

The Bank Project May, 13th 2023 By Craig Schlachter

Key Findings

I analyzed data on 9,480 customers to identify users that are about to churn. My findings suggest that the following customers are at a higher risk of churning:

- Customers who spend less
- Customers who transact infrequently
- Customers who are dormant
- Female customers
- Middle-aged customers (41-55)
- Customers with low card utilization (0 0.333)
- Customers making less than \$40,000 a year

These findings have implications for our bank that wants to reduce customer churn. The bank should focus on retaining customers who are at risk of churning by offering them discounts, rewards, or other incentives to keep them engaged.

The limitations of this study includes the fact that it is third party data and we noticed an unusually high amount of customers have been on the books for 36 months. We can't assess if this is a strange outlier or maybe a product promotion the bank ran for a card product.

For future research, I would recommend conducting a study with a larger sample size and collecting more data on the customers who are at risk of churning. This would help to better understand the factors that contribute to customer churn and develop more effective strategies for retaining customers.

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Step 1: Ask

Here, we clarify the problem we are trying to solve, and the objectives we are trying to meet.

1.1 Background

A local bank has contacted us to help find solutions for their customer relations department. The bank manager is concerned about customer churn and wants to predict who is most likely to leave so they can take action to retain them.

The bank manager is confident that an in-depth analysis of their 10,000 banking customers would reveal more opportunities for customer service initiatives.

1.2 Business Task

Analyze a banking dataset consisting of 10,000 unique records to gain insights into how customer demographics, spending habits, and risk affects customer churn rates. Create a customer segmentation model that can be used to predict future churn rates and develop strategies to retain them.

1.3 Business Objectives

- What are the average churn rates for customers with RFM scores from 1-5?
- Who are the most common customer segments?
- What is each customer segments' average monthly RFM values?
- What segments are most likely to churn, and what are their characterizations?

1.4 Deliverables

- A clear summary of the business task
- A description of all data sources used
- Documentation of any cleaning or manipulation of data
- A summary of analysis
- Supporting visualizations and key findings
- High-level content recommendations based on the analysis

1.5 Key Stakeholders

- The bank's CEO, who is the leader of the bank and in charge of making financial lives better for their customers.
- The bank manager, who oversees the day-to-day operations of the branch, supervises staff and works to keep and attract new customers.
- The customer relations department, who are in charge of building and maintaining customer relationships.

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Step 2: Prepare

In the Prepare phase, we assess the data and its limitations.

2.1 Information on Data Source

- Data is publicly available on <u>Kaggle: Credit Card Customers</u> and stored in 1 csv file.
- 2. This dataset was collected from a website <u>Leaps Analyttica</u>, a website dedicated to learning data science.
- 3. This dataset consists of 10,000 unique records.
- 4. Data collected includes age, gender, marital status, income, education, credit limit, average utilization ratio, and churn.

2.2 Limitations of Data Set

- The data was collected at least 2 years ago in 2021. The data covers customers'
 demographics, spending habits, credit limits, average utilization ratio, revolving
 balance, average accounts open, and etc.
- It is a small sample size. There are only 10,000 customers in the dataset. This is a small number compared to the millions of credit card customers in the United States.
- This data is from a third party so we cannot ascertain its integrity or accuracy.

2.3 Is Data ROCCC?

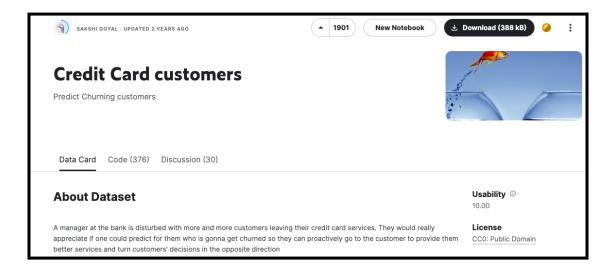
A good data source is ROCCC which stands for Reliable, Original, Comprehensive, Current, and Cited.

- Reliable MED Not highly reliable as it only has 10,000 records
- Original LOW Third Party Provider (<u>Kaggle: Credit Card Customers</u>)
- Comprehensive MED Parameters are sufficient to solve business task
- Current MED The data is 2 years old and may not be as relevant
- Cited LOW The data was collected from a third party, hence unknown

Overall, due to the limitations of this dataset, it is not recommended to use it to produce business intelligence recommendations.

2.4 Data Selection

The following file is downloaded and then imported into our created SQL table 'bank_cleaning'.



