

Starbucks Presentation

-Managing Employee Attrition Rate-

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Starbucks Corporation is an American multinational chain of coffeehouses and roastery reserves headquartered in Seattle, Washington with nearly **350,000 employees** (known as “**Partners**”) in over 31,000 locations and earned \$27 billion in revenue in 2020.

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Starbucks Achievements

- The overall culture score is **76/100 (A)**
 - Best Company Perks & Benefits 2020
 - Best Company Work-Life Balance 2020
 - Best Company for Women 2020

- comparably.com -



Key Resources



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Partners

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- Bridging the gap between the customer and the company
- Customer experience begins with partner interaction

01. About Starbucks



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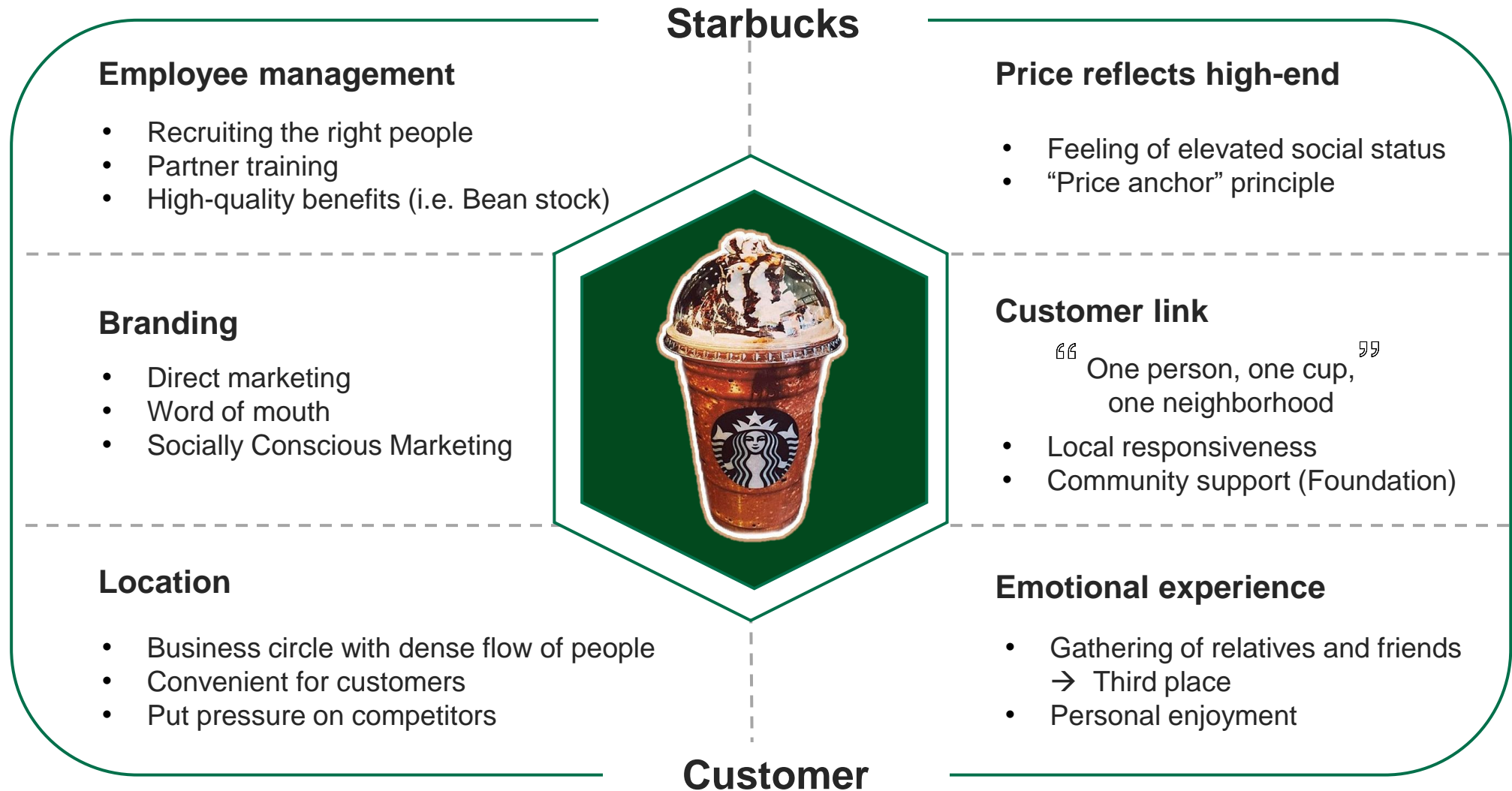
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Winning Strategy



02. Million-Dollar Question



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How can Starbucks predict when high-value employees are at risk of leaving, so that steps can be taken to minimize turnover?



