()
df.dtypes
df.head()
df.tail()
```

2.HANDLING MISSING AND DUPLICATE VALUES:

No missing or duplicate values were found in the dataset after checking for null entries.

```
df.isnull().sum()
df.duplicated().sum()
```

3.DATA TYPE CONVERSION:

Convert categorical variables such as **Gender**, **BusinessTravel**, **Attrition**, etc., to appropriate categorical types for analysis.

```
categorical_columns = ['BusinessTravel', 'Department', 'Gender', 'JobRole',
'MaritalStatus', 'OverTime', 'Attrition']

df[categorical_columns] = df[categorical_columns].apply(lambda x:
x.astype('category'))
```

4.FEATURE ENGINEERING:

Created new features, such as **AgeGroup**, **RecentlyPromoted**, **IncomeLevel**, based on domain knowledge.

```
def age_category(age):
    if age < 30:
        return 'Young'
    elif age < 50:
        return 'Adult'
    else:
        return 'Senior'

df['Age_Category'] = df['Age'].apply(age_category)

def income_category(income):
    if income < 4000:
        return 'Low'</pre>
```

```
elif income < 8000:
    return 'Medium'
elif income < 12000:
    return 'High'
else:
    return 'Very High'

df['Income_Category'] = df['MonthlyIncome'].apply(income_category)

df['RecentlyPromoted'] = df['YearsSinceLastPromotion'].apply(lambda x: 'Yes' if x == 0 else 'No')</pre>
```

5.COLUMNS NOT USEFUL FOR ANALYSIS:

- EmployeeCount: All values are 1. This column does not provide any meaningful variation for analysis.
- StandardHours: All values are 80. This column is uniform and not useful for identifying trends or insights.
- EmployeeNumber: This is likely an identifier and not meaningful for analysis or modeling.
- Over18: Only contains the value 'Yes' for all rows

```
columns_to_drop = ['EmployeeCount', 'StandardHours', 'EmployeeNumber',
'Over18']

df = df.drop(columns=columns_to_drop, axis=1)
```

6.OUTLIER DETECTION USING IQR METHOD AND BOXPLOT

Outlier detection was performed on numerical columns using the Box plot method. Outliers that were deemed errors were removed, while genuine extreme values were retained for analysis.

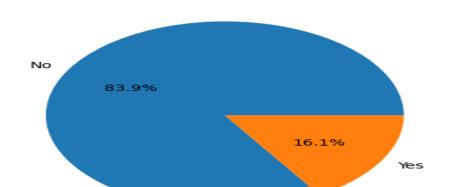
```
def detect_outliers_iqr(data, column):
  Q1 = data[column].quantile(0.25)
  Q3 = data[column].quantile(0.75)
  IQR = Q3 - Q1
  lower\_bound = Q1 - 1.5 * IQR
  upper\_bound = Q3 + 1.5 * IQR
     outliers = data[(data[column] < lower_bound) / (data[column] >
upper_bound)]
  print(f"Outliers detected in '{column}':")
  print(outliers)
  return outliers
numerical_columns = df.select_dtypes(include=['int64', 'float64']).columns
for col in numerical_columns:
  print(f'' \land nAnalyzing\ column:\ \{col\}'')
  detect_outliers_iqr(df, col)
numerical_columns = df.select_dtypes(include=['float64', 'int64']).columns
for column in numerical_columns:
  plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))
  sns.boxplot(data=df, x=column)
  plt.title(f'Box Plot for {column}')
  plt.show()
```

DATA ANALYSIS

1.OVERALL ATTRITION RATE

The attrition rate is 16% of total employees, indicating that approximately 1 in 6 employees have left the organization.

```
attrition_counts = df['Attrition'].value_counts()
print(attrition_counts)
attrition_percentages = df['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True) * 100
print(attrition_percentages)
attrition_counts.plot(kind='pie',autopct='%1.1f%%')
plt.title('Attrition Rate')
plt.ylabel(")
plt.show()
Attrition
                  Attrition Percentage
No
          1233
                        83.877551
          237
                       16.122449
Yes
```



Attrition Rate

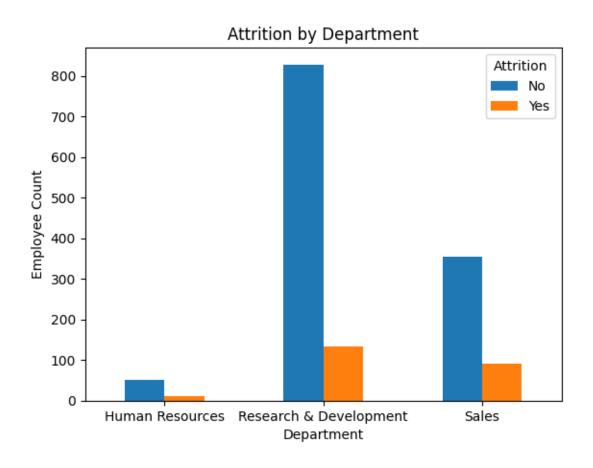
2.ATTRITION BY DEPARTMENT:

Highest attrition in Sales (20%) and HR departments (19%)

The high attrition rate in Sales and HR departments is likely due to high job stress, performance pressure in Sales, and emotional burnout or limited career growth opportunities in HR.

```
department_attrition =
    df.groupby('Department')['Attrition'].value_counts().unstack()
    print(department_attrition)
    department_attrition_percent =
    df.groupby('Department')['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True).unstack()
    * 100
    print(department_attrition_percent)
    department_attrition.plot(kind='bar')
    plt.title('Attrition by Department')
    plt.ylabel('Employee Count')
    plt.xlabel('Department')
    plt.xticks(rotation=0)
    plt.show()
```

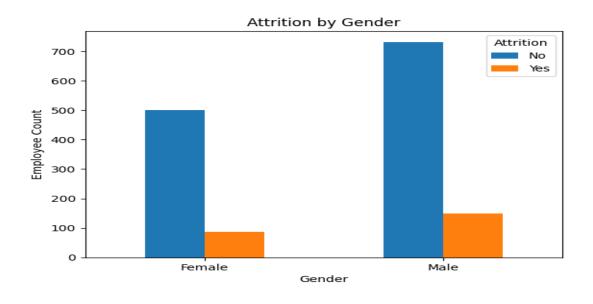
Attrition	No	Yes	Attritionpercenatage
Department			
Human Resources	51	12	19.04
Research & Development	828	133	13.83
Sales	354	92	20.62



3.ATTRITION BY GENDER

Males (17%) have a slightly higher attrition rate than **females** (15%). This may be due to greater pursuit of external career opportunities or dissatisfaction with current job roles and compensation.

