Cyclistic Case Study

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Executive Summary

Company

Cyclistic is a bike-share company operating in Chicago with over 5,800 bikes and 600 docking stations.

Offerings

Cyclistic offers flexibility with annual memberships and single-ride passes for traditional and electric bikes.

Strategy

Annual subscribers are the key to Cyclistic's growth and long-term success.

Questions & Challenges

Challenge 1

Understand Customer Habits

How do annual members and casual riders use Cyclistic bikes differently?

Challenge 2

Create Value

Why would casual riders buy Cyclistic annual memberships?

Challenge 3

Conversion to Annual Members

How can Cyclistic use digital media to influence casual riders to become members?

At a Glance

July 2022 - June 2023

Total Number of Trips

5.7 M

Average Ride Duration

18 min

Busiest Day

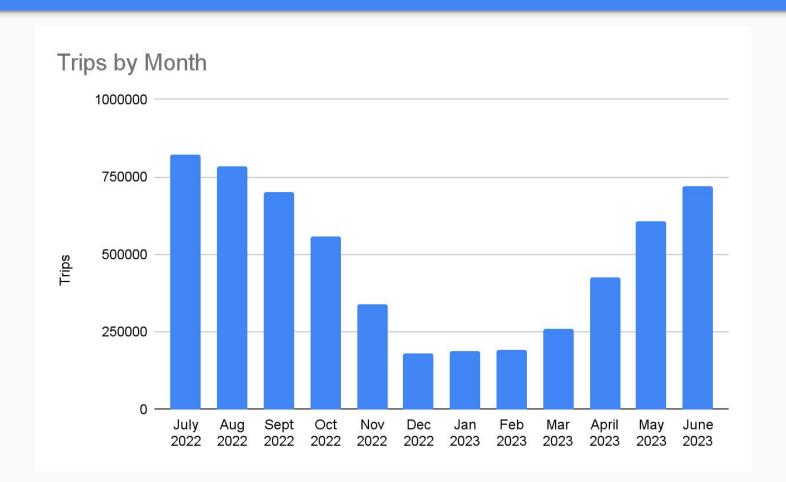
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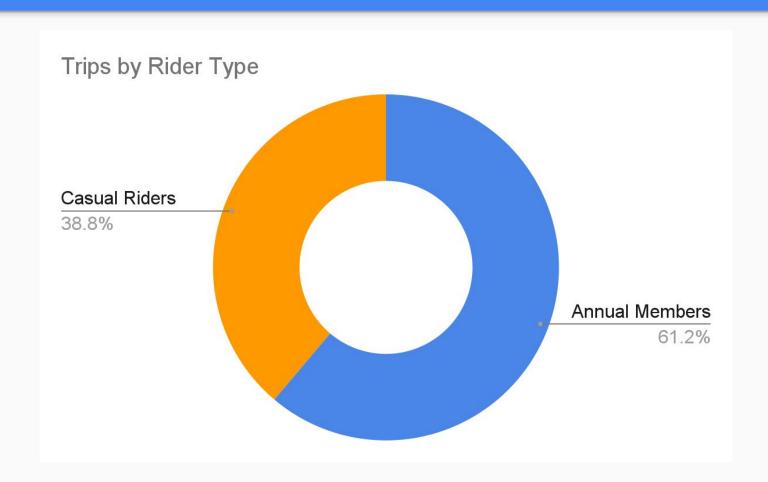
Busiest Time

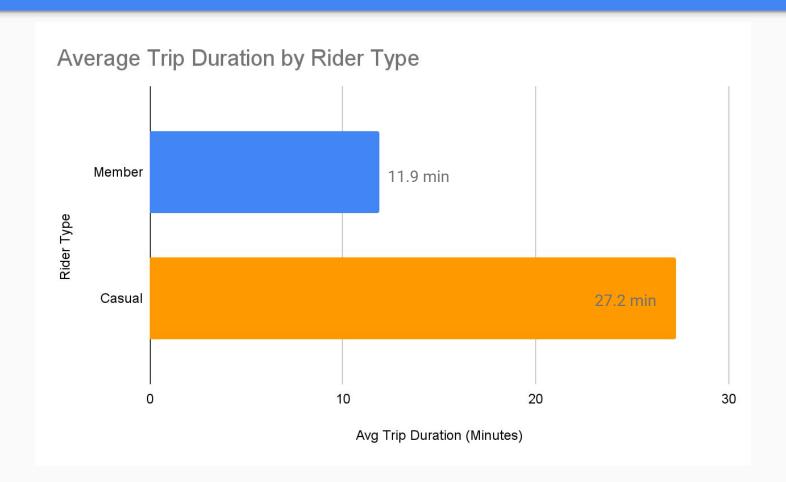
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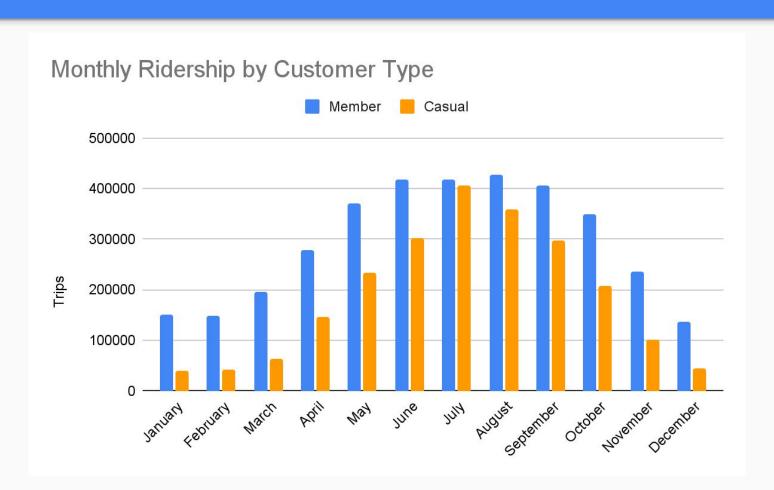
Busiest Months