2.5 Tools

We are using SQL for data-wrangling and exploratory data analysis. Finally, we are using Tableau for visualizations.

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Step 3: Process

Here, we will process the data to ensure it is clean, correct, relevant, complete and free of errors and outliers by performing:

- Explore and observe the dataset
- · Check for and handle any missing values
- Check for and remove any duplicate rows

- Ensure data is input and formatted correctly
- Check for and handle any outlier values
- Save cleaned data to a new file

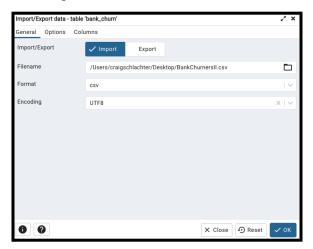
3.1 Preparing the environment

The SQL table is created, columns are named, and data types are set.

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-- DROP TABLE IF EXISTS public.bank_churn;
     CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS public.bank_churn
          attrition_flag text COLLATE pg_catalog."default", customer_age integer,
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          gender text COLLATE pg_catalog."default",
         dependent_count integer,
education_level text COLLATE pg_catalog."default";
          marital_status text COLLATE pg_catalog."default", income_category text COLLATE pg_catalog."default"
         card_category text COLLATE pg_catalog."default", months_on_book integer,
          total_relationship_count integer,
          months_inactive integer,
          contacts_count integer,
credit_limit numeric,
          total_revolving_bal numeric,
          avg_open_to_buy numeric,
           total_amt_change_q4_q1 numeric,
          total trans amt numeric.
           total_trans_ct integer,
          total_ct_change_q4_q1 numeric,
avg_utilization_ratio numeric
30 TABLESPACE pg_default;
32 ALTER TABLE IF EXISTS public.bank_churn
           OWNER to postgres;
```

3.2 Importing Dataset

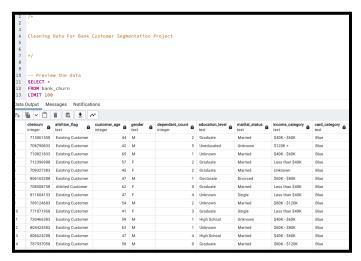
Reading in the selected file.



3.2 Data Cleaning and Manipulation

- 1. Observe and familiarize with data
- 2. Check for nulls or missing values
- 3. Check for and remove duplicates
- 4. Check for and remove outliers
- 5. Perform validation checks of data

Previewing the first 100 rows to familiarize with the data.



Our initial impression of the dataset is that it is well-structured, organized, and formatted in a way that is suitable for the business task at hand.

Now, we will check for nulls or missing values.

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18 -- Check for the missing values in each column

19 SELECT

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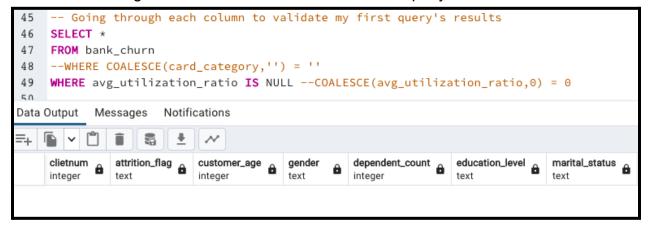
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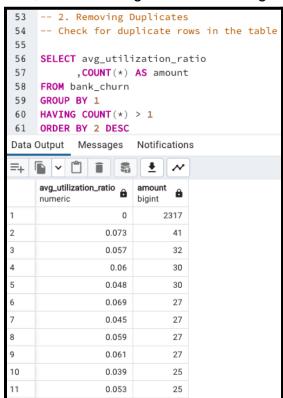
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All rows were absent of nulls or missing values. Now, we will validate each individual column for missing values or nulls to validate our above query.



Our validation process confirms our initial query's findings.

Next, I am checking for and removing any duplicates column by column.



After reviewing the results for each column, I did not find any duplicates that appeared to be unnatural for this type of dataset.

Now, I am checking for and removing outliers.

