# **USA Super Store Dataset:**

## **Objectives:**

• Analyze monthly sales data, calculate key metrics (revenue, average order size ), and visulize trends over time.

# **Import Libraries**

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import warnings
warnings.simplefilter(action='ignore', category=FutureWarning)
```

# **Load Dataset**

```
In [133... df = pd.read_csv('D:/Bistartx Intership/Month-1/EDA_Super_Store_Sales/SuperStore.csv')
    df.sample(5)
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	Row ID	Order ID	Order Date	Ship Date	Ship Mode	Customer ID	Customer Name	Segment	Country	City	State	Postal Code
9324	9325	CA- 2018- 121853	23/09/2018	29/09/2018	Standard Class	DB-13660	Duane Benoit	Consumer		Los Angeles	California	90036.0
2668	2669	US- 2016- 139759	25/08/2016	30/08/2016	Standard Class	NL-18310	Nancy Lomonaco	Home Office	United States	Los Angeles	California	90045.0
6493	6494	CA- 2017- 113845	20/11/2017	25/11/2017	Standard Class	FA-14230	Frank Atkinson	Corporate	United States	Orlando	Florida	32839.0
4150	4151	CA- 2018- 106068	23/10/2018	28/10/2018	Standard Class	RB-19330	Randy Bradley	Consumer	United States	Austin	Texas	78745.0
4849	4850	CA- 2015- 107818	08/09/2015	14/09/2015	Standard Class	MC- 17275	Marc Crier	Consumer	United States	Pasco	Washington	99301.0
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In [134... df.info()

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16 Product Name
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17 Sales
                   9800 non-null
                                  float64
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dtypes: float64(2), int64(1), object(15)

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

In [135... df.isnull().sum()

memory usage: 1.3+ MB

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          Order Date
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          Ship Mode
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          Region
          Product ID
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          Category
          Sub-Category
          Product Name
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          Sales
          dtype: int64
```

1. Change Order Date, Ship Date dtype into datetime.

# **Errors Handling**

Change dtype of order date, ship date to datetime

```
In [136... date_columns = ['Order Date', 'Ship Date']

for col in date_columns:
    df[col] = pd.to_datetime(df[col], dayfirst = True)
    df[col] = df[col].dt.date
    df[col] = df[col].astype('datetime64[ns]')
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Now the format is: format=Year/Month/Date

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df[['Order Date','Ship Date']].sample(5)
In [137...
Out[137...
                 Order Date Ship Date
           1682 2017-09-29 2017-10-01
          7309 2018-06-10 2018-06-14
           6723 2018-09-04 2018-09-06
           2910 2016-11-05 2016-11-09
           4220 2018-06-11 2018-06-13
          df['Row ID'].nunique()
In [138...
Out[138...
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          We already have the "Row ID" column in our dataset, so we set it as the index to organize the data efficiently
          df = df.set_index('Row ID')
In [139...
          df.index.name = None
In [140... df.sample(5)
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	Order ID	Order Date	Ship Date	Ship Mode	Customer ID	Customer Name	Segment	Country	City	State	Postal Code	Region	P
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4988	CA- 2017- 149279		2017- 04-28	Standard Class	CL-12700	Craig Leslie	Home Office	United States	Colorado Springs	Colorado	80906.0	West	Fl 10
5863	CA- 2017- 101525		2017- 05-04	Second Class	CM- 12235	Chris McAfee	Consumer	United States	Little Rock	Arkansas	72209.0	South	C 10
6812	CA- 2018- 156237		2018- 09-15	First Class	PS-18760	Pamela Stobb	Consumer	United States	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	19140.0	East	Fl 10
172	CA- 2015- 118962		2015- 08-09	Standard Class	CS-12130	Chad Sievert	Consumer	United States	Los Angeles	California	90004.0	West	C 10



## Since we already have Country, State, City, and Region columns, the Postal Code column is redundant and can be removed

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In [141... df.drop(columns=['Postal Code'], inplace=True)
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In [142... df.sample()

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Out[142...
                  Order Order
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                 168830
In [143...
          df.duplicated().sum()
Out[143... 1
          There are no duplicate values in the data.
```

# Summary of Data:

