Part I - (Flight Data Exploratory Data Analysis)

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Introduction

In [13]:

It is bad enough to miss your date or an important appointment because your flight was delayed or, worse, cancelled. It is even worse if you had no idea that this could happen, or if this happens on a regular basis. Wouldn't it be nice to have some fair knowledge about the flight activities of carriers so that you could plan your flights well? Well, we could try and get some insights into the carriers' flight activities for 2008 from the exploratory analysis of the flight dataset below. From the analysis, we aim to get some insights into the leading factors that cause flight delays and/or cancellations.

Preliminary Wrangling

```
import numpy as np
          import pandas as pd
          import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
          import seaborn as sns
          %matplotlib inline
In [14]:
          # import data set and view the first few rows
          df = pd.read csv('2008.csv')
          df.head()
             Year Month DayofMonth DayOfWeek DepTime CRSDepTime ArrTime CRSArrTime UniqueCarrier F
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import all packages and set plots to be embedded inline

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5 rows × 29 columns

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'Cancelled', 'CancellationCode', 'Diverted', 'CarrierDelay', 'WeatherDelay', 'NASDelay', 'SecurityDelay', 'LateAircraftDelay'], dtype='object')
```

Structure of the Dataset

The dataset is fairly large with almost 7.5 million rows and 29 features (columns).

- Year: The year for which the data about flights was collected. This data recorded in 2008
- Month: The month in the year in which the flight was recorded. 1 represents January, 2 represents February in that order
- DayofMonth: The day of the month in which the flight was recorded
- DayOfWeek: Day of the week in which the flight was recorded. 1 represents Monday, and 7 represents Sunday
- DepTime: The departure time of the flight
- CRSDepTime: 'The scheduled departure time of the flight
- ArrTime: The actual arrival time of the flight
- CRSArrTime: The scheduled arrival time time of the flight
- UniqueCarrier: The unique code of the carrier
- FlightNum: The flight number
- TailNum: The tail number of the aircraft
- ActualElapsedTime: The actual elapsed time of the flight
- CRSElapsedTime: The scheduled elapsed time of the flight
- AirTime: The recorded airtime of the flight
- ArrDelay: The recorded arrival delay of the flight
- DepDelay: The flight delay time
- Origin: The IATA code of the flight orgin
- Dest: The IATA code of the flight destination
- Distance : Flight distance, measured in miles
- TaxiIn: The recorded time for the flight to taxi into the runway
- TaxiOut: The recorded time for the flight to taxi out of the runway
- Cancelled: Whether the flight was cancelled (0 = No, 1 = Yes)
- CancellationCode: Flight cancellation reason (A = carrier, B = weather, C = NAS, D = security)
- Diverted: Whether the flight was diverted (0 = No, 1 = Yes)
- CarrierDelay: Flight delay caused by carrier
- WeatherDelay: Flight delay caused by weather conditions
- NASDelay: Flight delay caused by NAS
- SecurityDelay: Flight delay caused by security concerns
- LateAircraftDelay: Flight delays caused by late arrival of the aircraft

Features of interest in the dataset

The UniqueCarrier variable is a major feature of interest for this exploration.

What features in the dataset do you think will help support your investigation into your feature(s) of interest?

The variables Month, DayOfMonth, DayOfWeek, Cancelled, CancellationCode, Diverted, CarrierDelay, WeatherDelay, NASDelay, SecurityDelay and LateAircraftDelay will be the

features of the dataset that will support our investigations into the main feature of interest of the dataset