```
-- 6. Handle Outlier Values
95
     -- Looking at descriptive statistics to find outliers
96
97
98 -- Calculate the average, median, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum age of customers.
99 SELECT ROUND(avg(customer_age),2) AS avg_age
        ,PERCENTILE_CONT(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY customer_age) AS median_age
100
101
          ,ROUND(STDDEV(customer_age),2) AS stdv_of_age
102
         ,MIN(customer_age) AS min_age
103
          ,MAX(customer_age) AS max_age
104 FROM bank_churn
105
106 -- There is one customer who is 73 years old, which is 3 standard deviations above the mean.
107 -- This customer is an outlier and may be skewing the results.
108
109
110 -- This code then identifies the rows that are outliers
111 SELECT customer_age
112
          ,NTILE(100) OVER (ORDER BY customer_age) AS percentile
113 FROM bank_churn
114
115
116 -- This code then deletes the rows that are outliers
117 DELETE FROM bank_churn
    WHERE customer_age = 73
```

We identified an outlier in the "customer_age" column and removed it.

```
149 SELECT ROUND(avg(months_inactive),2) AS avg_months_inactive
150
          ,PERCENTILE_CONT(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY months_inactive) AS median_months_inactive
           ,ROUND(STDDEV(months_inactive),2) AS stdv_of_months_inactive
           ,MIN(months_inactive) AS min_months_inactive
153
           ,MAX(months_inactive) AS max_months_inactive
154 FROM bank_churn
155
156 -- There is one customer who has been inactive for 3 standard deviations above the mean.
157 -- This customer is an outlier and may be skewing the results.
158
159
160 -- This code then identifies the rows that are outliers
161 SELECT months_inactive
           ,NTILE(100) OVER (ORDER BY months_inactive) AS percentile
162
163 FROM bank_churn
164
165 -- This code then deletes the rows that are outliers
166 DELETE FROM bank churn
167 WHERE months_inactive IN(
                            WITH al AS (
168
                                        SELECT months_inactive
169
                                        ,NTILE(100) OVER (ORDER BY months_inactive) AS percentile
170
                                        FROM bank_churn
172
173
174
                            SELECT months_inactive
175
                            WHERE percentile = 100)
176
                             RETURNING *
```

We identified an outlier in the "months inactive" column and removed it.

```
Calculate the average, median, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum contacts count of customers
     SELECT ROUND(avg(contacts_count),2) AS avg_contacts_count
182
            ,PERCENTILE_CONT(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY contacts_count) AS median_contacts_count
183
            , \verb"ROUND(STDDEV(contacts\_count)", \verb"2") AS "stdv\_of\_contacts\_count" \\
184
            , \color{red}{\textbf{MIN}} (\texttt{contacts\_count}) \color{red}{\textbf{AS}} \color{black}{\textbf{min\_contacts\_count}}
185
            ,MAX(contacts_count) AS max_contacts_count
186 FROM bank_churn
187
     -- There is one customer who has contacts which are 3 standard deviations above the mean.
188
189
     -- This customer is an outlier and may be skewing the results.
191
192 -- This code then identifies the rows that are outliers
193 SELECT contacts_count
194
            ,NTILE(100) OVER (ORDER BY contacts_count) AS percentile
195 FROM bank_churn
196
197
198
       - This code then deletes the rows that are outliers
199 DELETE FROM bank_churn
200
     WHERE contacts_count IN(
201
                                WITH q1 AS (
202
                                             SELECT contacts_count
203
                                            ,NTILE(100) OVER (ORDER BY contacts_count) AS percentile
204
                                             FROM bank_churn
205
206
207
                                SELECT contacts_count
                                FROM q1
209
                                WHERE percentile = 100)
                                RETURNING *;
```

We identified an outlier in the "contacts_count" column and removed it.

```
242 SELECT ROUND(avg(total_amt_change_q4_q1),2) AS avg_total_amt_change_q4_q1
          ,PERCENTILE_CONT(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY total_amt_change_q4_q1) AS median_total_amt_change_q4_q1
243
244
           ,ROUND(STDDEV(total_amt_change_q4_q1),2) AS stdv_of_total_amt_change_q4_q1
245
           ,MIN(total_amt_change_q4_q1) AS min_total_amt_change_q4_q1
246
           ,MAX(total_amt_change_q4_q1) AS max_total_amt_change_q4_q1 -- Outlier of 3 STDDEV
247 FROM bank_churn
249
250
     -- This code then identifies the rows that are outliers
251 SELECT total_amt_change_q4_q1
           ,NTILE(100) OVER (ORDER BY total_amt_change_q4_q1) AS percentile
253 FROM bank_churn
254
255
256
     -- This code then deletes the rows that are outliers
257 DELETE FROM bank_churn
258 WHERE total_amt_change_q4_q1 IN(
259
                            WITH q1 AS (
260
                                        SELECT total_amt_change_q4_q1
                                       ,NTILE(100) OVER (ORDER BY total_amt_change_q4_q1) AS percentile
262
                                         FROM bank_churn
263
264
                             SELECT total_amt_change_q4_q1
267
                             WHERE percentile = 100)
```

We identified an outlier in the "total_amt_change_q4_q1" column and removed it.