```
gender_attrition = df.groupby('Gender')['Attrition'].value_counts().unstack()
print(gender_attrition)
gender_attrition_percent =
df.groupby('Gender')['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True).unstack()*100
print(gender_attrition_percent)
gender_attrition.plot(kind='bar')
plt.title('Attrition by Gender')
plt.ylabel('Employee Count')
plt.xticks(rotation=0)
plt.show()
Attrition
             No
                   Yes
                           Attrition percentage
Gender
Female
                   87
                               14.79
            501
Male
           732
                   150
                              17.00
```

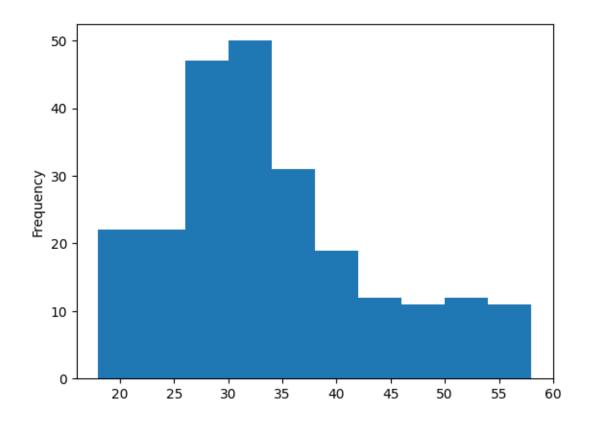


4.ATTRITION BY AGE GROUP:

Employees in the 20–30 age group (28%) have the highest attrition rate, while those aged 40 and above (12.6%) show significantly lower attrition rates.

This is due to career exploration, better job opportunities, and a desire for rapid growth, while older employees value stability and job security.

df[df['Attrition'] == 'Yes']['Age'].plot(kind='hist')

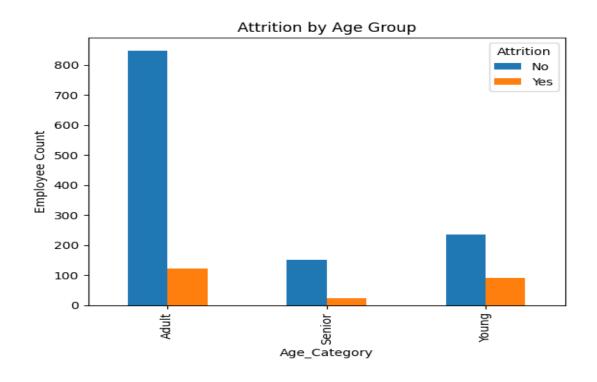


age_attrition =
df.groupby('Age_Category')['Attrition'].value_counts().unstack()
print(age_attrition)

```
age_attrition_percentage=
df.groupby('Age_Category')['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True).unstack(
)*100
print(age_attrition_percentage)
age_attrition.plot(kind='bar')
plt.title('Attrition by Age Group')
plt.ylabel('Employee Count')
```

Attrition	No Yes	Attrition percentage
Age_Category	,	
Adult	848 123	12.66
Senior	150 23	13.29
Young	235 91	27.91

plt.show()

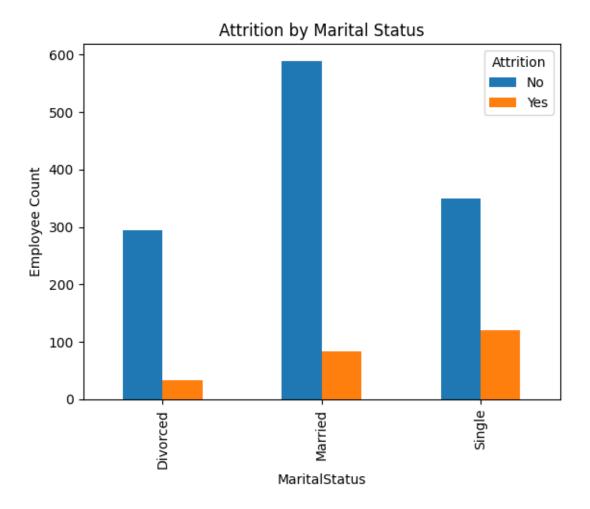


5.ATTRITION BY MARITAL STATUS

Single employees have a higher attrition rate (25.5%).

This may be due to greater flexibility and fewer personal commitments, allowing them to pursue new opportunities more freely.

```
marital attrition =
df.groupby('MaritalStatus')['Attrition'].value_counts().unstack()
print(marital_attrition)
marital_attrition_percent=
df.groupby('MaritalStatus')['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True).unstack(
)*100
print(marital_attrition_percent)
marital_attrition.plot(kind='bar')
plt.title('Attrition by Marital Status')
plt.ylabel('Employee Count')
plt.show()
Attrition
                 No Yes
                                Attrition percentage
MaritalStatus
                       33
                                     10.09
Divorced
                294
Married
                589
                       84
                                    12.48
                350 120
                                    25.53
Single
```



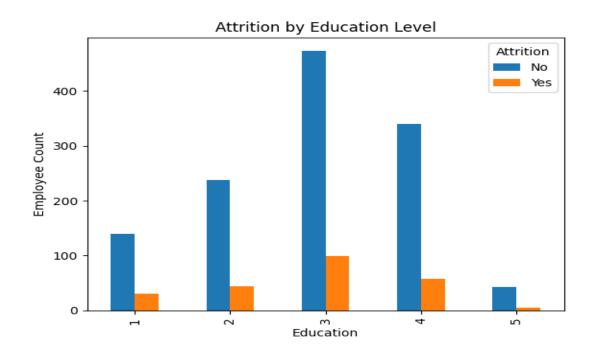
6.ATTRITION BY EDUCATION LEVEL

As education level increases, attrition percentage decreases.

This indicates that employees with **higher education** might be more satisfied with their roles or have better **career growth opportunities** within the organization.

