Telco Customer Churn Analysis – Summary

Dataset & Preprocessing

- Dataset: Customer Churn.csv
- Data cleaning steps:
 - o Replaced blank entries in **TotalCharges** with 0 and converted the column to float.
 - Converted SeniorCitizen (0/1) into categorical values (Yes/No).
 - \circ Checked for duplicates and null values \rightarrow none significant after cleaning.

Overall Churn

- Churn Rate: ~ 26.54% of customers have churned.
- This is a significant proportion, indicating retention issues.

Demographic Factors

1. Gender

- o Churn rates are almost equal for male and female customers.
- Gender is not a strong driver of churn.

2. Senior Citizens

o Senior citizens churn at a **much higher rate** than non-senior customers.

Tenure

- Customers with **short tenure (1–2 months)** churn the most.
- Customers with long tenure are far more likely to stay loyal.
- Indicates early-stage retention problem.

Contract Type

- Month-to-Month contracts → very high churn.
- 1-Year and 2-Year contracts → much lower churn.
- Suggests that longer contracts encourage retention.

Services

1. Phone Service

o Most customers have it; churn is present but not strongly determined by it.

2. Multiple Lines

o Churn is slightly higher among those with multiple lines.

3. Internet Service

- o **Fiber optic users** churn the most (highest-risk group).
- o **DSL users** churn moderately.
- o **No internet service** → lowest churn.

4. Online Security, Online Backup, Device Protection, Tech Support

- o In all four cases, customers who do not have these add-ons churn more.
- Subscribing to these services appears to **protect against churn**.

5. Streaming Services (TV & Movies)

- Balanced between churners and non-churners.
- No strong impact on churn.

Payment Method

- Customers with automatic payment methods churn less.
- Manual payment users are more prone to churn.

Key Insights

1. High churn risk groups:

- Senior citizens
- New customers (low tenure)
- Month-to-month contract holders
- Fiber optic internet users
- Customers lacking value-added services (security, backup, tech support)

2. Retention strategies:

- Encourage longer contracts (e.g., discounts for 1–2 year plans).
- o Target early-stage customers with onboarding/loyalty incentives.
- o Provide bundled services (security, backup, tech support) to increase stickiness.
- Promote automatic payment methods.

3. **Neutral factors:**

 $\circ\quad$ Gender and streaming services do not strongly affect churn.