02. Million-Dollar Question



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Why is reducing employee turnover rate important?



“ Starbucks has a relatively high turnover rate of **65 percent** for full-time partners ”



Costing approximately
\$2 billion per year
(350,000 full-time employees,
average pay of \$15 per hour, 2,080
hours per-year)



Reduce this by just 0.1%,
could mean **savings of
\$2 million** per year.

- Work Institute's 2017 Retention Report -



03. Data Visualization



01 Definition of talented partners

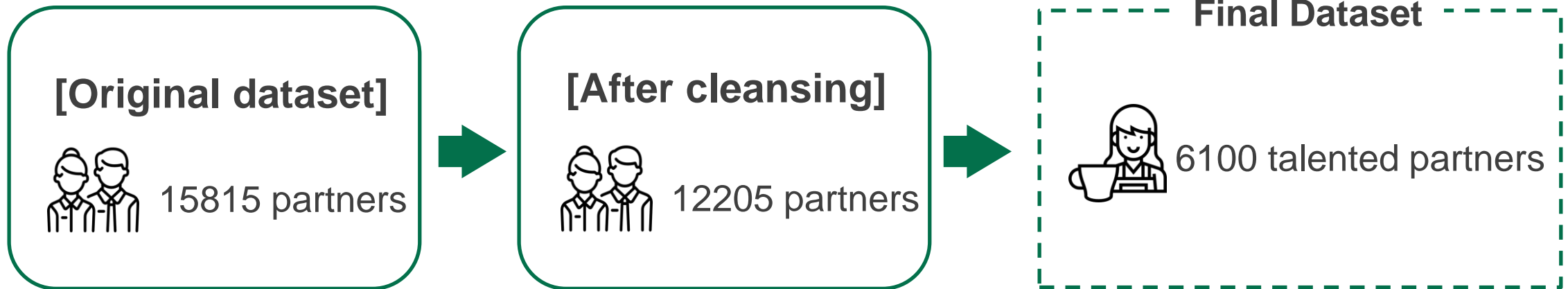
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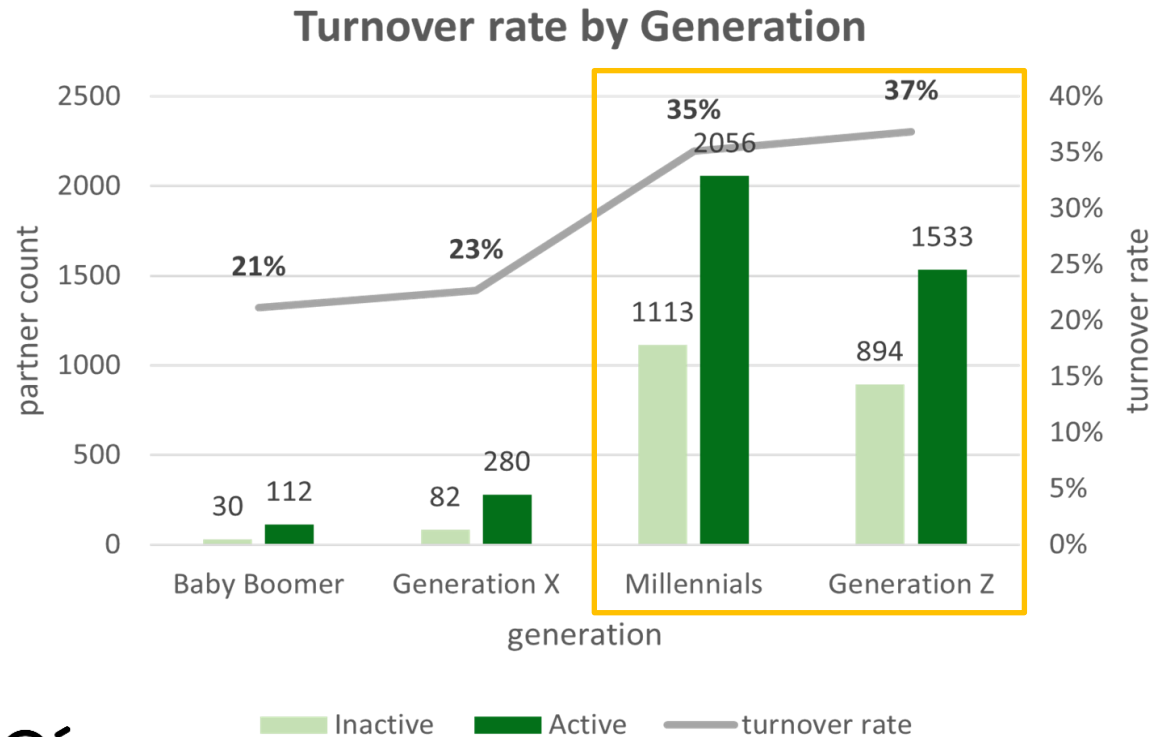
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Which generation's turnover rate is the highest?