```
education_attrition =
    df.groupby('Education')['Attrition'].value_counts().unstack()
    print(education_attrition)
    education_attrition_percent=
    df.groupby('Education')['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True).unstack()*1
    00
    print(education_attrition_percent)
    education_attrition_percent)
    education_attrition.plot(kind='bar')
    plt.title('Attrition by Education Level')
    plt.ylabel('Employee Count')
    plt.show()
```

Attrition	No	Yes	Attrition percentage	
Education				
1	139	31	18.23	
2	238	44	15.60	
3	473	99	17.30	
4	340	58	14.57	
5	43	5	10.41	

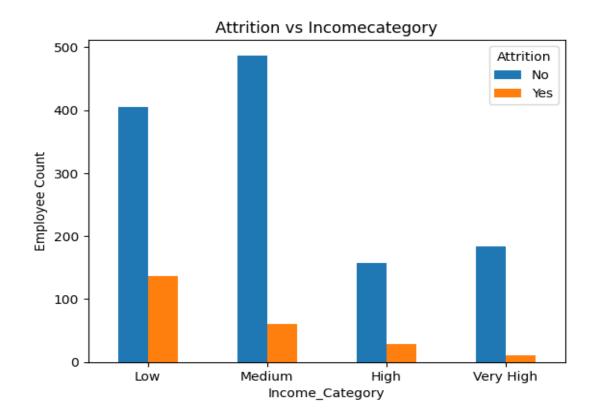


7.ATTRITION VS. MONTHLY INCOME

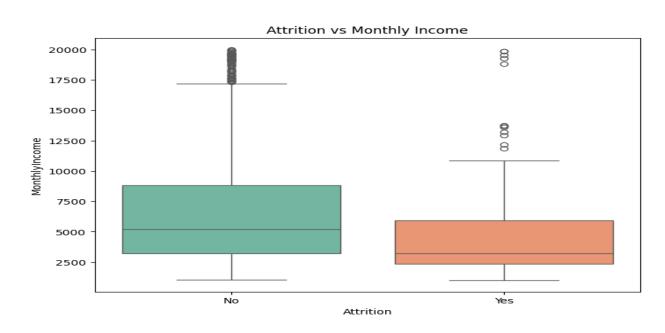
Lower-income employees (earning below \$4,000) have a significantly higher attrition rate, while those earning above \$8,000 are less likely to leave, suggesting dissatisfaction with financial compensation as a key factor.

```
income_attrition =
df.groupby('Income_Category')['Attrition'].value_counts().unstack()
print(income_attrition)
income_attrition_percentage=
df.groupby('Income_Category')['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True).unst
ack()*100
print(income_attrition_percentage)
income_attrition = income_attrition.reindex(['Low', 'Medium', 'High', 'Very
High'])
income_attrition.plot(kind='bar')
plt.title('Attrition vs Incomecategory')
plt.ylabel('Employee Count')
plt.xticks(rotation=0)
plt.show()
```

Attrition	No	Yes	Attrition percentage
Income_Cate	gory		
High	157	29	15.59
Low	405	137	25.27
Medium	487	60	10.96
Very High	184	11	5.64



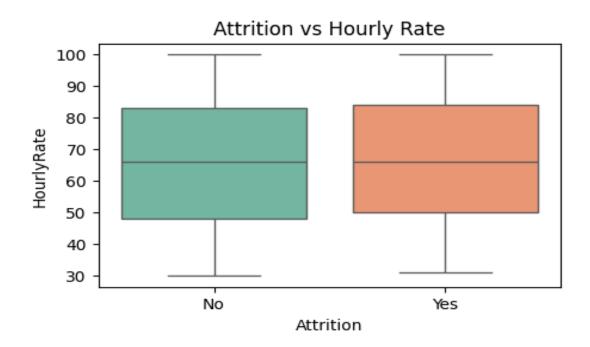
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.boxplot(x='Attrition', y='MonthlyIncome', data=df, palette='Set2')
plt.title('Attrition vs Monthly Income')
plt.show()



8.ATTRITION VS. HOURLY RATE

Very slight difference is observed.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(5, 3))
sns.boxplot(x='Attrition', y='HourlyRate', data=df, palette='Set2')
plt.title('Attrition vs Hourly Rate')
plt.show()
```



9.ATTRITION VS. JOB SATISFACTION

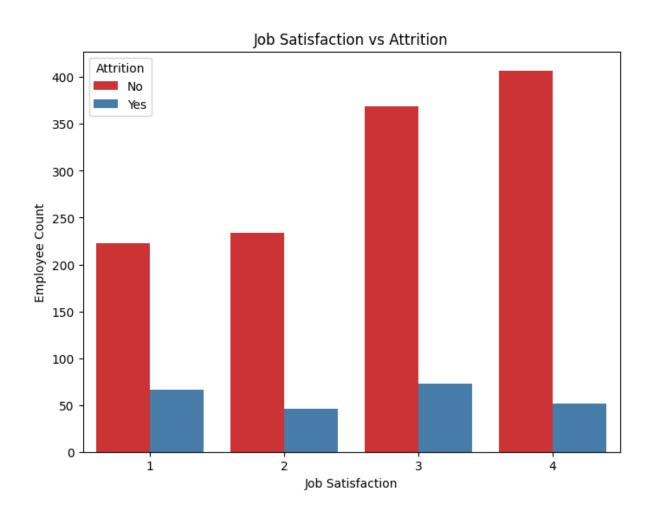
Employees with **low job satisfaction** (1 or 2) are far more likely to leave compared to those with high satisfaction (3 or 4).

Attrition Rate for Low Job Satisfaction: Around 22-23% for satisfaction level 1, indicating extreme dissatisfaction.

Attrition Rate for High Job Satisfaction: Drops to **11-12%** for satisfaction level 4, showing that engaged and satisfied employees are more likely to stay.

```
satisfaction_counts =
df.groupby('JobSatisfaction')['Attrition'].value_counts().unstack()
print(satisfaction_counts)
satisfaction_counts_percentage =
df.groupby('JobSatisfaction')['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True).unstack() * 100
print(satisfaction_counts_percentage)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.countplot(x='JobSatisfaction', hue='Attrition', data=df, palette='Set1')
plt.title('Job Satisfaction vs Attrition')
plt.xlabel('Job Satisfaction')
plt.ylabel('Employee Count')
plt.show()
```

Attrition	No	Yes	Attrition percentage
JobSatisfac	tion		
1	223	66	22.83
2	234	46	16.42
3	369	73	16.51
4	407	52	11.32