Visual Assessment

Programmatic Assessment

```
In [13]: # a look at data types
                 df.info()
                 <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
                 RangeIndex: 2389217 entries, 0 to 2389216
                 Data columns (total 29 columns):
                 # Column
                                                           Dtype
                   U Year
1 Month
                                                           int64
                  1 Month int64
2 DayofMonth int64
3 DayOfWeek int64
4 DepTime float64
5 CRSDepTime int64
6 ArrTime float64
7 CRSArrTime int64
8 UniqueCarrier object
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16 Origin object

17 Dest object

18 Distance int64

19 TaxiIn float64

20 TaxiOut float64

21 Cancelled int64

22 CancellationCode object
                  14 ArrDelay
15 DepDelay
16 Origin
17 Dest
18 Distance
19 TaxiIn
                   22 CancellationCode object
                   23 Diverted int64
24 CarrierDelay float64
25 WeatherDelay float64
26 NASDelay float64
                   27 SecurityDelay float64
                   28 LateAircraftDelay float64
                 dtypes: float64(14), int64(10), object(5)
                 memory usage: 528.6+ MB
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In [14]: #Descriptive statistics df.describe()

Out[14]:

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50%	6 2008.0	3.000000e+00	1.600000e+01	4.000000e+00	1.330000e+03	1.325000e+03	1.516000e+0
75%	6 2008.0	4.000000e+00	2.300000e+01	6.000000e+00	1.733000e+03	1.720000e+03	1.914000e+0

8 rows × 24 columns

1. Drop duplicated values

2. Convert Month, DayofMonth, DayOfWeek, Diverted datatypes to strings (Object) datatype

```
In [15]: # make a copy of dataset to begin data wrangle
    df_copy = df.copy()
    df_copy.head(20)
```

Out[15]:		Year	Month	DayofMonth	DayOfWeek	DepTime	CRSDepTime	ArrTime	CRSArrTime	UniqueCarrier
	0	2008	1	3	4	1343.0	1325	1451.0	1435	WN
	1	2008	1	3	4	1125.0	1120	1247.0	1245	WN
	2	2008	1	3	4	2009.0	2015	2136.0	2140	WN
	3	2008	1	3	4	903.0	855	1203.0	1205	WN
	4	2008	1	3	4	1423.0	1400	1726.0	1710	WN
	5	2008	1	3	4	2024.0	2020	2325.0	2325	WN
	6	2008	1	3	4	1753.0	1745	2053.0	2050	WN
	7	2008	1	3	4	622.0	620	935.0	930	WN
	8	2008	1	3	4	1944.0	1945	2210.0	2215	WN
	9	2008	1	3	4	1453.0	1425	1716.0	1650	WN
	10	2008	1	3	4	2030.0	2015	2251.0	2245	WN
	11	2008	1	3	4	708.0	615	936.0	840	WN
	12	2008	1	3	4	1749.0	1730	2039.0	2000	WN
	13	2008	1	3	4	1217.0	1215	1431.0	1440	WN
	14	2008	1	3	4	954.0	940	1206.0	1205	WN
	15	2008	1	3	4	1758.0	1800	1854.0	1900	WN
	16	2008	1	3	4	2210.0	2120	2305.0	2215	WN
	17	2008	1	3	4	740.0	740	836.0	840	WN
	18	2008	1	3	4	1011.0	1005	1116.0	1105	WN
	19	2008	1	3	4	1612.0	1520	1707.0	1620	WN

20 rows × 29 columns

Define: Drop duplicates

Code

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In [16]: # drop duplicates from dataset
df_copy = df.drop_duplicates()
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Test

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In [17]: # check to confirm there are no duplicate
    df_copy.duplicated().sum()
```

Out[17]:

Define: ConvertMonth, DayofMonth, DayOfWeek, Diverted datatypes to strings (Object) datatype