- **Baby Boomers:** Born 1946 – 1964
- **Generation X:** Born 1965 – 1976
- **Millennials:** Born 1977 – 1995
- **Gen Z:** Born 1996 – 2015



Interesting Observations

Millennials and Generation Z are the main partners in Starbucks, and have the highest turnover rate amongst all generations



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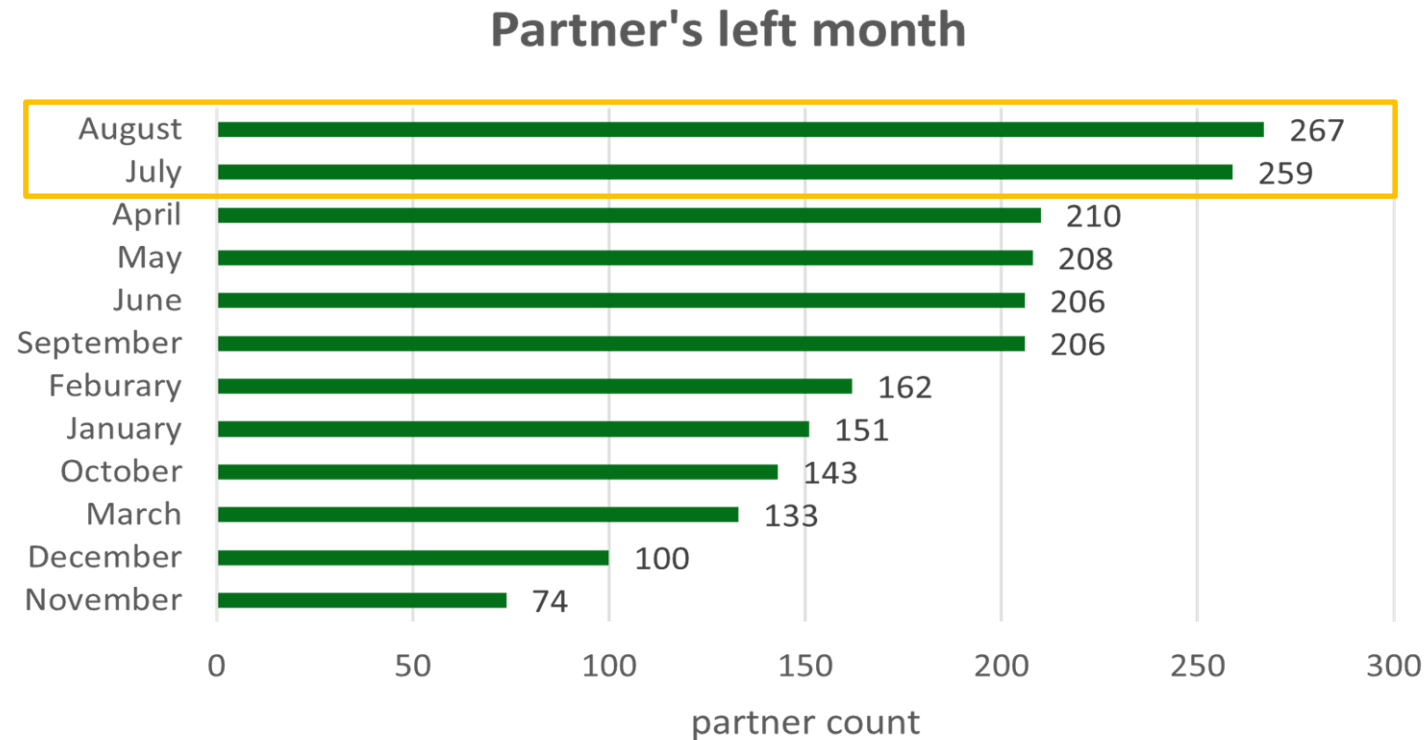
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Which months have the highest turnover?