```
In [144...
for col in df.columns:
    print(f"Column {col}, Unique Values: {df[col].nunique()}")
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```
Column Order ID, Unique Values: 4922
         Column Order Date, Unique Values: 1230
        Column Ship Date, Unique Values: 1326
        Column Ship Mode, Unique Values: 4
         Column Customer ID, Unique Values: 793
        Column Customer Name, Unique Values: 793
        Column Segment, Unique Values: 3
        Column Country, Unique Values: 1
        Column City, Unique Values: 529
        Column State, Unique Values: 49
        Column Region, Unique Values: 4
        Column Product ID, Unique Values: 1861
        Column Category, Unique Values: 3
        Column Sub-Category, Unique Values: 17
        Column Product Name, Unique Values: 1849
        Column Sales, Unique Values: 5757
In [145... for col in df.columns:
              print(f'{df[col].value_counts()}')
              print('\n')
```

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Order ID
CA-2018-100111
                  14
CA-2018-157987
                  12
CA-2017-165330
                  11
US-2017-108504
                  11
CA-2017-105732
                  10
US-2016-110261
                   1
CA-2016-125710
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US-2016-137960
                  1
CA-2016-124975
                  1
CA-2016-142202
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Name: count, Length: 4922, dtype: int64
Order Date
2017-09-05
              38
2017-11-10
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2018-12-02
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2018-12-01
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2015-09-11
               1
2016-05-09
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Name: count, Length: 1230, dtype: int64
Ship Date
2018-09-26
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2018-12-06
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2016-12-16
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2016-03-29
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2016-06-14
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2018-01-10
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2016-05-13
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Name: count, Length: 1326, dtype: int64

Ship Mode Standard Class 589 Second Class 190 First Class 150 Same Day 53 Name: count, dtype: 1	02 01 38
Customer ID WB-21850 35 MA-17560 34 PP-18955 34 JL-15835 33 CK-12205 32	
JR-15700 1 CJ-11875 1 SC-20845 1 RE-19405 1 AO-10810 1 Name: count, Length:	793, dtype: int64