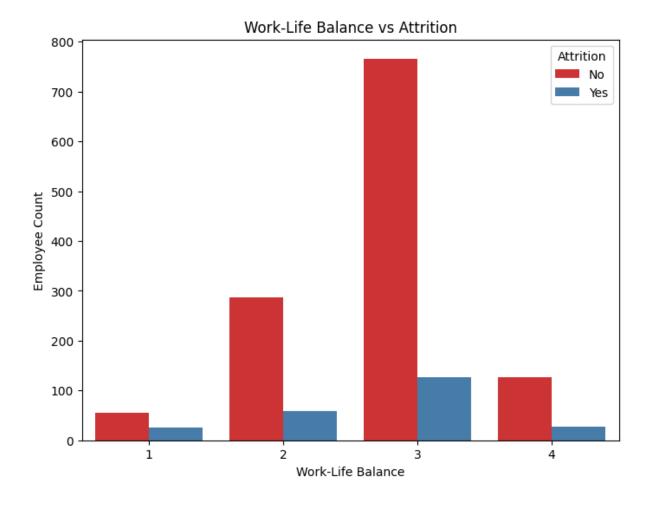


10.ATTRITION VS. WORK-LIFE BALANCE

Employees with **poor work-life balance** (**rating of 1**) are more likely to leave compared to those with higher ratings (3–4). This may be due to stress, burnout, and dissatisfaction with the inability to manage both personal and professional responsibilities.

```
Worklife_counts =
df.groupby('WorkLifeBalance')['Attrition'].value_counts().unstack()
print(Worklife_counts)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.countplot(x='WorkLifeBalance', hue='Attrition', data=df, palette='Set1')
plt.title('Work-Life Balance vs Attrition')
plt.xlabel('Work-Life Balance')
plt.ylabel('Employee Count')
plt.show()
```

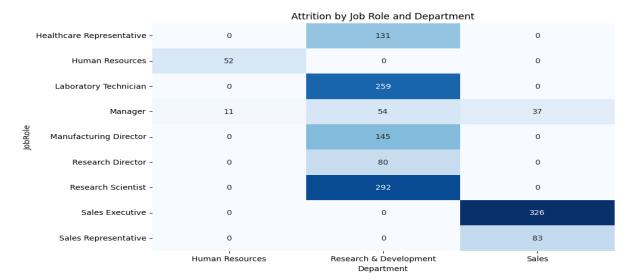
Attrition	No	Yes	Attrition percentage
WorkLifeBalance			
1	55	25	31.25
2	286	58	16.86
3	766	127	14.221
4	126	27	17.64



11. ATTRITION BY JOB ROLE AND DEPARTMENT:

Sales Executives in the Sales Department have the highest attrition percentage (24%). Employees in Research scientist and Laboratory Technician roles have similar high attrition rates (23.08% and 23.94% respectively).

```
attrition_jobrole_dept = pd.crosstab(df['JobRole'], df['Department'], values=df['Attrition'], aggfunc='count')
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.heatmap(attrition_jobrole_dept, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues', cbar=False)
plt.title('Attrition by Job Role and Department')
plt.show()
```



```
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))

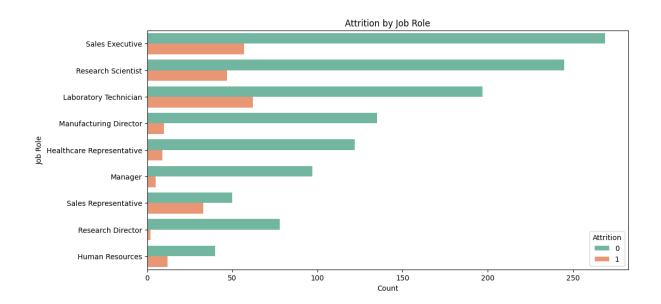
sns.countplot(y='JobRole', hue='Attrition', data=df, palette='Set2', order=df['JobRole'].value_counts().index)

plt.title('Attrition by Job Role')

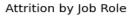
plt.xlabel('Count')

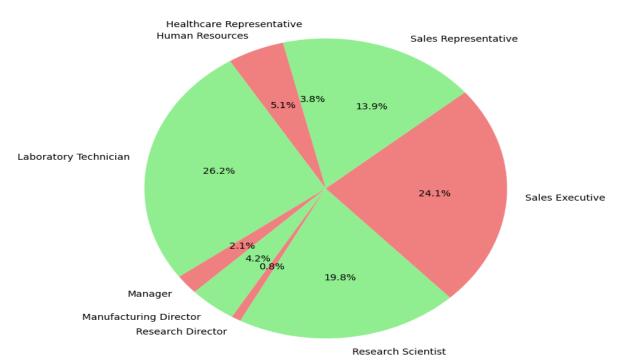
plt.ylabel('Job Role')

plt.show()
```



plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
job_role_attrition.plot(kind='pie', autopct='%1.1f%%', startangle=90,
colors=['lightgreen', 'lightcoral'])
plt.title('Attrition by Job Role')
plt.ylabel('')
plt.show()





12. ATTRITION VS. TOTAL WORKING YEARS:

Employees with fewer years at the company (<2 years) are more likely to leave. This is due to a lack of long-term commitment, unmet career expectations, and better opportunities for growth elsewhere.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))

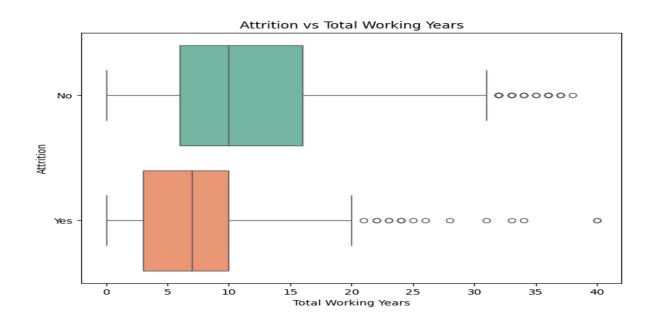
sns.boxplot(x='TotalWorkingYears', y='Attrition', data=df, hue='Attrition', palette='Set2')

plt.title('Attrition vs Total Working Years')

plt.xlabel('Total Working Years')

plt.ylabel('Attrition')

plt.show()
```



13.ATTRITION VS. BUSINESS TRAVEL

The workers who **travel a lot** are more likely to quit than other employees (25%). This may be due to work-life balance challenges, increased stress, and the desire for more stability or local opportunities.

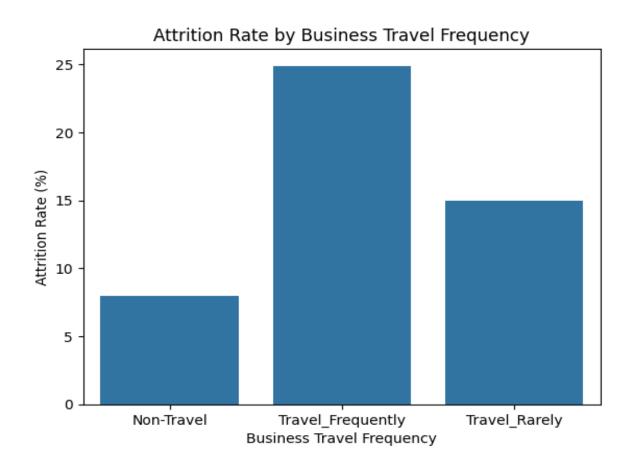
Frequent business travel often leads to **work-life balance challenges**, **increased stress**, and a desire for **stability** or **local opportunities**.

Employees who travel a lot may experience burnout from the pressures of constant travel, which can impact both personal and professional life. This could contribute to higher turnover as employees seek roles that offer more stability or fewer travel requirements.

Despite the potential for career advancement, the stress associated with frequent travel seems to outweigh these benefits for some employees.