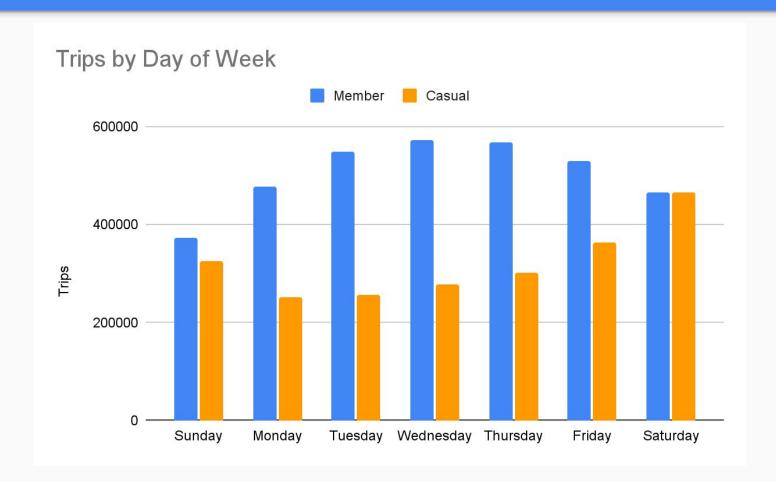
June - August

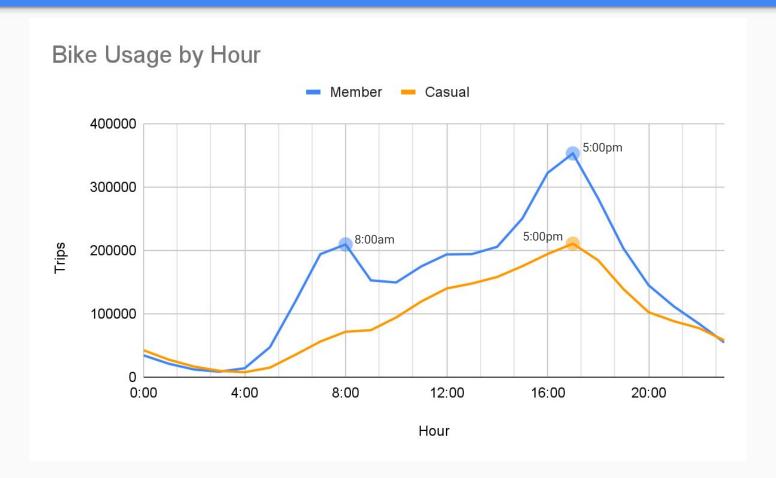


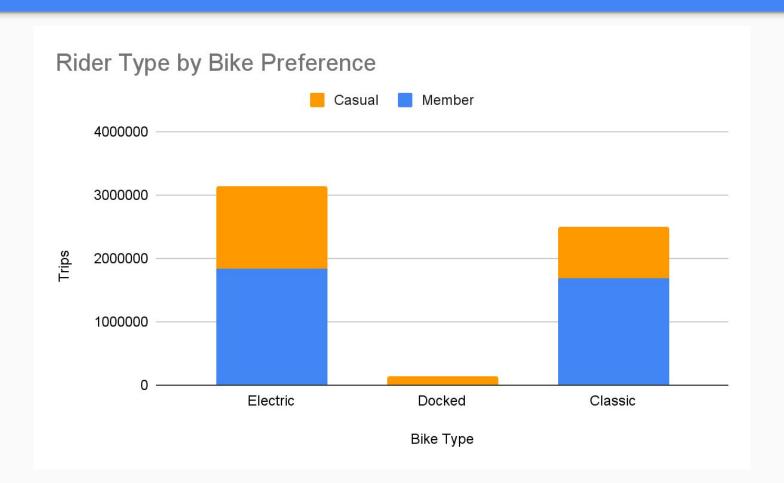


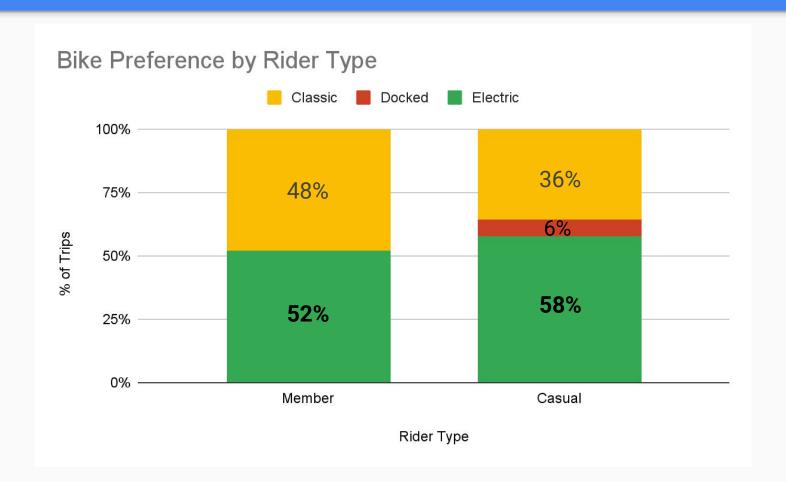


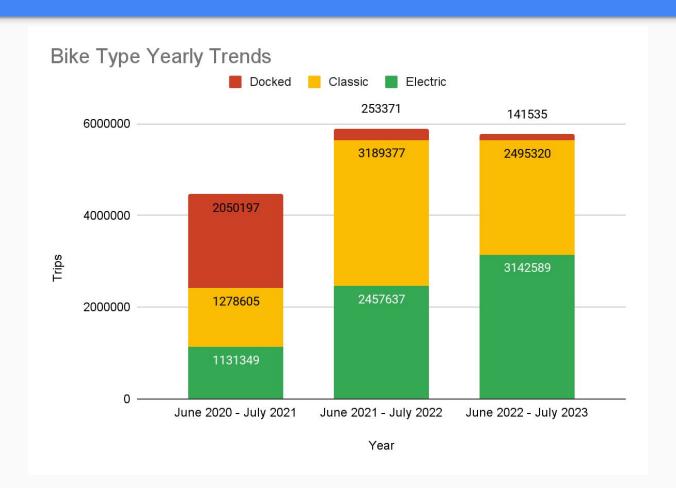












Data Limitations

No data linking trips back to specific members or casual riders

Recommendations

- Include member ID in future data collection to better understand member habits.
- Collect name, email, or phone number as an identifier for casual riders.

Questions & Challenges Answered

Challenge 1

Understand Customer Habits

How do annual members and casual riders use Cyclistic bikes differently?

Members

- Commuting on weekdays and during rush hour
- Shorter trips
- More consistent usage throughout the year

Casual Riders

- Longer trips
- Late afternoons and weekends
- Usage spike during summer months

Questions & Challenges Answered

Challenge 2

Create Value

Why would casual riders buy Cyclistic annual memberships?

- Offer bike options that are only available with memberships.
- Include exclusive deals through partnerships with local businesses and attractions.

Questions & Challenges Answered

Challenge 3

Conversion to Annual Members

How can Cyclistic use digital media to influence casual riders to become members?

- Partner with local content creators on YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok to promote using Cyclistic to get around Chicago.
- Partner with sports teams and performance venues to highlight ease of travel to popular destinations in the city.

Solution 1

Short-term seasonal memberships

- Casual riders primarily use Cyclistic bikes during the warmer months.
- Cyclistic could offer 3 to 6 month memberships that start in April, May, or June.

Solution 2

Multi-day passes for visitors to Chicago

- Chicago sees most of its tourism during the warmer summer months.
- Cyclistic should offer multi-day passes for visitors to travel around the city during their stay.
- Marketing should focus on ease of travel: not having to rely on public transportation or cost of Lyft/Uber/taxi.
- Partnership opportunity: discounted entry to museums and points of interest with purchase of a multi-day pass.

Solution 3

Offer pricing incentives for members

- E-bikes are increasing in popularity over the past 3 years.
- Introduce a higher price point for single-use e-bike rentals.
- Offer a reduced e-bike rental price for members.