



Airline Passenger Satisfaction & Recommendation Analysis

Transforming passenger feedback into strategic insights through advanced data analytics

Project Objective

This project analyzes airline passenger review data to understand overall satisfaction, identify dissatisfaction patterns, and examine how passenger experience translates into recommendation behavior.

The focus is on extracting meaningful insights from customer feedback to support data-driven decision-making across airline operations and service delivery.



Project Goal



Measure Satisfaction

Evaluate passenger satisfaction at overall and airline-specific levels to understand performance benchmarks



Link Experience to Advocacy

Understand the relationship between satisfaction scores and recommendation behavior



Identify Patterns

Uncover key patterns and drivers behind passenger dissatisfaction across segments



Generate Insights

Translate analytical findings into clear, actionable business insights using SQL and Power BI



Tools Used



Python

Data understanding, exploratory data analysis (EDA), hypothesis testing, and clustering algorithms to identify passenger segments



SQL (PostgreSQL / pgAdmin4)

Advanced market-based analytical queries for extracting airline-level insights and comparative performance metrics



Power BI


Interactive dashboard development for visualization, storytelling, and enabling stakeholder decision-making

Results from EDA-Based Analysis



Highly Polarized Distribution

Overall ratings reveal a **highly polarized distribution**, with significant concentrations at both extremes—many very low ratings alongside a distinct group of high ratings, indicating split passenger experiences.



Variable Experience Quality

Overall ratings vary substantially across airlines, seat types, and traveler categories, confirming that passenger experience is far from uniform across market segments.



Recommendation Imbalance

Passenger recommendation behavior is not evenly distributed. A significant portion of reviews are marked as *Not Recommended*, signaling widespread dissatisfaction issues.



Verification Credibility Gap

Verified and non-verified reviews show noticeable differences in rating behavior, suggesting variation in feedback credibility and potentially different sentiment patterns.

Results from Hypothesis Testing



❏ Hypothesis Tested

There is a statistically significant difference in overall ratings between passengers who recommend the airline and those who do not.

Outcome

- The null hypothesis was **rejected**
- Passengers who recommend an airline have **significantly higher overall ratings** than passengers who do not
- The difference is both **statistically significant** and **practically meaningful**
- Confirms a strong association between satisfaction and recommendation behavior

This validated further analysis to understand what drives overall satisfaction.

Results from Cluster Analysis

Cluster analysis was performed to group passengers based on their service rating patterns, revealing distinct experience segments.

Natural Experience Groups

Passengers naturally fall into **distinct experience groups** rather than behaving uniformly, indicating varied service perceptions across the customer base.

Satisfaction Spectrum

Some clusters represent consistently dissatisfied passengers, while others reflect mixed or highly satisfied experiences with clear differentiation.

Hidden Patterns Revealed

Clustering helped reveal hidden patterns in service perception that are not visible through averages alone, providing deeper insights.

This analysis demonstrated that passenger dissatisfaction is not random but follows **identifiable patterns** that can be targeted strategically.

Results from SQL-Based Analysis

Advanced SQL queries extracted market-level insights to identify specific problem areas and performance gaps across the airline industry.

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Negative Recommendation Hotspots

Identified airlines with a **higher-than-average share of negative recommendations** compared to industry benchmarks

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Route-Level Dissatisfaction

Detected specific routes contributing disproportionately to overall dissatisfaction scores

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Performance Gap Ranking

Ranked airlines based on the gap between satisfied and dissatisfied passenger ratings to prioritize intervention opportunities

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Segment Comparison

Compared traveler types and verification status to uncover systematic differences in passenger experience

📌 These insights provided a **structured and scalable view** of passenger dissatisfaction across airlines, routes, and segments—enabling targeted operational improvements.



VISUALIZATION

Results from Power BI Dashboard

The Power BI dashboard was designed to clearly communicate complex insights to non-technical stakeholders in an intuitive, decision-ready format.



High-Level Overview

Displays total reviews, average ratings, and recommendation share at a glance for quick executive understanding



Satisfaction-Recommendation Link

Visual confirmation that recommendation behavior is strongly linked to overall satisfaction scores



Airline Performance Snapshots

Airline-level views highlight underperforming carriers and identify improvement opportunities



Clear Pattern Representation

Dissatisfaction patterns presented without technical jargon for broader stakeholder accessibility



Business Recommendations



Prioritize Experience Drivers

Airlines should focus on **improving passenger experience drivers** that contribute most significantly to dissatisfaction



Target Problem Areas

Direct resources toward airlines and routes with consistently high negative recommendation rates



Monitor Trends

Track dissatisfaction trends over time to detect early warning signals before reputation impact escalates



Adopt Segment Strategies

Implement segment-based approaches, as different passenger groups experience airlines differently