Customer Name William Brown Matt Abelman Paul Prost John Lee Chloris Kastensmidt	
Jocasta Rupert Carl Jackson Sung Chung Ricardo Emerson Anthony O'Donnell	 1 1 1 1

Name: count, Length: 793, dtype: int64

Segment

Consumer 5101 Corporate 2953 Home Office 1746

Name: count, dtype: int64

Country

United States 9800 Name: count, dtype: int64

City

New York City 891 Los Angeles 728 Philadelphia 532 San Francisco 500 Seattle 426 . . . San Mateo 1 1 Cheyenne 1 Conway

Name: count, Length: 529, dtype: int64

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State

Melbourne

Springdale

California 1946 New York 1097 Texas 973 Pennsylvania 582 Washington 504 Illinois 483 454 Ohio Florida 373 Michigan 253 North Carolina 247 Virginia 224 Arizona 223 Tennessee 183 Colorado 179 177 Georgia

Kentucky	137
Indiana	135
Massachusetts	135
Oregon	122
New Jersey	122
Maryland	105
Wisconsin	105
Delaware	93
Minnesota	89
Connecticut	82
Missouri	66
Oklahoma	66
Alabama	61
Arkansas	60
Rhode Island	55
Mississippi	53
Utah	53
South Carolina	42
Louisiana	41
Nevada	39
Nebraska	38
New Mexico	37
New Hampshire	27
Iowa	26
Kansas	24
Idaho	21
Montana	15
South Dakota	12
Vermont	11
District of Columbia	10
Maine	8
North Dakota	7
West Virginia	4
Wyoming	1
Name: count, dtype: int64	

## Region

West 3140 East 2785 Central 2277 South 1598 Name: count, dtype: int64

Product ID OFF-PA-10001970 19 TEC-AC-10003832 18 FUR-FU-10004270 16 TEC-AC-10002049 15 TEC-AC-10003628 15 OFF-PA-10000919 1 TEC-MA-10003353 1 OFF-LA-10003388 OFF-EN-10004206 TEC-PH-10002645

Name: count, Length: 1861, dtype: int64

### Category

Office Supplies 5909
Furniture 2078
Technology 1813
Name: count, dtype: int64

#### Sub-Category

Binders 1492 Paper 1338 Furnishings 931 Phones 876 Storage 832 Art 785 Accessories 756 Chairs 607 Appliances 459 Labels 357 Tables 314 Envelopes 248 Bookcases 226 Fasteners 214 Supplies 184 Machines 115 Copiers 66

Name: count, dtype: int64

Product Name	
Staple envelope	47
Staples	46
Easy-staple paper	44
Avery Non-Stick Binders	20
Staples in misc. colors	18
Xiaomi Mi3	٠
Universal Ultra Bright White Copier/Laser Paper, 8 1/2" x 11", Ream	:
Socket Bluetooth Cordless Hand Scanner (CHS)	:
Logitech Illuminated Ultrathin Keyboard with Backlighting	-
LG G2	:
Name: count, Length: 1849, dtype: int64	

Sales 12.960 55 15.552 39 19.440 39 10.368 35 34 25.920 339.136 1 60.048 1 5.022 1 7.857 1 10.384 1

Name: count, Length: 5757, dtype: int64

## **Summary of Data**

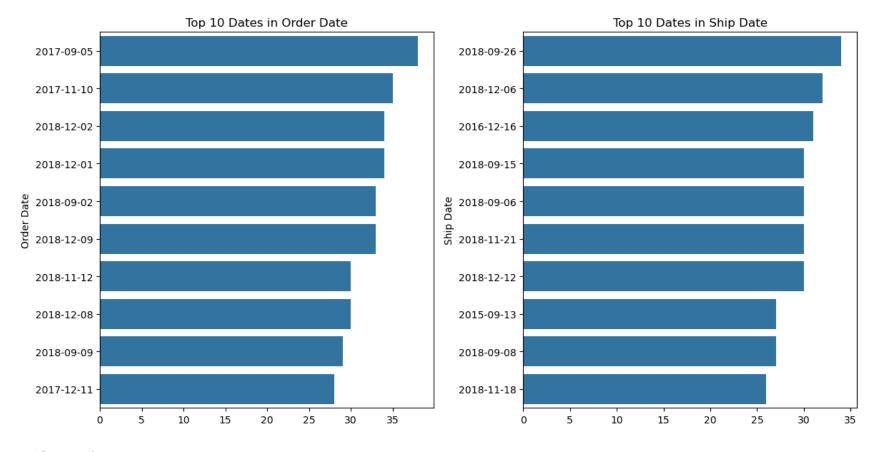
- Shiping Modes = 4
  - Standard class
  - Second class

- First class
- Same day
- Segments = 3
  - Consumer
  - Corporate
  - Home Office
- Categories = 3