Code

```
In [18]: # convert to Month, DayofMonth, DayOfWeek, Diverted datatypes to object datatype
         df copy.Month= df copy.Month.astype('object')
         df copy.DayofMonth= df copy.DayofMonth.astype('object')
         df copy.DayOfWeek= df copy.DayOfWeek.astype('object')
         df copy.Diverted= df copy.Diverted.astype('object')
         /var/folders/9z/j18d1hs552g8rpcpybsp0jj80000gp/T/ipykernel 51247/1912092760.py:2: Settin
         gWithCopyWarning:
         A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
         Try using .loc[row indexer,col indexer] = value instead
         See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user
         guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
           df copy.Month= df copy.Month.astype('object')
         /var/folders/9z/j18d1hs552g8rpcpybsp0jj80000gp/T/ipykernel 51247/1912092760.py:3: Settin
         qWithCopyWarning:
         A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
         Try using .loc[row indexer,col indexer] = value instead
         See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user
         guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
           df copy.DayofMonth= df copy.DayofMonth.astype('object')
         /var/folders/9z/j18d1hs552g8rpcpybsp0jj80000gp/T/ipykernel 51247/1912092760.py:4: Settin
         gWithCopyWarning:
         A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
         Try using .loc[row indexer,col indexer] = value instead
         See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user
         guide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
           df copy.DayOfWeek= df copy.DayOfWeek.astype('object')
         /var/folders/9z/j18d1hs552g8rpcpybsp0jj80000gp/T/ipykernel 51247/1912092760.py:5: Settin
         gWithCopyWarning:
         A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
         Try using .loc[row indexer,col indexer] = value instead
         See the caveats in the documentation: https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user
         quide/indexing.html#returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
           df copy.Diverted= df copy.Diverted.astype('object')
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#	Column	Dtype	
0	Year	int64	
1	Month	object	
2	DayofMonth	object	
3	DayOfWeek	object	
4	DepTime	float64	
5	CRSDepTime	int64	
6	ArrTime	float64	

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CRSArrTime
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                                   object
 8 UniqueCarrier
 9 FlightNum
                                    int64
                                   object
 10 TailNum
 11 ActualElapsedTime float64
 12 CRSElapsedTime float64
13 AirTime float64
12 CRSETapsedTime floated
13 AirTime float64
14 ArrDelay float64
15 DepDelay float64
16 Origin object
17 Dest object
18 Distance int64
19 TaxiIn float64
20 TaxiOut float64
21 Cancelled int64
22 CancellationCode object
 22 CancellationCode object
 23 Diverted object
24 CarrierDelay float64
25 WeatherDelay float64
26 NASDelay float64
                                    float64
 26 NASDelay
 27 SecurityDelay float64
 28 LateAircraftDelay float64
memory usage: 546.8+ MB
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dtypes: float64(14), int64(6), object(9)

```
In [20]: # save wrangled dataset
         df copy.to csv('df clean.csv', index = False)
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In [22]: # get a visual view of the few rows of the dataset df clean = pd.read csv('df clean.csv') df clean.sample(20)

Out[22]:		Year	Month	DayofMonth	DayOfWeek	DepTime	CRSDepTime	ArrTime	CRSArrTime	UniqueCa
	2059497	2008	4	13	7	1502.0	1503	1947.0	1939	
	1494672	2008	3	27	4	1652.0	1650	1908.0	1837	
	1956458	2008	4	3	4	1632.0	1609	1804.0	1733	
	1917859	2008	4	3	4	1512.0	1505	1648.0	1629	
	445866	2008	1	2	3	2133.0	2118	2201.0	2131	
	878058	2008	2	25	1	708.0	703	1040.0	1022	
	2178674	2008	4	17	4	701.0	655	817.0	815	
	1440237	2008	3	4	2	2225.0	2220	2253.0	2248	
	725329	2008	2	4	1	2122.0	2125	2239.0	2237	
	1595672	2008	3	24	1	1340.0	1345	1523.0	1530	
	500339	2008	1	17	4	1830.0	1835	2047.0	2040	
	570214	2008	1	28	1	1607.0	1607	1718.0	1710	
	1982092	2008	4	30	3	720.0	730	929.0	934	
	203754	2008	1	22	2	NaN	1310	NaN	1526	
	2127450	2008	4	6	7	1923.0	1925	2051.0	2053	
	545696	2008	1	30	3	602.0	615	805.0	827	
	131528	2008	1	4	5	1009.0	1018	1118.0	1135	
	2286099	2008	4	5	6	1739.0	1740	2015.0	2015	
	1800848	2008	4	6	7	2351.0	2130	147.0	2340	

20 rows × 29 columns

Univariate Exploration

In the exploration and analysis of the data that follows, we will answer the following questions:

- 1. Which month(s) of the year had more flights?
- 2. Which day(s) of the month had more flights?
- 3. Which days of the week had more flights?
- 4. Which carriers recorded the most flights?
- 5. Which is the most frequent cause of delay?

