

# Telco Customer Churn Analysis

**Executive summary** 

## Overview

The dataset consists of **7,043 customers** and **21 features**, covering demographics, services, account details, and churn behavior.

The primary objective of this analysis is to understand customer churn patterns and develop retention strategies.



# Key findings

- 1. Churn Rate Analysis
- 2. Impact of Contract Type on Churn
- 3. Billing & Payment Method Influence
- 4. Monthly Charges & Total Charges Impact
- 5. Service-Based Churn Trends
- 6. Demographic Factors

#### 1. Churn Rate Analysis

- a. The overall churn rate is approximately 27%, meaning that over 1 in 4 customers leave the service.
- b. Retaining even a small percentage of these customers can lead to significant revenue improvements.

#### 2. Impact of Contract Type on Churn

- a. Customers with a month-to-month contract have the highest churn rate (~43%), whereas those with one-year (~11%) and two-year contracts (~3%) show significantly lower churn.
- b. This suggests that long-term contracts help retain customers and reduce churn risk.

#### 3. Billing & Payment Method Influence

- a. Paperless billing customers churn at a rate of ~40%, whereas customers receiving mailed bills churn at a significantly lower rate (~20%).
- b. Electronic check users have the highest churn rate (~45%), compared to credit card (~16%) and bank transfer users (~15%).
- c. This indicates that customers who manually handle payments are **more likely to leave**, while those using automated payments tend to stay longer.

#### 4. Monthly Charges & Total Charges Impact

- a. Churned customers tend to have **higher MonthlyCharges** (~\$75 **on average**) than retained customers (~\$60).
- b. However, TotalCharges for churned customers is lower, suggesting that many churned customers are relatively new and leave early in their contract.
- c. This highlights the importance of early-stage customer engagement to improve retention.

#### 5. Service-Based Churn Trends

- a. Customers without Online Security and Tech Support have a significantly higher churn rate (~45%) compared to those with these services (~15-20%).
- b. Fiber optic internet customers churn at a higher rate (~42%) compared to DSL users (~20%).
- c. Customers with streaming services (TV & movies) show no significant difference in churn behavior.

#### 6. Demographic Factors

- a. Senior citizens (age 65+) have a higher churn rate (~40%), whereas younger customers show more stability.
- b. Customers without dependents or partners tend to churn more frequently (~35%), suggesting that family-oriented customers are more loyal.

## Recommendations



- Encourage Long-Term Contracts: Offer discounts or incentives for customers to switch from month-to-month to yearly plans to increase retention.
- 2. Optimize Payment Methods: Promote automatic payment options (credit card, bank transfer) to reduce churn associated with electronic check users.
- 3. Enhance Customer Onboarding & Early Engagement: Since churned customers often have lower TotalCharges, focus on engaging new customers within the first few months through discounts, personalized support, and loyalty programs.
- 4. Promote Value-Added Services: Offering bundled security and tech support services at discounted rates may help retain customers who are otherwise at high risk of churning.
- 5. Targeted Marketing for At-Risk Segments: Implement churn prediction models to proactively engage customers with high churn probability, particularly senior citizens, single customers, and fiber optic users.

# Conclusion



This analysis provides clear indicators of what drives customer churn and offers actionable strategies to reduce customer loss and improve retention rates. Implementing a proactive, data-driven retention strategy focusing on long-term contracts, billing optimization, and service enhancements can help minimize churn and maximize customer lifetime value.