  - Office Supplies
  - Furniture
  - Technology
- Sub-Categories = 17
- **Country = 1** 
  - United States
- States = 49
- Cities = 529
- Regions = 4
  - West
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  - Central
  - South
- Orders = 9800
- **Customers = 793**
- Products = 1849

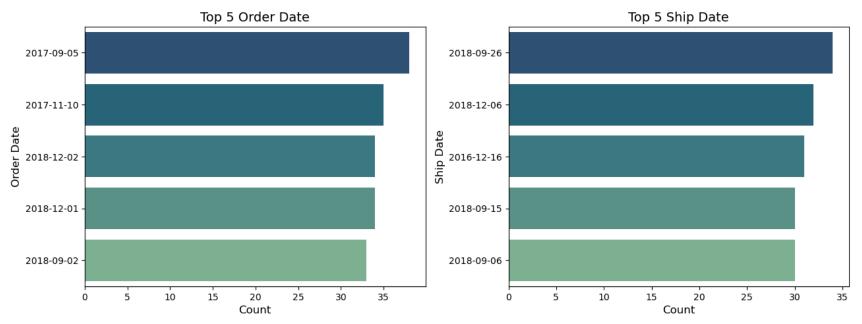
# **Exploratory Data Analyysis**

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## **Date Columns**



- Order volume is highest from September to December.
- Orders peak from September to December due to holiday shopping, Black Friday, and Christmas demand.



- Most orders were placed in 2018.
- Order volume is highest from September to December.
- The busiest order days are the 20th-23rd, 26th, 2nd-5th, and 8th & 11th.
- Orders peak on Tuesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

#### Reasons

#### Most Orders Were Placed in 2018

- The company might have expanded, gained more customers, or introduced new products.
- 2018 could have been a peak year for e-commerce or retail sales.

## **Most Orders Were Placed Between September and December**

- Holiday Shopping Season: Sales surge due to Christmas, Thanksgiving, and New Year.
- Black Friday & Cyber Monday: Massive discounts in November drive purchases.
- Year-End Budgets: Businesses and individuals finalize purchases before the new year.

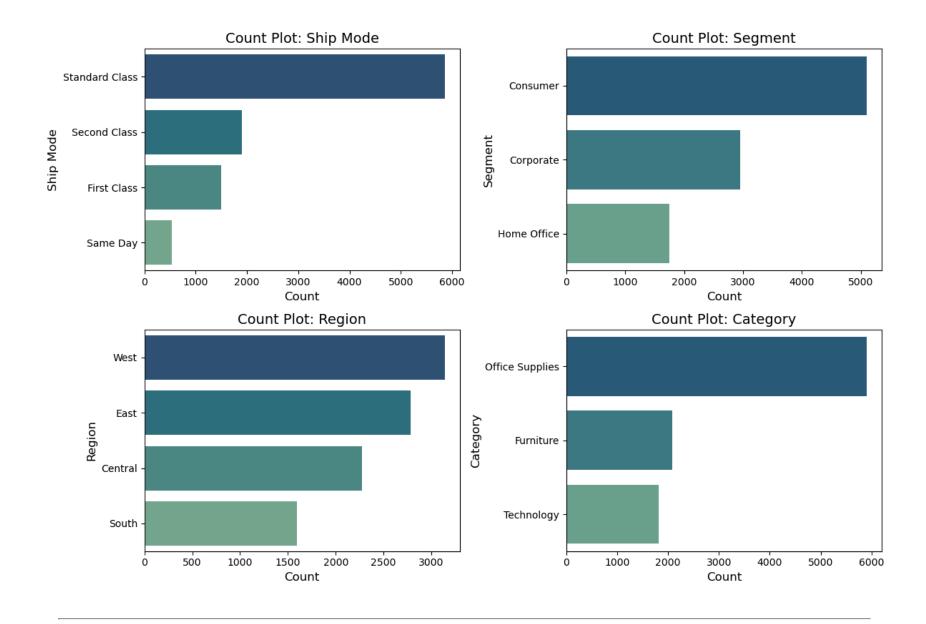
#### Most Frequent Order Days: 2nd-5th, 8th, 11th, 20th-23rd, 26th

- Payday Effect: Many people shop right after getting paid (often on the 1st or 15th of the month).
- Seasonal Events: Some dates may align with sales, promotions, or holidays.

### Most Orders Were Placed on Tuesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays

- Weekend Shopping: People have more time to shop on Saturdays and Sundays.
- Monday Back-to-Work Effect: Businesses may place bulk orders at the start of the week.
- Tuesday Discounts: Many e-commerce platforms and retailers launch deals on Tuesdays.

## **Categorical Columns**



- The Standard Class shipping mode is the most popular.
- The West region records the highest number of orders.
- The Consumer segment contributes the highest number of orders.

• The Office Supplies category has the highest number of orders.

#### **Reasons**

## The Standard Class shipping mode is the most popular

- Cost-Effective: Standard Class is usually the cheapest shipping option, making it attractive for customers who want to save money.
- Bulk Orders & Businesses: Businesses ordering office supplies or other products in bulk might not be in a rush, so they opt for cost-effective shipping.