Interesting Observations

Turnover rate is highest in **July** and **August**



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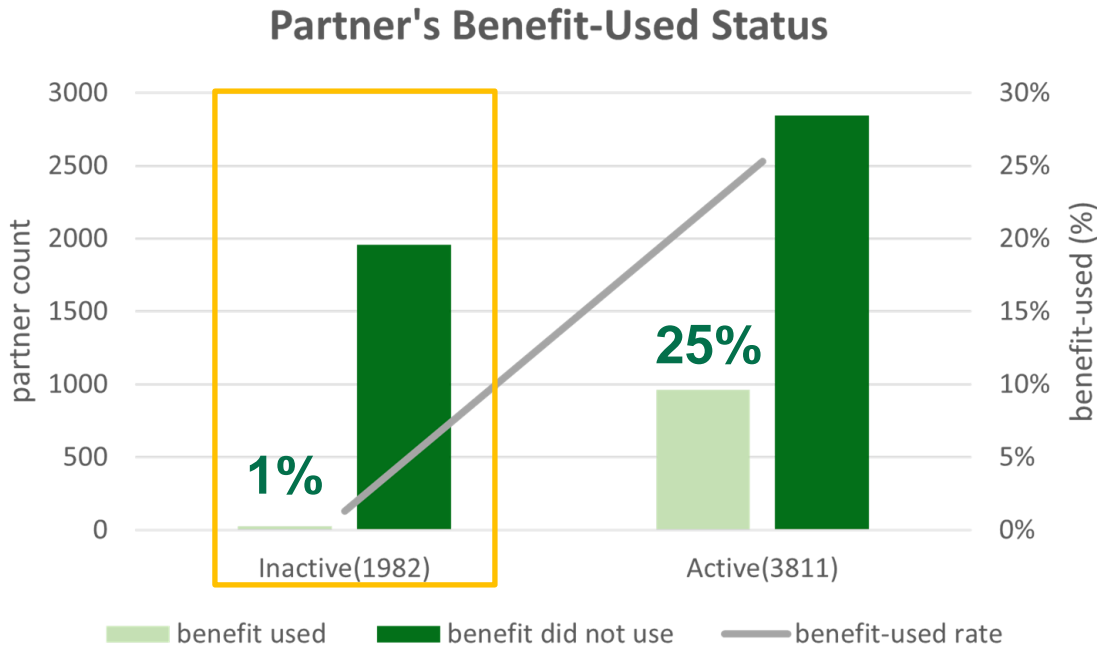
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How many partners used benefits before they leave?



99 % of partners who became inactive did not use the benefits even though they were eligible



Key Findings

‘Benefit-used’ status is an important factor to predict partner’s turnover



Has Starbucks promoted their benefits enough to partners?