```
271 -- Calculate the average, median, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum values for total_trans_at 272 SELECT ROUND(avg(total_trans_amt),2) AS avg_total_trans_amt
273
           ,PERCENTILE_CONT(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY total_trans_amt) AS median_total_trans_amt
274
            ,ROUND(STDDEV(total_trans_amt),2) AS stdv_of_total_trans_amt
275
            ,MIN(total_trans_amt) AS min_total_trans_amt
276
            ,MAX(total_trans_amt) AS max_total_trans_amt -- Outlier of 3 STDDEV
277 FROM bank_churn
278
279
280
     -- This code then identifies the rows that are outliers
281 SELECT total_trans_amt
282
            , NTILE(100) OVER (ORDER BY total_trans_amt) AS percentile
283 FROM bank_churn
284
285
     -- This code then deletes the rows that are outliers
286 DELETE FROM bank_churn
287 WHERE total_trans_amt IN(
288
                               WITH al AS (
289
                                           SELECT total_trans_amt
290
                                           ,NTILE(100) OVER (ORDER BY total_trans_amt) AS percentile
291
                                            FROM bank_churn
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294
                               SELECT total_trans_amt
295
                               FROM q1
296
                               WHERE percentile = 100)
```

We identified an outlier in the "total_trans_amt" column and removed it.

```
300
     -- Calculate the average, median, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum values for total_trans_ct
301 SELECT ROUND(avg(total_trans_ct),2) AS avg_total_trans_ct
302
           ,PERCENTILE_CONT(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY total_trans_ct) AS median_total_trans_ct
303
           \tt ,ROUND(STDDEV(total\_trans\_ct)\,,2) ~AS~ stdv\_of\_total\_trans\_ct
304
           ,MIN(total_trans_ct) AS min_total_trans_ct
305
           ,MAX(total_trans_ct) AS max_total_trans_ct -- Outlier of 3 STDDEV
306 FROM bank_churn
307
308
309
     -- This code then deletes the rows that are outliers
310 DELETE FROM bank_churn
311
     WHERE total_trans_ct > 133
```

We identified an outlier in the "total_trans_ct" column and removed it.

```
316 SELECT ROUND(avg(total_ct_change_q4_q1),2) AS avg_total_ct_change_q4_q1
317 ,PERCENTILE_CONT(0.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY total_ct_change_q4_q1) AS median_total_ct_change_q4_q1
318
            ,ROUND(STDDEV(total_ct_change_q4_q1),2) AS stdv_of_total_ct_change_q4_q1
            ,MIN(total_ct_change_q4_q1) AS min_total_ct_change_q4_q1
320
            ,MAX(total_ct_change_q4_q1) AS max_total_ct_change_q4_q1 -- Outlier of 3 STDDEV
321 FROM bank churn
322
324
325 -- This code then identifies the rows that are outliers
326 SELECT total_ct_change_q4_q1
            ,NTILE(100) OVER (ORDER BY total_ct_change_q4_q1 ASC) AS percentile
327
328 FROM bank_churn
329
330
331
      -- This code then deletes the rows that are outliers
332 DELETE FROM bank_churn
333 WHERE total_ct_change_q4_q1 IN(
334
                               WITH q1 AS (
                                            SELECT total_ct_change_q4_q1
335
                                           ,NTILE(100) OVER (ORDER BY total_ct_change_q4_q1) AS percentile
336
337
                                            FROM bank_churn
338
339
340
                               SELECT total_ct_change_q4_q1
342
                               WHERE percentile = 100)
343
                               RETURNING *:
344
345 DELETE FROM bank_churn
     WHERE total_ct_change_q4_q1 = 0
347 RETURNING *:
```

We identified an outlier in the "total__ct_change_q4_q1" column and removed it.