- Wide Availability: Standard shipping is generally available for all locations, whereas faster options (like Same-Day or Next-Day) might be limited to specific areas.

### The West region records the highest number of orders

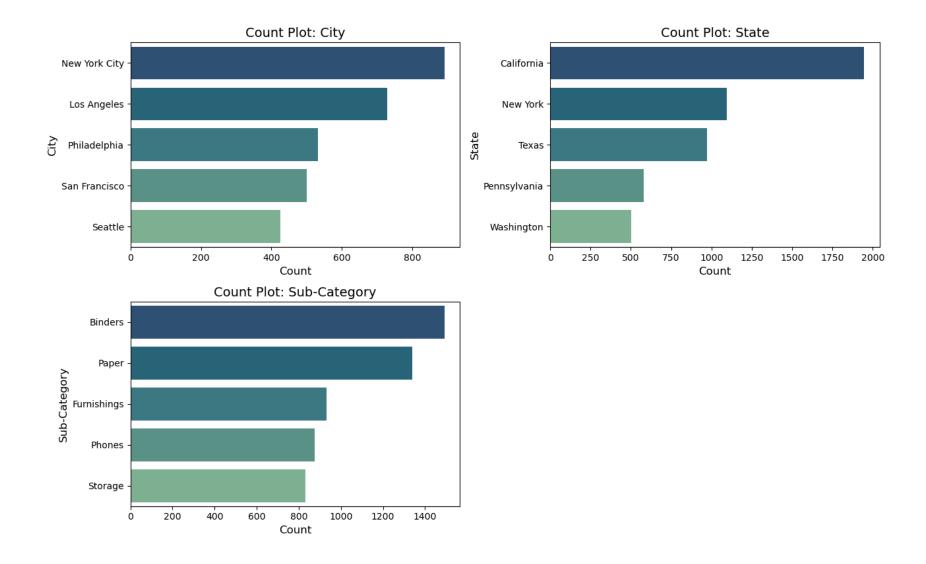
- High Population & Business Hubs: The West region likely includes major cities with strong economies (e.g., California, Washington, etc.), leading to higher consumer demand.
- Tech & Corporate Influence: Many tech companies and startups operate in the West, increasing demand for office supplies and equipment.
- Higher Purchasing Power: Some Western states have a higher average income, leading to more discretionary spending.
- Strong Distribution Networks: Well-developed supply chain infrastructure might make it easier to fulfill orders quickly, encouraging more purchases.

## The Consumer segment contributes the highest number of orders

- Larger Customer Base: The number of individual consumers is much higher than the number of businesses or government organizations.
- Frequent Small Purchases: Consumers often make frequent, smaller orders compared to businesses that order in bulk.
- Marketing & Discounts: Businesses might negotiate bulk discounts, but consumers often pay full price, increasing total revenue.
- Impulse Buying: Unlike businesses, consumers are more likely to make impulse purchases, leading to higher overall sales.

### The Office Supplies category has the highest number of orders

- Essential for Businesses & Individuals: Office supplies (e.g., pens, paper, notebooks) are used by both companies and individuals, ensuring consistent demand.
- Lower Price per Item → More Units Sold: Compared to furniture or electronics, office supplies are relatively cheap, so people buy them in larger quantities.
- Frequent Restocking: Unlike furniture or tech products, office supplies run out quickly, requiring frequent repurchasing.
- Schools & Institutions as Buyers: Schools, colleges, and government offices consistently buy office supplies.

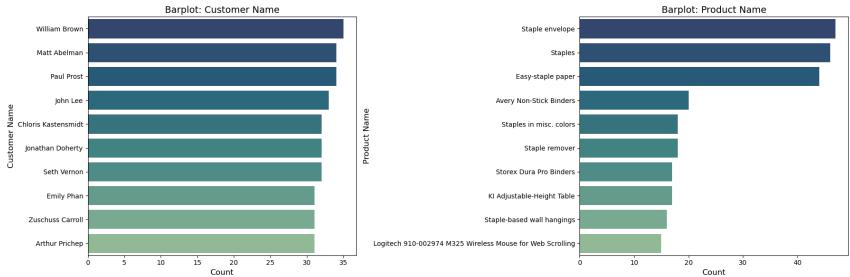


- Most of the Orders from New York City and Los Angeles.
- Most of the Orders from California and New York state.
- Most of the Ordered sub-categories are Binders and Paper.

#### Reasons

- The New York City and Los Angeles are the most populated cities in USA. So, the demand for Binders and Paper will be more.
- Both cities have large business districts, corporations, and startups that frequently order office supplies.
- These cities are major centers for online shopping, and residents are more likely to purchase online compared to smaller towns.