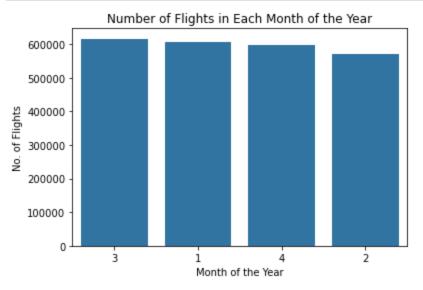
Question: Which month(s) of the year had more flights?

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In [23]: # choose a base color for all visuals
    base_color = sns.color_palette()[0]

# get the order of months with highest no. of flights
    order_month = df_clean.Month.value_counts().index

In [24]: # create a plotting function
    def plot(data, feature, order):
        sns.countplot(data = data, x = feature, color = base_color, order = order);

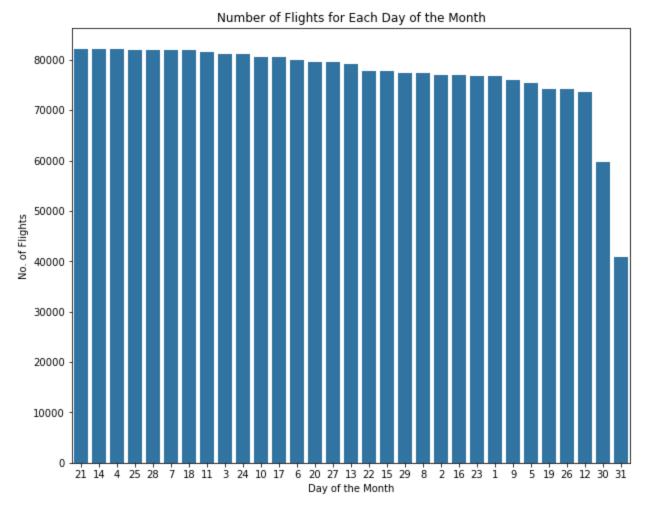
In [27]: #plot flights of months
    plot(df_clean, df_copy.Month, order_month)
    plt.title('Number of Flights in Each Month of the Year')
    plt.xlabel('Month of the Year')
    plt.ylabel('No. of Flights');
```



From the visualization above, it is observed that in the year 2008, the month of March had the highest number of flights while February had the least number of flights.

Question: Which day(s) of the month had more flights?

```
In [29]: # plot flights of days in a months
    order_day = df_clean.DayofMonth.value_counts().index
    plt.figure(figsize=[10,8])
    plot(df_clean, df_clean.DayofMonth, order_day)
    plt.title('Number of Flights for Each Day of the Month')
    plt.xlabel('Day of the Month')
    plt.ylabel('No. of Flights');
```

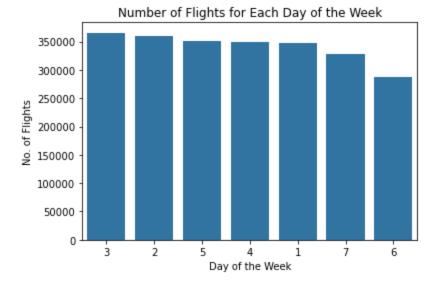


Observation

From the visualization above, it is observed that the most flights take place on the 21 of the month whereas less flights are recorded on the last days of the month (30 and 31)

Question: Which day(s) of the week had more flights?