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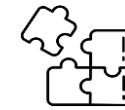
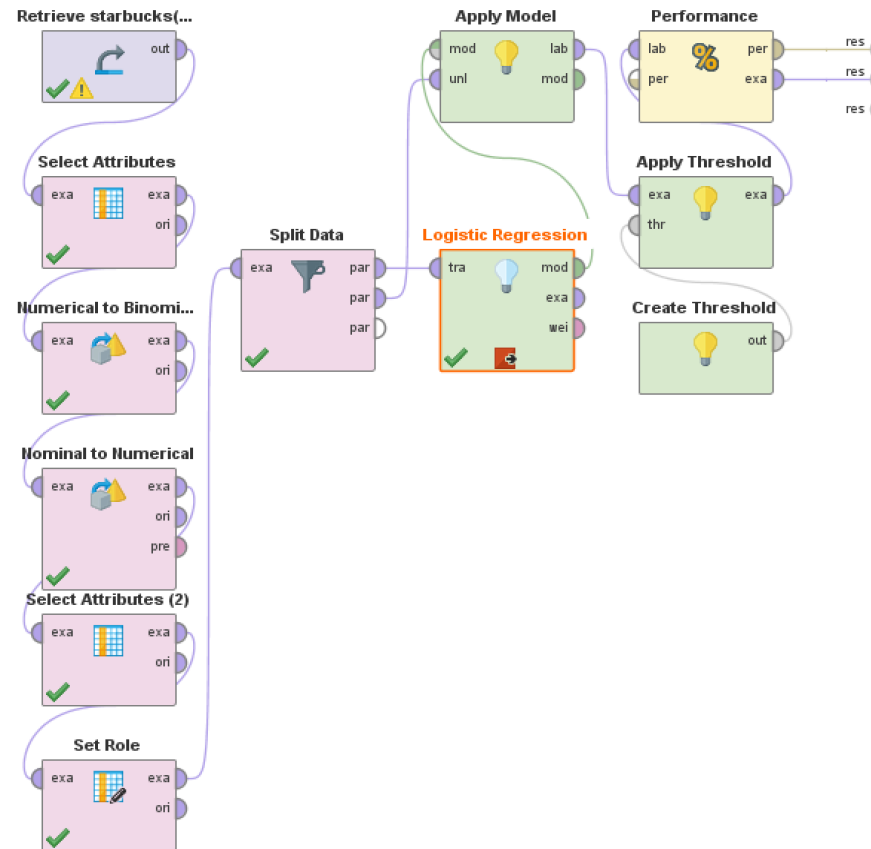
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Supervised Learning - Logistic Regression



Key Features

- Training set (70%) : Test set (30%)
- Dependent Variable : "Last_Active_Flg"
- Independent variables with high p-values have been removed
- Cut-off values = 0.95



04. Model Development



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Supervised Learning - Logistic Regression

accuracy: 50.22%

	true false	true true	class precision
pred. false	644	907	41.52%
pred. true	4	275	98.57%
class recall	99.38%	23.27%	



Confusion Matrix from most accurate model

- **TRUE:** Active Partners
- **FALSE :** Inactive Partners



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Cost Analysis

	true Active	true InActive
pred.Active	\$0 No cost will occur	- \$9,400 / partner : cost of turnover
pred.InActive	- \$ 500 / partner :cost of management	+ \$8,460 / partner * 0.5 (\$9,400 - \$ 940)

“

It costs as much as 33% of a worker's annual salary to replace. When the formula is applied to the average partner salary \$28,470, the average cost of turnover per Partner comes out to **\$9,400**

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Financial Consequences

Accuracy: 50.22%

	true Active	true InActive	class precision
pred. Active	$275 * \$0$	$4 * \$9,400$ $= (\$37,600)$	98.57%
pred.InActive	$907 * (\$500)$ $= (\$852,580)$	$644 * \$8,460 * 0.5$ $= \$5,448,240$	41.52%
class recalled	99.38%	23.27%	

- \$9,400 :cost to replace a partner
- \$500: cost attempting to save the identified partner from quitting.

$$(644 * \$8,460 * 0.5) - (4 * \$9,400) - (907 * \$500) \\ = \$2,233,020$$

Total amount in cost saving per partner:
 $\$2,233,020 / 1830$
 $= \$1,220$

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The strategic value of the proposed solution



**Ability to identify
talented partners**



**Ability to save the
turnover cost of talented
partner**



**Improve customer
experience at stores**



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1) Management Strategy



1. Recruit and Hire Job Candidates that are less likely to Quit



2. Provide store managers with a monthly report that identifies partners that are predicted to leave



3. Create Strong Promotional Campaign for Benefits



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2) Technical Strategy



Keep updating the proposed model after new business processes have been in place

- Establish a goal for reduction of turnover
- Periodically re-run predictive model to evaluate performance



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1. Identify talented partners



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2. Saving the cost of turnover



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saving **\$1,220/** potential
turnover partner and improve
customer's experience by
staying longer at Starbucks

”



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Further Improvement



Acquire more Information
*: Payment, position history,
Knowledge of benefits etc.*



Validation in real-world
: Testing in a few stores



State by State Analysis
: Gather partners



Modeling by positions
: higher accuracy model



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Q&A?