```
customer = ['Customer Name', 'Product Name']
In [155...
In [156...
          plt.figure(figsize=(18, 6))
          for i, col in enumerate(customer):
               ax = plt.subplot(1,2,i+1)
               sns.barplot(y=df[col].value_counts().head(10).index,
                           x=df[col].value_counts().head(10).values, ax=ax,
                           palette='crest_r')
               ax.set_title(f"Barplot: {col}", fontsize=14)
               ax.set_xlabel("Count", fontsize=12)
               ax.set_ylabel(col, fontsize=12)
          plt.tight_layout()
           plt.show()
                                Barplot: Customer Name
                                                                                                         Barplot: Product Name
```



- William Brown to Arthur Prichep these 10 customers are the top buyers.
- The majority of purchases belong to Paper and Office/School Work products.
- These include categories like Office Supplies, sub-categories like Paper, and specific products related to school and office work.

# **Bivariate Analysis**

```
In [157... total_sales =df['Sales'].sum().round(2)
print(f'Total Sales: ${total_sales}')
```

Total Sales: \$2261536.78

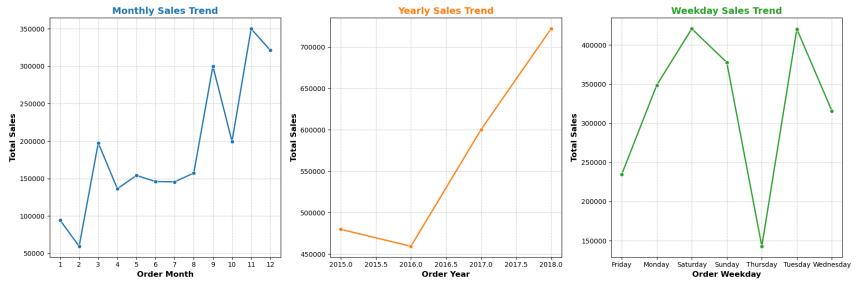
### Sales vs. Order Year/Month/Weekday Trend

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In [158... monthly_sales = df.groupby('Order Month')['Sales'].sum().reset_index()
          yearly sales = df.groupby('Order Year')['Sales'].sum().reset index()
          weekday_sales = df.groupby('Order Weekday')['Sales'].sum().reset_index()
          fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(18, 6))
          colors = ['#1f77b4', '#ff7f0e', '#2ca02c']
          # Monthly Sales Trend
          sns.lineplot(x='Order Month', y='Sales', data=monthly_sales, marker='o', color=colors[0], linewidth=2, ax=axes[0])
          axes[0].set title('Monthly Sales Trend', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold', color=colors[0])
          axes[0].set_xlabel('Order Month', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
          axes[0].set_ylabel('Total Sales', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
          axes[0].set_xticks(range(1, 13))
          axes[0].tick params(axis='x')
          axes[0].grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.6)
          # Yearly Sales Trend
          sns.lineplot(x='Order Year', y='Sales', data=yearly_sales, marker='o', color=colors[1], linewidth=2, ax=axes[1])
          axes[1].set_title('Yearly Sales Trend', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold', color=colors[1])
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axes[1].set_xlabel('Order Year', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
axes[1].set_ylabel('Total Sales', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
axes[1].tick_params(axis='x')
axes[1].grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.6)

# Weekday Sales Trend
sns.lineplot(x='Order Weekday', y='Sales', data=weekday_sales, marker='o', color=colors[2], linewidth=2, ax=axes[2])
axes[2].set_title('Weekday Sales Trend', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold', color=colors[2])
axes[2].set_xlabel('Order Weekday', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
axes[2].set_ylabel('Total Sales', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
axes[2].tick_params(axis='x')
axes[2].grid(True, linestyle='--', alpha=0.6)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



## **Seasonal Sales Trends (Monthly)**

- Sales peak between September and December every year.
- Possible reasons: Holiday season, Black Friday, Christmas sales boost.

• Recommendation: Focus marketing campaigns and stock management for Q4.

### **Yearly Growth Analysis**

- Sales volume increased rapidly after 2016.
- Indicates business expansion, better customer acquisition, or market growth.
- Suggestion: Analyze post-2016 changes (new products, promotions, regional growth).

## **Weekly Sales Performance**

- Peak sales days: Saturday & Tuesday.
- Moderate sales: Monday & Sunday.
- Likely reasons: Weekend shopping habits, online sale spikes.
- Suggestion: Optimize promotions and advertising on peak days.

### **Need Improvement**

## **Monthly Sales Trend**

- Sales are lower from January to August.
- Seasonal effect: Fewer major shopping events.
- Post-holiday slump: Reduced spending after December peak.

## **Suggestions**

- Launch off-season promotions in Q1-Q3.
- Introduce flash sales or discount bundles in slow months.
- Leverage back-to-school sales in July-August to boost revenue.

## **Weekly Sales Performance**

- Friday, Tuesday, and Wednesday have lower sales.
- Midweek slump: People are focused on work/school.
- Less weekend impulse buying.

### **Suggestions**

- Offer weekday discounts (e.g., "Tuesday Saver Deals").
- Target ads on social media midweek to drive engagement.
- Introduce "Flash Friday" deals to improve Friday sales.

## **Yearly Sales Growth**

- Sales volume in 2015 & 2016 was too low.
- Early-stage business growth.
- Limited marketing or fewer product offerings.

## **Suggestions**

- Analyze what changed after 2016 to improve sales.
- Identify successful marketing strategies post-2016.
- Use historical data to find demand patterns and optimize future strategies.

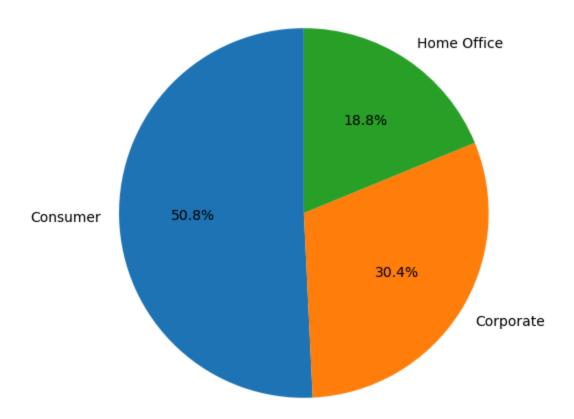
### **Sales VS Segment**

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In [159... plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
plt.subplot(1,1,1)

segment = df.groupby('Segment')['Sales'].sum()

plt.pie(segment, labels=segment.index, autopct='%1.1f%%', startangle=90)
plt.title('Segment Sales', fontsize=18)
plt.show()
```