```
In [30]: #plot for days of the week
    order_week = df_clean.DayOfWeek.value_counts().index
    plot(df_clean, df_clean.DayOfWeek,order_week)
    plt.title('Number of Flights for Each Day of the Week')
    plt.xlabel('Day of the Week')
    plt.ylabel('No. of Flights');
```

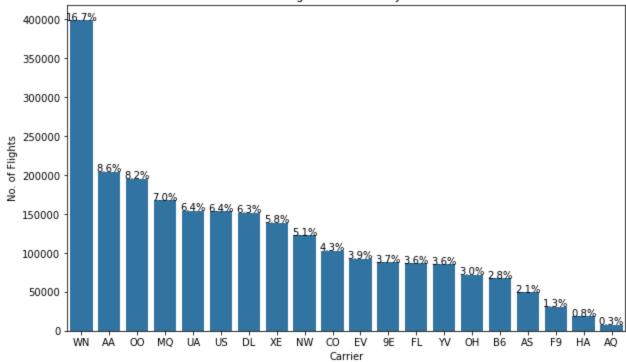


From the visualization, it be be observed that weekends have fewer flights than weekdays. Wednesdays had the most flights, followed by Teusdays.

Question: Which carriers recorded the most flights?

```
In [31]: # plot flights recorded by carriers
         plt.figure(figsize=[10,6])
         carrier_counts= df_clean.UniqueCarrier.value counts()
         order carrier = carrier counts.index
         sum unique carrier = df clean.UniqueCarrier.value counts().sum()
         plot(df clean, df clean.UniqueCarrier, order carrier)
         plt.title('Number Of Flights Recorded By Each Carrier')
         plt.xlabel('Carrier')
         plt.ylabel('No. of Flights');
         # get the current tick locations and labels
         locs, labels = plt.xticks()
         # loop through each pair of locations and labels
         for loc, label in zip(locs, labels):
             # get the text property for the label to get the correct count
             count = carrier counts[label.get text()]
             pct string = '{:0.1f}%'.format(100*count/sum unique carrier)
             # print the annotation just below the top of the bar
             plt.text(loc, count+2, pct string, ha = 'center', color = 'black')
```

Number Of Flights Recorded By Each Carrier



Observation

WN Airlines recorded the most number of flights for the year 2008 (Almost 400,000 flights). AQ had the least number of recorded flights

In percentage terms, WN undertook a whooping 16% of all recorded flights in 2008 whereas HA and AQ each had less than 1%

Question: Which is the most frequent cause of delay?

Visualization

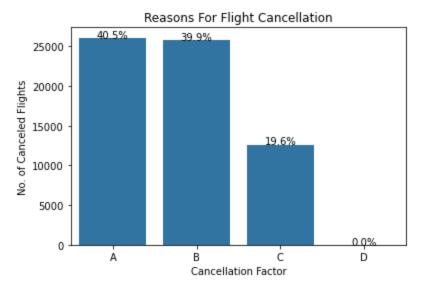
get unique cancellation codes

In [32]:

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df clean.CancellationCode.value counts()
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Out[32]:
              25744
         С
              12617
         Name: CancellationCode, dtype: int64
In [33]: # plot reasons for flight cancellation
         sum cancel = df clean.CancellationCode.value counts().sum()
         cancel counts = df clean.CancellationCode.value counts()
         order cancel = df clean.CancellationCode.value counts().index
         plot(df clean, df clean.CancellationCode, order cancel)
         plt.title('Reasons For Flight Cancellation')
         plt.xlabel('Cancellation Factor')
         plt.ylabel('No. of Canceled Flights')
         # get the current tick locations and labels
         locs, labels = plt.xticks()
         # loop through each pair of locations and labels
         for loc, label in zip(locs, labels):
              # get the text property for the label to get the correct count
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count = cancel_counts[label.get_text()]
pct_string = '{:0.1f}%'.format(100*count/sum_cancel)

# print the annotation just below the top of the bar
plt.text(loc, count+2, pct_string, ha = 'center', color = 'black');
```



From the above visualization, it can be observed that about 40.5% of all canceled flights were as a result of delays from the carriers. Also, 39.9% of flights that were canceled were as a result of bad weather. Lastly, about 19.6% of all flights canceled were caused by NAS. There were no flights that were canceled due to security reasons.