```
travel_attrition = df.groupby(['BusinessTravel', 'Attrition']).size().unstack()
travel_attrition['Attrition_Rate'] = travel_attrition['Yes'] /
(travel_attrition['Yes'] + travel_attrition['No']) * 100
print(travel_attrition)
sns.barplot(x=travel_attrition.index, y=travel_attrition['Attrition_Rate'])
plt.title("Attrition Rate by Business Travel Frequency")
plt.ylabel("Attrition Rate (%)")
plt.xlabel("Business Travel Frequency")
plt.show()
```

Attrition	No	Yes	Attrition_Rate
Business Travel			
Non-Travel	138	12	8.000000
Travel_Frequently	208	69	24.909747
Travel_Rarely	887	156	14.956855



14.ATTRITION VS. DISTANCE FROM HOME

Employees living within 10–15 km of the workplace have the lowest attrition rates, while those commuting more than 20 km and <5km show significantly higher attrition.

Low attrition for moderate commute distances (10-15 km) may indicate a balance between convenience and job satisfaction.

Employees with very short (under 5 km) or very long commutes (over 20 km) experience higher attrition, potentially due to factors such as commute fatigue, work-life balance issues, or lower job satisfaction.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

sns.histplot(data=df, x='DistanceFromHome', hue='Attrition', bins=30, kde=False, palette='Set2')

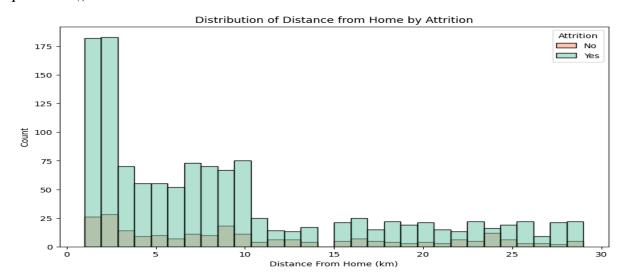
plt.title("Distribution of Distance from Home by Attrition")

plt.xlabel("Distance From Home (km)")

plt.ylabel("Count")

plt.legend(title='Attrition', labels=['No', 'Yes'])

plt.show()
```



15.ATTRITION VS. OVER TIME

Employees who work overtime are **2.5 times** more likely to leave compared to those who don't. This indicates that over time plays a significant role in attrition rates.

Employees who regularly work overtime may experience **burnout**, **work-life imbalance**, and **increased stress**, which can ultimately lead them to seek more stable or manageable roles elsewhere.

The findings emphasize that long working hours, while sometimes necessary for productivity, can have negative effects on employee well-being and job satisfaction, driving them to leave the company.

```
overtime_attrition = df.groupby(['OverTime', 'Attrition']).size().unstack()
overtime_attrition_percentage =
overtime_attrition.div(overtime_attrition.sum(axis=1), axis=0) * 100
print("Counts of Attrition based on Overtime:\n", overtime_attrition)
print("\nPercentage of Attrition based on Overtime:\n",
overtime_attrition_percentage)
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.countplot(data=df, x='OverTime', hue='Attrition', palette='coolwarm')
plt.title("Attrition vs Overtime")
plt.xlabel("OverTime (Yes/No)")
plt.ylabel("Number of Employees")
plt.show()
```

Counts of Attrition based on Overtime:

Attrition No Yes

OverTime

No 944 110

Yes 289 127

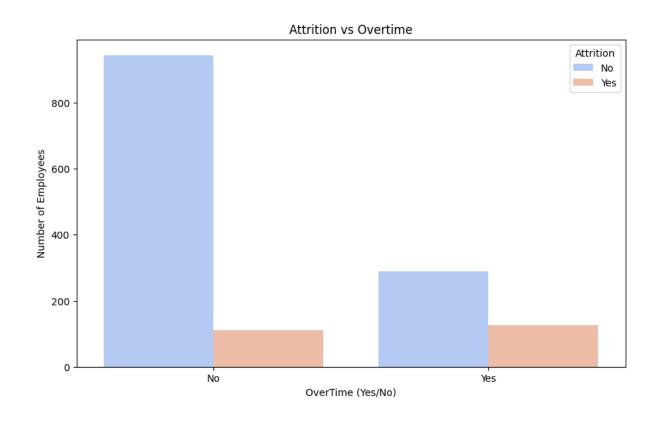
Percentage of Attrition based on Overtime:

Attrition No Yes

OverTime

No 89.563567 10.436433

Yes 69.471154 30.528846

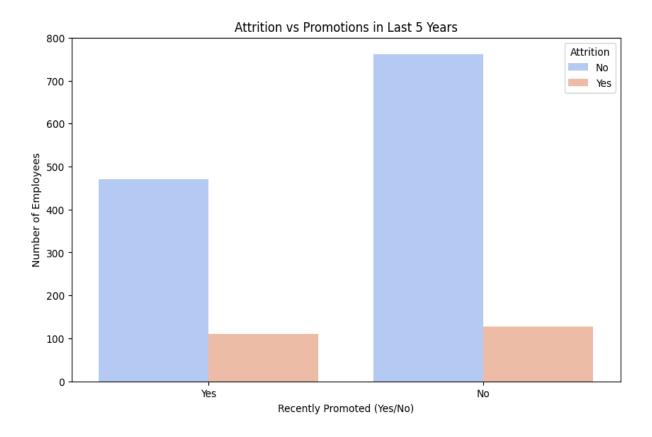


16.ATTRITION VS. PROMOTION

Employees who have not been promoted in the last 5 years show significantly higher attrition rates. This may be due to stagnation, lack of career growth, and frustration with limited advancement opportunities.