# Segment Sales



## Observations

- The Consumer segment contributes 58.8% of total sales, making it the dominant segment in terms of revenue.
- The Corporate segment accounts for 30.4% of total sales, indicating a significant but lower contribution compared to the Consumer segment.
- The Home Office segment generates 18.8% of total sales, representing the smallest share among the three segments.

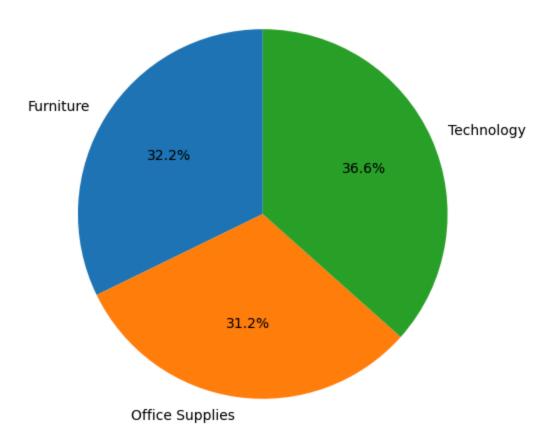
## **Sales VS Category**

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In [160... plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
plt.subplot(1,1,1)

category = df.groupby('Category')['Sales'].sum()

plt.pie(category, labels=category.index, autopct='%1.1f%%', startangle=90)
plt.title('Category Sales', fontsize=18)
plt.show()
```

# **Category Sales**



## Observations

- The Technology category generates the highest sales, contributing 36.6% of total revenue, indicating strong demand for tech-related products.
- The Office Supplies category accounts for the lowest sales at 31.2%, despite having a high number of orders, suggesting lower-priced items or smaller profit margins in this category.

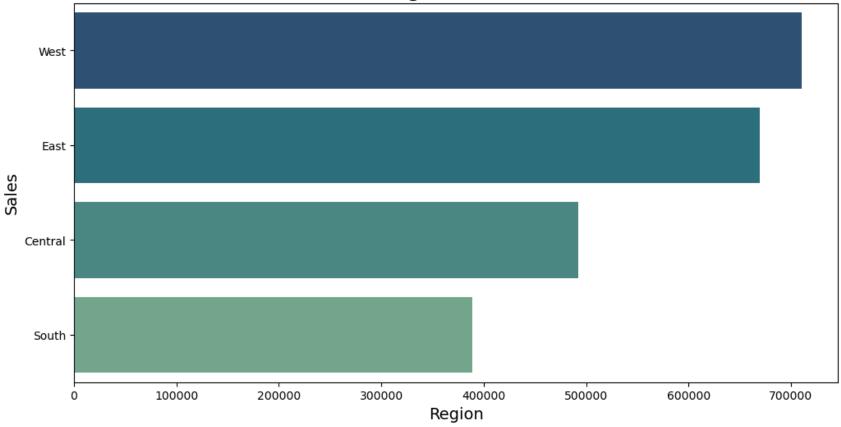
## **Sales VS Region**

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In [161... plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
    plt.subplot(1,1,1)

region = df.groupby('Region')['Sales'].sum().sort_values(ascending=False)
sns.barplot(x=region.values, y=region.index, palette = 'crest_r')

plt.xlabel('Region', fontsize=14)
    plt.ylabel('Sales', fontsize=14)
    plt.title('Regional Sales', fontsize=18)
    plt.show()
```

# **Regional Sales**



### Observations

- The West region leads in sales, making it the highest-performing region in terms of revenue.
- The East region also performs well, with sales closely trailing the West, indicating strong market demand in both regions.

## **Sales VS City**

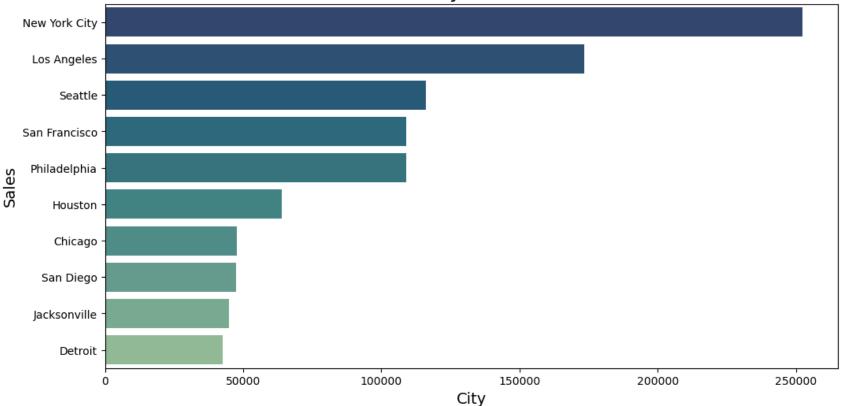
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In [162... city = df.groupby('City')['Sales'].sum().sort_values(ascending=False).head(10)
    plt.figure(figsize=(12,6))
    plt.subplot(1,1,1)

city = df.groupby('City')['Sales'].sum().sort_values(ascending=False).head(10)
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sns.barplot(x=city.values, y=city.index, palette = 'crest_r')