```
360  -- 7. Validate the Data
361  /* Months_on_book(36) has nearly ten times the count of next record (37)
362  It may be caused by a bank policy or deal offered to customers. Will be
363  looking at how sensitive data is to this metric in EDA phase. */
364
```

We identified another outlier in the "months_on_book" column while we were validating the data and will determine its sensitivity during the EDA phase.

Now that our data is cleaned and saved, we will move onto the next phase to explore and analyze the data.

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Step 4: Analyze

4.1 Performing Calculations

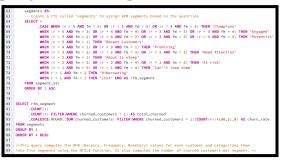
Pulling statistics for analysis:

- 1. Examine and select the most significant metrics for bank customers
- 2. Create customer segments to identify customers at risk of churning
- 3. Build an RFM model to improve customer retention
- 4. Compute the average recency, frequency, and monetary value for each customer segment by month.
- 5. Find the percentage of customers who fall into each demographic segment and have certain spending habits within each RFM customer segment.
- 6. Calculate the average churn rate for each unique combination of recency and frequency/monetary.

[Step 1's Results]

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	rfm_segment text	count bigint	total_churned bigint	churn_rate numeric
1	Hibernating	478	286	59.83
2	Lost	1049	420	40.04
3	Promising	841	245	29.13
4	Need Attention	1359	192	14.13
5	At risk	909	128	14.08
6	Recent Customers	417	50	11.99
7	Can't lose them	204	14	6.86
8	Potential	1432	73	5.10
9	Engaged	1754	58	3.31
10	Champions	1015	22	2.17
11	About to sleep	21	0	0

[Step 3's Results]

[Step 4's Results]

```
92 -- 3. Compute RFM Reports for all customers
93 WITH crfm AS (
     -- Create a Common Table Expression (CTE) called 'crfm'
     -- Calculate Recency, Frequency and Monetary (RFM) values for each client
96 -- by dividing the data into 5 equal segments (quintiles) using NTILE
97 SELECT clietnum
98
             ,months_inactive AS Recency
            ,total_trans_ct AS Frequency
99
            ,total_trans_amt AS Monetary
100
            ,NTILE(5) OVER (ORDER BY months_inactive DESC) AS r
101
            ,NTILE(5) OVER (ORDER BY total_trans_ct ASC) AS f
102
103
             ,NTILE(5) OVER (ORDER BY total_trans_amt ASC) AS m
104
       FROM bank_churn
       ORDER BY 2 DESC
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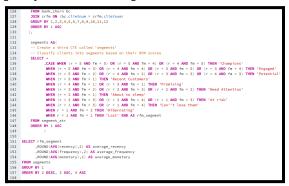
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	rfm_segment text	average_recency numeric	average_frequency numeric	average_monetary numeric
1	Can't lose them	4.34	7.06	519.66
2	Hibernating	3.27	4.06	210.99
3	At risk	3.20	6.42	437.38
4	Lost	3.16	2.95	138.75
5	About to sleep	3.00	4.78	148.72
6	Need Attention	2.83	5.38	298.12
7	Engaged	1.95	7.10	560.78
8	Promising	1.91	2.93	136.66
9	Potential	1.73	5.46	297.91
10	Champions	1.23	7.61	684.25
11	Recent Customers	0.97	2.98	128.68

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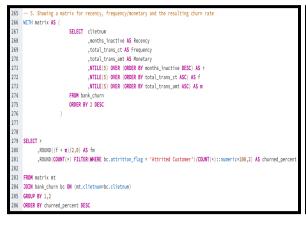
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	rfm_segment a	percent_males a	percent_females numeric	percent_young a	percent_middle_aged numeric	percent_old a	percent_low_use numeric	percent_med_use numeric
1	At risk	64.84	35.16	15.63	75.78	8.59	91.41	7.03
2	Hibernating	30.42	69.58	13.64	74.83	11.54	73.78	14.69
3	Lost	43.57	56.43	14.05	70.24	15.71	79.29	10.71
4	Need Attention	38.54	61.46	28.13	64.58	7.29	79.17	7.81
5	Promising	37.96	62.04	22.86	67.35	9.80	77.14	11.84

[Step 6's Results]

[Step 6's Results(Summary of Results)]



	r integer	fm numeric	churned_percent numeric
1	1	2	59.83
2	3	2	59.21
3	1	1	40.04
4	3	1	32.65
5	4	1	21.09
6	1	3	16.97
7	2	4	13.88

Interpreting statistical findings:

- Our data analysis showed that our total customer base was 9,480 customers.
 They spent \$41.18M over the year, with an average of 51.44K transactions per month. Unfortunately, 15.70% of them churned.
- 2. We created **11 different segments** for our customers based on their RFM scores. This allowed us to **identify customers who are at risk of churning** and target them with specific marketing campaigns.
- 3. We analyzed our data and found that customers who were inactive for 3 months or more were more likely to churn. We also found that customers who spent less than \$300 per month and who transacted less than 5.5 times per month were at a higher risk of churning.
- 4. Our data analysis shows that the majority of customers who are **most likely to churn** are **female**, **middle-aged**, with **low card utilization**, **low income**, and a

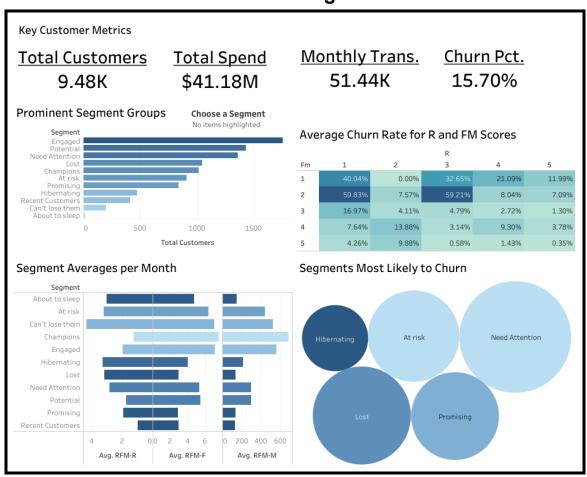
- **graduate level of education**. These customers are in the Hibernating, Lost, and Promising segments.
- 5. We found that customers who had recent activity and low frequency and monetary scores of 1 or 2 were more likely to churn. This was also true for customers who had a recency score of 3 or 4 and low frequency and monetary scores.

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Step 5: Share

In this step, we are creating visualizations and communicating our findings based on our analysis.

5.1 Data Visualizations and Findings



Customer Segmentation by RFM, Demographics, and Spending

(Visit my tableau profile for interactivity with this dashboard)

This dashboard analyzes the most prominent segment groups, their RFM averages, and identifies trends about segments that are most likely to churn.

- We have identified three customer segments that are most likely to churn:
 Hibernating, Lost, and Promising. These segments represent 24.97% of our customer base and their behavior and demographics can help us develop strategies to limit churn.
- 2. The Hibernating, Lost, and Promising segments had a higher churn rate, **40.16**%, than other segments. This is likely due to their behavior, which is characterized by less recent, less frequent, and lower spending.
- We believe that there is a correlation between frequency of purchase and retention rate. Customers who purchase more frequently are more likely to be satisfied with our products and services, and they are less likely to switch to a competitor.

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Step 6: Act

In the final step, we will be delivering our insights and providing recommendations based on our analysis.

Here, we revisit our business questions and share with you our high-level business recommendations.

1. What are the average churn rates for customers with RFM scores from 1-5?

 Our analysis found that customers with low recency, frequency, and monetary scores had up to a 59.83% churn rate. Customers with a recency score of 3 but low frequency and monetary scores had up to a 59.21% churn rate. We should focus on increasing customer engagement by encouraging the use of our products and services more often. We can accomplish this by offering special promotions and discounts, or by providing more personalized customer service.

2. Who are our most common customer segments?

Our analysis found that the majority of our customers are happy
with our service, but two segments, Need Attention and Lost, are
at risk of churning. These segments represent 25.40% of our
customer base. Based on the data we see between frequency and
customer retention, I recommend that we focus on offering special
promotions and discounts to help these customers engage and
enjoy their card service more.

3. What is each customer segments' average monthly RFM values?

Our analysis of monthly averages revealed patterns among the different segment groups. The segments most likely to churn were inactive for an average of 2.87 months, transacted 4.35 times per month, and spent \$244.40 per month. In contrast, the rest of the group had an average of 2.20 months of inactivity, 5.83 transactions per month, and \$390.02 in spending. I recommend personalized customer interactions which can lead to increased customer satisfaction, loyalty, and repeat business.

4. What segments are most likely to churn, and what are their characterizations?

 In summary, our analysis revealed that the following demographic and spending habits are common among customers who belong to the Hibernating, Lost, Promising, Need Attention, and At risk segments: • Female: 56.93%

• Middle-aged: 70.56%

Low card utilization: 80.16%
Income under \$40,000: 37.71%
Graduate-level education: 30.34%

These findings can be used to develop targeted interventions to reduce customer churn.