Summary of Univariate Exploration

Some variables of the dataset were chosen as features of interest for the analysis. These variables are Month, DayofMonth, DayOfWeek, UniqueCarriers and CancellationCode. These were used to answer the following questions

- Which month(s) of the year had more flights?
- Which day(s) of the month had more flights?
- Which day(s) of the week had more flights?
- Which carriers recorded the most flights?
- Which is the most frequent cause of delay?

From the analysis done above, the following observations were made

- 1. February had the least number of flights in 2008, whereas March had the most.
- 2. The last days of the month saw significantly less number of flights recorded.
- 3. Most flights took place mid-week than on weekends.
- 4. WN Airlines recorded the most number of flights with 16.7% of the total number of recorded flights.
- 5. Of the factors that contribute to cancellation of flights, carrier delays account for 41%. No flights were canceled due to security reasons.

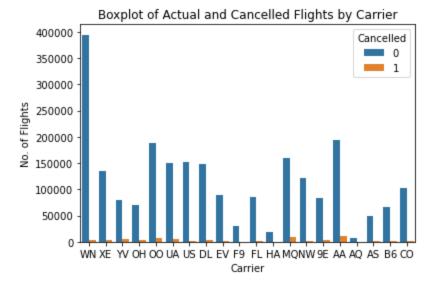
Unusual Distributions

The features considered in the univariate exploration above were seen to be normal. There were no unusual features that needed further investigations. As such, there was no need to make any transformations or feature engineerign to the data.

Bivariate Exploration

Question: Which carrier(s) had the most number of cancelled flights?

```
In [66]: # plotting a clusterd barchart of actual and cancelled flights by carrier
    sns.countplot(data=df_clean, x='UniqueCarrier', hue='Cancelled')
    plt.title('Barchart of Actual and Cancelled Flights by Carrier')
    plt.xlabel('Carrier')
    plt.ylabel('No. of Flights');
```



Heatmap of No. of Actual and Cancelled Flights by Carrier ÃÃ AQ 350000 ΑŚ 49081 B6 66576 902 300000 CO 101618 250000 ΕV F9 FL Carrier 200000 HΑ 112 MQ 8960 121392 NW 1407 - 150000 OH 2618

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No. of Actual and Cancelled Flights

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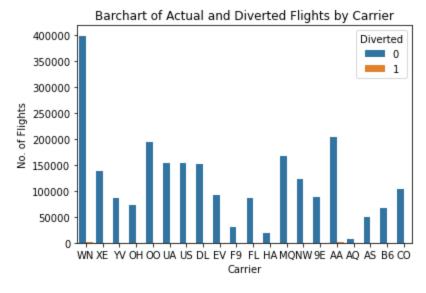
From the two graphs above, it can be observed that although WN had the most number of flights in 2008, they recorded very low flight cancellations. Carrier AA had by far the most number of flight cancellations.

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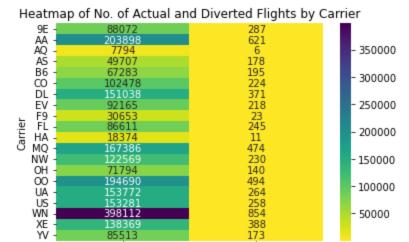
Question: Which carriers have the most diverted flights?

```
In [133... # barplot of diverted flights
    sns.countplot(data=df_clean, x='UniqueCarrier', hue='Diverted')
    plt.title('Barchart of Actual and Diverted Flights by Carrier')
    plt.xlabel('Carrier')
    plt.ylabel('No. of Flights');
```



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In [71]: # plotting a heatmap of actual and cancelled flights by carrier
    sns.heatmap(diverted_counts, annot = True, fmt = 'd', cmap='viridis_r')
    plt.title('Heatmap of No. of Actual and Diverted Flights by Carrier')
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plt.xlabel('No. of Actual and Diverted Flights')
plt.ylabel('Carrier');



No. of Actual and Diverted Flights

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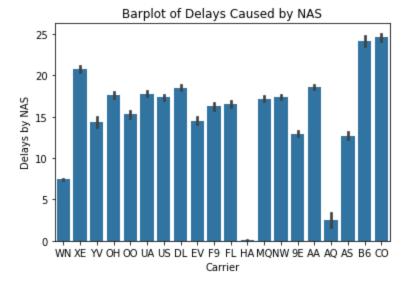
Observation

From the observation above, WN had the most diverted flights in 2008 with 854 flight diversions

Question: Which carrier(s) expereinced more delays? And of which delay reasons?