Promotion is a key factor in employee **motivation** and **loyalty**, and its absence can create frustration, leading to higher turnover. This highlights the importance of a well-structured **promotion system** and clear career development pathways.

```
promotion_attrition = df.groupby(['YearsSinceLastPromotion',
'Attrition']).size().unstack()
promotion_attrition_percentage =
promotion_attrition.div(promotion_attrition.sum(axis=1), axis=0) * 100
print("Counts of Attrition based on Promotions:\n", promotion_attrition)
print("\nPercentage of Attrition based on Promotions:\n",
promotion_attrition_percentage)
df['RecentlyPromoted'] = df['YearsSinceLastPromotion'].apply(lambda x: 'Yes')
if x == 0 else 'No'
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.countplot(data=df, x='RecentlyPromoted', hue='Attrition',
palette='coolwarm')
plt.title("Attrition vs Promotions in Last 5 Years")
plt.xlabel("Recently Promoted (Yes/No)")
plt.ylabel("Number of Employees")
plt.show()
```



17. ATTRITION VS. JOB INVOLVEMENT

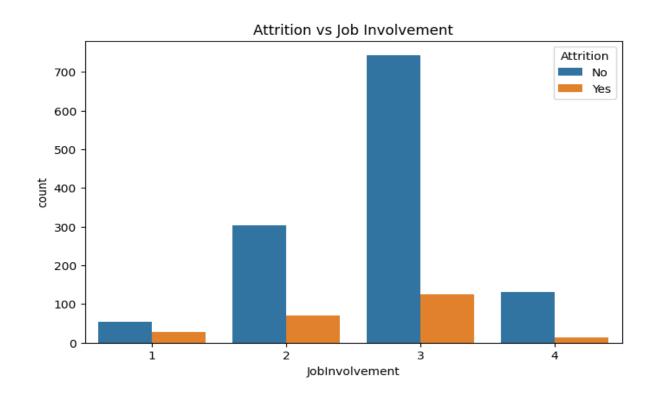
Employees with **low job involvement** are more likely to leave (33.75%).

Low job involvement suggests a lack of engagement or emotional investment in work, which often leads to disengagement and higher turnover. Employees who are not actively involved in their work may feel disconnected, leading to dissatisfaction and eventually seeking opportunities elsewhere.

On the other hand, **higher job involvement** typically correlates with **stronger engagement**, **job satisfaction**, and **commitment to the organization**, which helps improve retention rates. Engaged employees are more likely to stay because they feel valued and motivated by their roles.

```
job_involvement_attrition =
df.groupby('JobInvolvement')['Attrition'].value_counts().unstack()
print(job_involvement_attrition)
job_involvement_attrition_percentage =
df.groupby('JobInvolvement')['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True).unstack() * 100
print(job_involvement_attrition_percentage)
plt.figure(figsize=(8,5))
sns.countplot(data=df, x='JobInvolvement', hue='Attrition')
plt.title('Attrition vs Job Involvement')
plt.show()
```

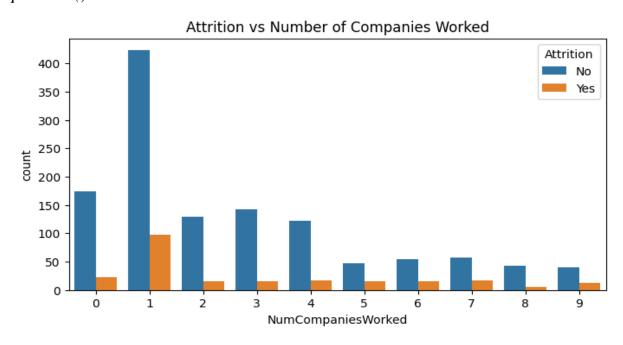
Attrition	No Yes	Attrition percentage
JobInvolven	ient	
1	55 28	33.73
2	304 71	18.93
3	743 125	14.40
4	131 13	9.02



18. ATTRITION VS. NUMBER OF COMPANIES WORKED

Employees who have worked at **fewer companies** tend to stay longer, while those who have worked at **many companies** are more likely to leave. This may suggest that employees who have stayed in one place for a longer time are more likely to be loyal.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(10,6))
sns.countplot(data=df, x='NumCompaniesWorked', hue='Attrition')
plt.title('Attrition vs Number of Companies Worked')
plt.show()
```



19. ATTRITION VS. EDUCATIONAL FIELD

Human Resources and Technical Degree fields have the highest attrition percentages (around 25%). Life Sciences, Medical, and other fields have lower attrition percentages (around 13-15%).

High attrition in Human Resources and Technical Degree fields may be driven by factors such as high stress, lack of career growth, or skill mismatches.

Technical roles often face intense competition, burnout, and the constant need for upskilling, which may contribute to the higher turnover. Similarly, roles in **Human Resources** can be emotionally taxing, with employees leaving due to stress or limited growth opportunities.

On the other hand, fields like **Life Sciences** and **Medical** typically offer more structured career paths, job stability, and opportunities for professional development, which may explain their lower attrition rates.

```
attrition_edu = df.groupby(['EducationField',
'Attrition']).size().reset_index(name='Count')

pivot_table = attrition_edu.pivot(index='EducationField', columns='Attrition',
values='Count').fillna(0)

pivot_table['Attrition_Percentage'] = round((pivot_table['Yes'] /
(pivot_table['Yes'] + pivot_table['No'])) * 100, 2)

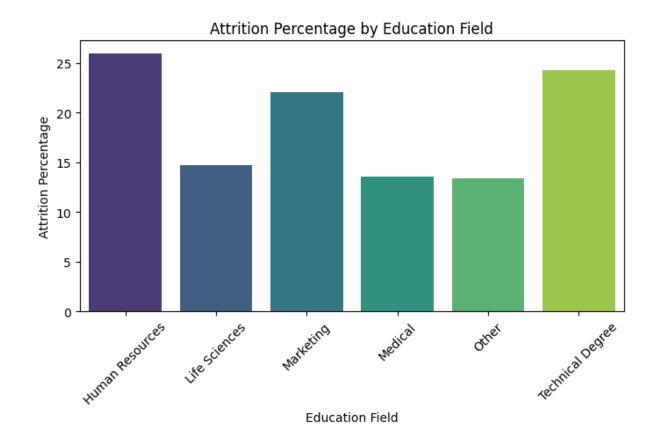
print(pivot_table)