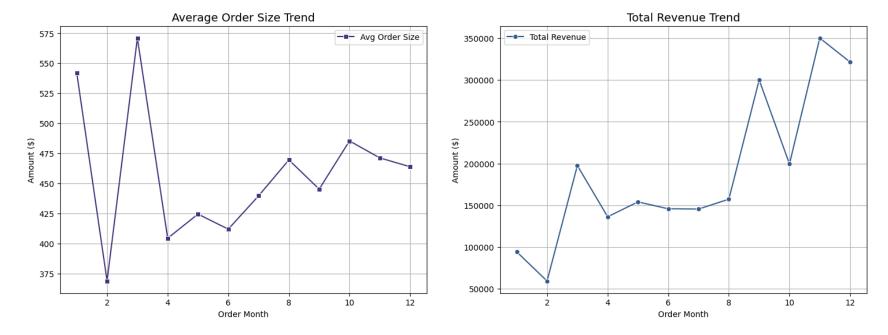
plt.xlabel('City', fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel('Sales', fontsize=14)
plt.title('City Sales', fontsize=18)
plt.show()
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- New York and Los Angeles record the highest sales, making them the top-performing cities.
- These cities outperform others, indicating strong market demand and a high concentration of sales activity.

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monthly_sales = df.groupby('Order Month').agg(Revenue=('Sales', 'sum'), Order_Count=('Order ID', 'nunique')).reset_i
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          monthly_sales['Avg_Order_Size'] = monthly_sales['Revenue'] / monthly_sales['Order_Count']
          fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(18, 6))
          colors = sns.color_palette('viridis')
          sns.lineplot(data=monthly_sales, x='Order Month', y='Avg_Order_Size', marker='s', label="Avg_Order_Size", ax=axes[0]
          axes[0].set_title("Average Order Size Trend", fontsize=14)
          axes[0].set_xlabel("Order Month")
          axes[0].set_ylabel("Amount ($)")
          axes[0].legend()
          axes[0].grid(True)
          sns.lineplot(data=monthly_sales, x='Order Month', y='Revenue', marker='o', label="Total Revenue", color = colors[1],
          axes[1].set_title("Total Revenue Trend", fontsize=14)
          axes[1].set_xlabel("Order Month")
          axes[1].set_ylabel("Amount ($)")
          axes[1].legend()
          axes[1].grid(True)
          plt.show()
```



- The number of orders is highest in Q1, but total sales remain low, suggesting that most purchases during this period involve lower-value items.
- Orders volume remains moderate in Q3 and Q4, but sales peak in Q4, indicating that customers tend to purchase higher-value items towards the end of the year.

# **Insights & Recommendations**

#### **Order Trends**

- Peak Order Period: September to December, driven by holiday shopping, Black Friday, and Christmas sales.
- Top Order Days: 2nd–5th, 8th, 11th, 20th–23rd, 26th, mainly due to paydays and promotions.
- Busiest Order Days: Tuesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, influenced by weekend shopping and corporate purchases.

#### Recommendation:

- Focus marketing and stock replenishment from September to December.
- Offer mid-week discounts to boost Tuesday sales.

### **Shipping & Customer Segments**

- Most Popular Shipping Mode: Standard Class, likely due to affordability.
- Highest Orders by Region: West region, possibly due to higher population and business hubs.
- Leading Customer Segment: Consumer segment (58.8%), driven by frequent, smaller purchases.

#### Recommendation:

• Optimize logistics for the West region and Consumer segment to enhance delivery efficiency.

#### **Product Performance**

- Best-Selling Category: Technology (36.6% of sales), despite Office Supplies having more orders.
- Top Ordered Products: Binders and Paper, mainly purchased in New York & Los Angeles.

#### Recommendation:

• Upsell tech accessories alongside Office Supplies to boost revenue.

#### **Sales Performance**

- Peak Sales Period: Q4 (Sept–Dec), aligning with holiday demand.
- Q1 Sales Dip: Despite higher order volume, sales remain low, indicating low-value purchases.

#### Recommendation:

• Run promotions in Q1 (e.g., back-to-school and business restocking discounts) to boost revenue.

## **Geographic Insights**

- Top Cities by Sales: New York & Los Angeles, reflecting high demand and consumer density.
- Top States by Orders: California & New York.

#### Recommendation:

• Target these cities for regional promotions and warehouse optimization.

## **Sales Growth Patterns**

- Rapid Growth After 2016: Likely due to business expansion and marketing efforts.
- Low Sales on Wednesdays & Fridays: Possibly due to midweek slump.

## Recommendation:

• Introduce Flash Friday or Midweek Deals to counter low sales days.