Visualization

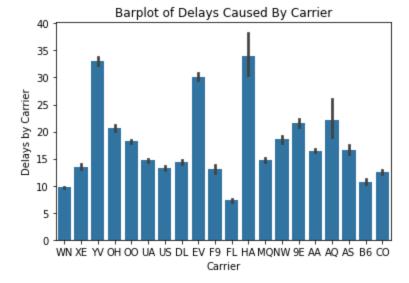
```
In [98]: #barplot
sns.barplot(data=df_clean, x='UniqueCarrier', y='NASDelay', color = base_color)
plt.title('Barplot of Delays Caused by NAS')
plt.xlabel('Carrier')
plt.ylabel('Delays by NAS');
```



Observation

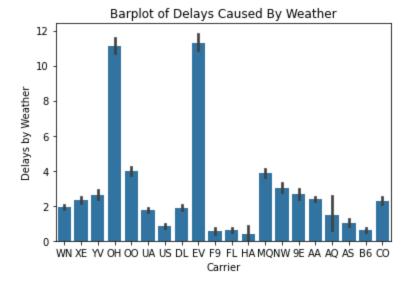
From the graph above, it can be observed that B6 and CO had the most flight delays by NAS

```
In [93]: #barplot
    sns.barplot(data=df_clean, x='UniqueCarrier', y='CarrierDelay', color = base_color)
    plt.title('Barplot of Delays Caused By Carrier')
    plt.xlabel('Carrier')
    plt.ylabel('Delays by Carrier');
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From the graph above, it can be observed that HA had the most flight delays occasioned by carrier delays

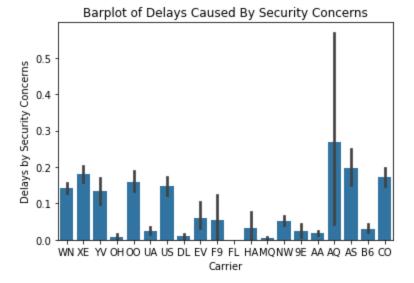
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In [95]: #barplot
sns.barplot(data=df_clean, x='UniqueCarrier', y='WeatherDelay', color = base_color)
plt.title('Barplot of Delays Caused By Weather')
plt.xlabel('Carrier')
plt.ylabel('Delays by Weather');
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Observation

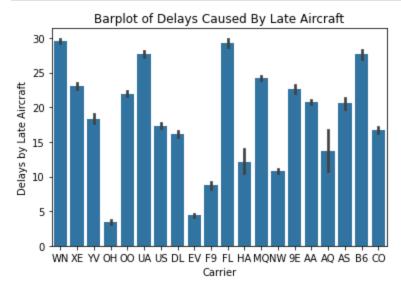
From the graph above, it can be observed that OH and EV carriers had the most flight delays by occasioned by (poor) weather conditions

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In [96]: #barplot
    sns.barplot(data=df_clean, x='UniqueCarrier', y='SecurityDelay', color = base_color)
    plt.title('Barplot of Delays Caused By Security Concerns')
    plt.xlabel('Carrier')
    plt.ylabel('Delays by Security Concerns');
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From the graph above, it can be observed that AQ had the most flight delays by security reasons

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In [97]: #barplot
    sns.barplot(data=df_clean, x='UniqueCarrier', y='LateAircraftDelay', color = base_color)
    plt.title('Barplot of Delays Caused By Late Aircraft')
    plt.xlabel('Carrier')
    plt.ylabel('Delays by Late Aircraft');
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Observation

From the graph above, it can be observerd that quite a number of carriers had a lot of aircraft delays. Particularly, WN, UA, FL and AS had some high occurences of flight delays.

Summary of Bivariate Exploration

Questions

- 1. Which carrier(s) had the most number of cancelled flights?
- 2. Which carrier(s) have the most diverted flights?
- 3. Which carrier(s) expereinced more delays? And of which delay reasons?

Observations

- Although WN had the most number of flights in 2008, they recorded very low flight cancellations. Carrier AA had by far the most number of flight cancellations.
- WN had the most diverted flights in 2008 with 854 flight diversions
- B6 and CO had the most flight delays by NAS
- · HA had the most flight delays occasioned by carrier delays
- OH and EV carriers had the most flight delays by occasioned by (poor) weather conditions
- Quite a number of carriers had a lot of aircraft delays but WN, UA, FL and AS had the highest of delays as a result of aircraft delay.

Interesting feature of interest

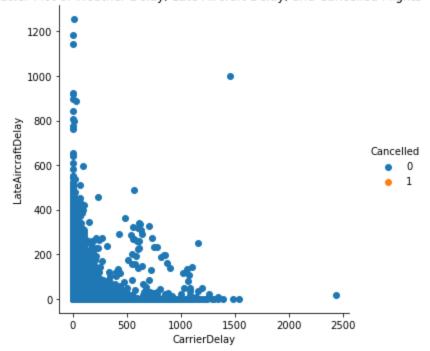