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 4))

sns.barplot(x='EducationField', y='Attrition_Percentage',
data=pivot_table.reset_index(), palette='viridis')
```

plt.title('Attrition Percentage by Education Field')
plt.xlabel('Education Field')
plt.ylabel('Attrition Percentage')
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.show()

Attrition	No	Yes	Attrition_Percentage
EducationField			
Human Resources	20	7	25.93
Life Sciences	517	89	14.69
Marketing	124	35	22.01
Medical	401	63	13.58
Other	71	11	13.41
Technical Degree	100	32	24.24



20.INCOME VS YEARS AT THE COMPANY

Employees with fewer years at the company and lower income show higher attrition. This isdue to factors such as **lack of career growth**, **unmet expectations**, or the search for better opportunities elsewhere. Early-career employees often feel less committed and more likely to explore new roles to advance their careers.

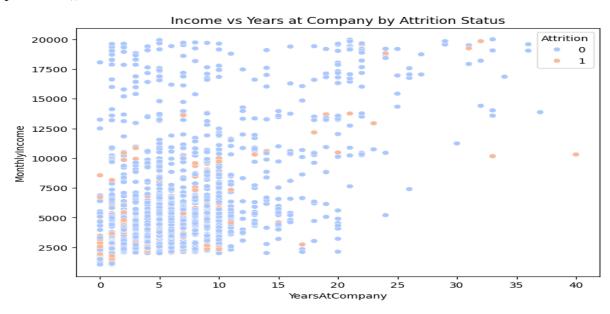
Lower-income employees tend to leave at higher rates, possibly due to dissatisfaction with compensation and the desire for higher-paying roles or better financial security. These employees may seek more competitive offers from other organizations to meet their financial goals.

```
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))

sns.scatterplot(x='YearsAtCompany', y='MonthlyIncome', hue='Attrition', data=df, palette='coolwarm')

plt.title('Income vs Years at Company by Attrition Status')

plt.show()
```



21.CORRELATION B/W FEATURES

Strong Correlations:

- TotalWorkingYears and JobLevel have a high positive correlation (0.78), indicating that as total working years increase, job level tends to increase.
- MonthlyIncome and JobLevel (0.95) also show a strong positive relationship, meaning higher job levels lead to higher incomes.
- YearsAtCompany and YearsInCurrentRole (0.76) are highly correlated, which makes sense as employees often stay in roles for a significant portion of their company tenure.

Moderate Correlations:

- Age and TotalWorkingYears (0.68): Older employees typically have more working years.
- MonthlyIncome and TotalWorkingYears (0.77): Longer work experience relates to higher salaries.

Low/No Correlation:

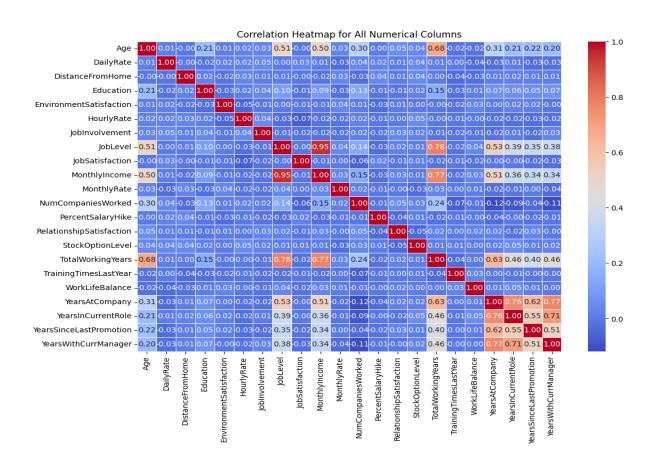
• Columns like **DailyRate**, **HourlyRate**, and **DistanceFromHome** have minimal correlations with other variables (mostly close to 0), suggesting weaker relationships.

Negative Correlations:

• Age and JobLevel (-0.51) show some negative correlation.

• NumCompaniesWorked and TotalWorkingYears (-0.30): More job changes may slightly reduce overall work experience.

```
df['Attrition'] = df['Attrition'].map({'Yes': 1, 'No': 0})
numerical_df = df.select_dtypes(include=['int','float'])
correlation_matrix = numerical_df.corr()
print("Correlation Matrix for All Numerical Columns:")
print(correlation_matrix)
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt=".2f", linewidths=0.5)
plt.title('Correlation Heatmap for All Numerical Columns')
plt.show()
```



22. ATTRITION RATE OVER JOB TENURE

Attrition rates peak for employees with less than 2 years of tenure, then gradually decrease as tenure increases. This is likely due to **early career exploration**, unmet expectations, or lack of strong **organizational commitment**. These employees may leave for better opportunities as they continue to develop professionally.

Attrition decreases with tenure, indicating that employees who have been with the company for longer periods are more likely to stay, likely due to increased loyalty, career development, and familiarity with company culture.

```
attrition_tenure =

df.groupby('YearsAtCompany')['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True).unsta

ck() * 100

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

sns.lineplot(data=attrition_tenure[1], color='red', marker='o') # Access using

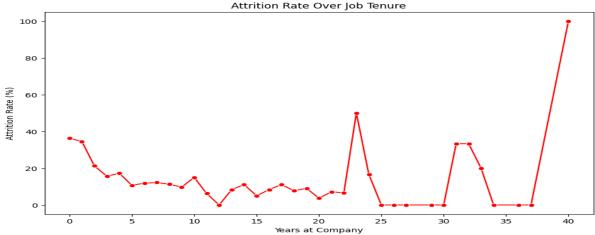
1 instead of 'Yes'

plt.title('Attrition Rate Over Job Tenure')

plt.xlabel('Years at Company')

plt.ylabel('Attrition Rate (%)')

plt.show()
```



23. ATTRITION VS. TRAINING TIME

Employees who attended fewer than 2 training sessions show a significantly higher attrition rate (around 18-20%) compared to those attending 6+ sessions (around 8-10%). This highlights the need for regular training programs to improve retention.

```
training_attrition =

df.groupby('TrainingTimesLastYear')['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True
).unstack() * 100

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

training_attrition.plot(kind='bar', stacked=False, colormap='coolwarm',
figsize=(10, 6))

plt.title('Attrition Rate by Training Times Last Year')

plt.xlabel('Number of Training Sessions Attended')

plt.ylabel('Percentage (%)')

plt.legend(title='Attrition', loc='upper right', labels=['Stayed', 'Left'])

plt.xticks(rotation=0)

plt.tight_layout()

plt.show()
```



24.ATTRITION VS. YEARS AT THE COMPANY

Employees with less than 2 years at the company exhibit the highest attrition rates (~28%). Attrition drops steadily for employees with 5+ years, indicating improved loyalty and organizational commitment over time.