• Even though WN airlines had the highest number of recorded flights in 2008, they recorded the lowest number of cancelled flights. Wihtout making any concrete inference, it could be argued that travelers may have prefereed WN to the other carriers because booked flights with WN were less likely to be cancelled. Further investigations into the correlation between number of cancelled flights and number of recorded flights could give better insights into the relationship between number of recorded flights by a carrier and the number of cancelled flights by that carrier.

Multivariate Exploration

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In [132... #plot a scatter for correlation between delays and cancelled flights
g = sns.FacetGrid(data = df_clean, hue = 'Cancelled', height = 5)
g.map(plt.scatter, 'CarrierDelay', 'LateAircraftDelay')
g.add_legend()

plt.title('Scatter Plot of Weather Delay, Late Aircraft Delay, and Cancelled Flights');
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Scatter Plot of Weather Delay, Late Aircraft Delay, and Cancelled Flights



Talk about some of the relationships you observed in this part of the investigation. Were there features that strengthened each other in terms of looking at your feature(s) of interest?

From the multivariate visualization above, there is a strong positive correlation between between Carrier Delay and Late Aircraft Delay. However, there was no observed correlation between these two variables and cancelled flights. This means that neither of these delay factors resulted in flight cancellations

Interesting Observation

No flights were cacelled due to Carrier Delays or Late Aircraft Delay.

Conclusions

- 1. February had the least number of flights in 2008, whereas March had the most.
- 2. The last days of the month saw significantly less number of flights recorded.
- 3. Most flights took place mid-week than on weekends.
- 4. WN Airlines recorded the most number of flights with 16.7% of the total number of recorded flights.
- 5. Of the factors that contribute to cancellation of flights, carrier delays account for 41%. No flights were canceled due to security reasons.
- 6. Although WN had the most number of flights in 2008, they recorded very low flight cancellations. Carrier AA had by far the most number of flight cancellations.
- 7. WN had the most diverted flights in 2008 with 854 flight diversions
- 8. B6 and CO had the most flight delays by NAS
- 9. HA had the most flight delays occasioned by carrier delays
- 10. OH and EV carriers had the most flight delays by occasioned by (poor) weather conditions
- 11. Quite a number of carriers had a lot of aircraft delays but WN, UA, FL and AS had the highest of delays as a result of aircraft delay.
- 12. Even though WN airlines had the highest number of recorded flights in 2008, they recorded the lowest number of cancelled flights. Wihtout making any concrete inference, it could be argued that travelers may have prefereed WN to the other carriers because booked flights with WN were less likely to be cancelled. Further investigations into the correlation between number of cancelled flights and number of recorded flights could give better insights into the relationship between number of recorded flights by a carrier and the number of cancelled flights by that carrier.
- 13. No flights were cacelled due to Carrier Delays or Late Aircraft Delay.