```
years_attrition =

df.groupby('YearsAtCompany')['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True).unsta

ck() * 100

plt.figure(figsize=(15, 12))

years_attrition.plot(kind='bar', stacked=False, colormap='coolwarm')

plt.title('Attrition Rate by Years at the Company')

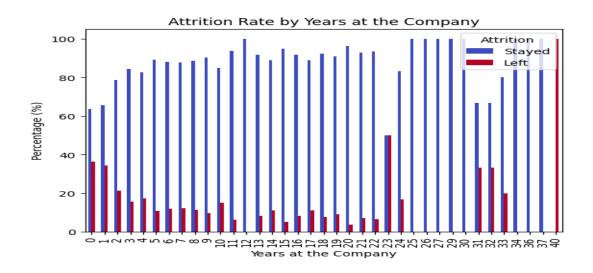
plt.xlabel('Years at the Company')

plt.ylabel('Percentage (%)')

plt.legend(title='Attrition', loc='upper right', labels=['Stayed', 'Left'])

plt.xticks(rotation=90)

plt.show()
```



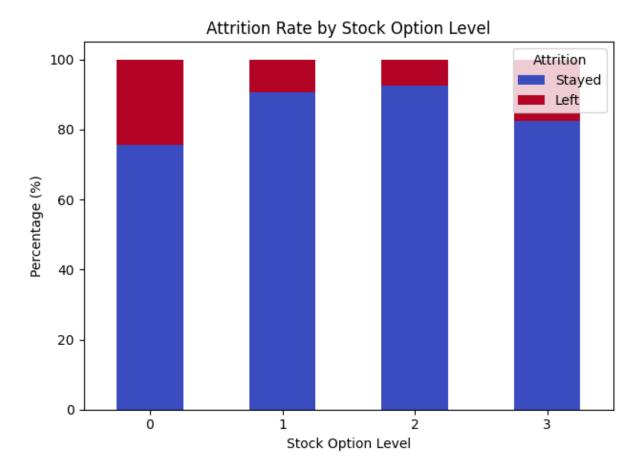
25.ATTRITION VS. STOCK OPTION LEVEL

Employees with no stock options (**Level 0**) show the highest attrition rate (~24%), indicating dissatisfaction with financial incentives.

Employees with Level 2 and Level 3 stock options exhibit significantly lower attrition rates (~10-12%), highlighting the effectiveness of stock options in retaining employees.

Surprisingly, even employees with **Level 3** stock options experience some attrition, suggesting that stock options alone are not enough to guarantee retention.

```
stock_attrition =
df.groupby('StockOptionLevel')['Attrition'].value_counts(normalize=True).unst
ack() * 100
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
stock_attrition.plot(kind='bar', stacked=True, colormap='coolwarm')
plt.title('Attrition Rate by Stock Option Level')
plt.xlabel('Stock Option Level')
plt.ylabel('Percentage (%)')
plt.legend(title='Attrition', loc='upper right', labels=['Stayed', 'Left'])
plt.xticks(rotation=0)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



KEY FINDINGS AND INSIGHTS

1. Demographics:

- Age: Younger employees (under 30) and employees with less than 2 years of tenure have higher attrition rates.
- Marital Status: Single employees are more prone to leaving, while married employees exhibit greater stability.
- Education Field: Employees with education in the "Human Resources" field have slightly higher attrition rates compared to other fields.

2. Job-Related Factors:

- Job Satisfaction: Employees dissatisfied with their jobs are significantly more likely to leave.
- Department: Higher attrition rates were observed in the Sales and HR departments compared to others.
- Overtime: Employees frequently working overtime are at a much higher risk of attrition.
- Promotions: Employees who haven't received a promotion in 5+ years exhibit a significantly higher attrition rate compared to those recently promoted.

3. Compensation and Benefits:

Income: Lower-income employees (e.g., earning below the median income) are at a significantly higher risk of leaving.

4. Work-Life Balance:

- Employees with poor work-life balance (indicated by high overtime) and long commuting distances face higher attrition risks.
- Training time doesn't have a significant influence on attrition but maintaining development programs still supports retention.

SURPRISING TRENDS

Gender Neutrality:

• Gender was not a significant factor in attrition. Both males and females displayed similar attrition patterns, contradicting common assumptions.

Distance from Home:

• Employees living closer to their workplace (<5 km) were surprisingly at slightly higher risk of leaving compared to those with moderate commuting distances.

Job Role Differences:

• Employees in job roles such as Sales Executives and Laboratory Technicians had significantly higher attrition rates, even when controlling for compensation and satisfaction levels.

Overtime's Impact:

• A staggering 60% attrition rate was observed among employees working overtime, far higher than other factors.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Improve Job Satisfaction:

- Regular surveys to gauge employee satisfaction and take corrective actions based on feedback.
- Provide clear career growth opportunities and structured paths for promotions.

Work-Life Balance:

- Limit overtime hours to avoid employee burnout.
- Implement flexible work arrangements or hybrid working options for employees facing commuting difficulties.

Employee Retention Programs:

- Increase engagement and retention efforts, especially for younger and single employees, through tailored mentorship and career development programs.
- Enhance rewards such as performance-based bonuses, stock options, or recognition awards for high-performing employees.

Focus on High-Risk Groups:

- Prioritize efforts in high-attrition departments like Sales and HR.
- Introduce additional training and development initiatives for roles such as Sales Executives and Technicians to boost morale and skills.

Promotion Framework:

- Develop clear policies for timely promotions and communicate them transparently to employees.
- Offer alternatives like lateral moves or increased responsibilities to employees who may not immediately qualify for promotion.

Fair Compensation:

- Conduct market comparisons to ensure competitive salaries, especially for lower-income groups.
- Provide annual raises to keep compensation aligned with employee expectations.

CONCLUSION

The analysis highlights that attrition in the organization is influenced by a combination of demographic, job-related, and compensation factors. Key contributors to attrition include poor job satisfaction, frequent overtime, lack of career advancement opportunities, and inadequate compensation. Surprisingly, gender and training time were found to have minimal impact on attrition.

By implementing the recommendations above, the organization can improve retention rates, reduce turnover costs, and foster a more satisfied and engaged workforce. Specifically, addressing issues related to promotions, overtime, and employee recognition can have a profound impact on improving employee loyalty and overall organizational performance.

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