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Preprocessing Process



Preprocessing Process

*Average count_of_prtnrs by Quarter and Branch to calculate labor density

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In [362]: # Collect the cols 'PRTNR_ID', 'FiscalWeekBeginDate', 'PRTNR_ACTIVE_FLG', 'count_of_prtnrs' from the original dataset
count_of_prtnrs = state

#convert y-m-d to y-m
count_of_prtnrs['Month_Year'] = pd.to_datetime(count_of_prtnrs['FiscalWeekBeginDate']).dt.to_period('M')
count_of_prtnrs['Qtr'] = pd.to_datetime(count_of_prtnrs['FiscalWeekBeginDate']).dt.to_period('Q')

#Calculate Average Qtr by branch
Qtr_avg = round( pd.DataFrame(count_of_prtnrs.groupby(['Qtr', 'hashedstorenumber'])['count_of_prtnrs'].mean()).reset_index(),0)
Qtr_avg = Qtr_avg.rename(columns={'count_of_prtnrs' : 'Qtr_avg_count_of_prtnrs'})
```

Out[363]:

	Qtr	hashedstorenumber	Qtr_avg_count_of_prtnrs
0	2017Q4	1	25.0
1	2017Q4	2	31.0
2	2017Q4	4	22.0
3	2017Q4	6	28.0
4	2017Q4	9	25.0
...
1814	2019Q3	443	15.0
1815	2019Q3	445	32.0
1816	2019Q3	446	27.0
1817	2019Q3	447	22.0
1818	2019Q3	448	23.0

1819 rows × 3 columns

*the average number of partners by a quarter on each branch (store number) to calculate labor density



Preprocessing Process



Preprocessing Process

If 'Count of partners on employee's active week' < 'Qtr_avg_count_of_prtnrs', 'Labor Density = 1'

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In [365]: #Merge to count_of_prtnrs data-frame
count_of_prtnrs = pd.merge(count_of_prtnrs, Qtr_avg, how = 'left', left_on = ['Qtr','hashedstorenumber'],
                             right_on = ['Qtr','hashedstorenumber'])

count_of_prtnrs["labor density"] = [ 1 if x < y and z == 1 else 0 for x, y, z in zip(count_of_prtnrs["count_of_prtnrs"],
                                                                                     count_of_prtnrs["Qtr_avg_count_of_prtnrs"],
                                                                                     count_of_prtnrs["PRTNR_ACTIVE_FLG"]) ]

count_of_prtnrs
```

PRTNR_ID	count_of_prtnrs	Month_Year	Qtr	Qtr_avg_count_of_prtnrs	labor density
000FF458D677F2E37B0EC7B3FB093968	19	2019-01	2019Q1	20	1
002676E04029D7B5E17FC6E41279E023	25	2018-11	2018Q4	24	0
0042858E0DE6CA16AF813FD48BDD784D	27	2018-12	2018Q4	26	0
0042858E0DE6CA16AF813FD48BDD784D	24	2019-07	2019Q3	24	0
00B65989385F6FF1B3F917CD11C8251D	25	2018-12	2018Q4	24	0

#of partners < quarter average
: 1

#of partners < quarter average
: 0



Cost of turnover Calculation



Position	# of partners	Yearly wage	weighting factor	# * weighting factor	Weighted Average Salary
barista	4280	\$ 25,044.00	0.70163934	\$ 17,571.86	\$ 28,470.71
assistant store manager	34	\$ 45,446.00	0.00557377	\$ 253.31	
cafe attendant	4	\$ 27,485.79	0.00065574	\$ 18.02	
shift manager	10	\$ 31,305.00	0.00163934	\$ 51.32	
shift supervisor	1436	\$ 31,305.00	0.23540984	\$ 7,369.50	
siren retail barista	2	\$ 29,280.61	0.00032787	\$ 9.60	
siren retail operations lead	1	\$ 43,131.00	0.00016393	\$ 7.07	
store manager	333	\$ 58,436.00	0.05459016	\$ 3,190.03	



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New business process proposal



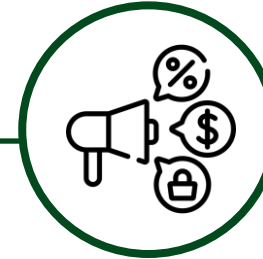
Explain and promote the value of Starbucks benefits to job candidates

- a) Hire candidates that are more likely to take benefits
- b) Create recruitment programs targeting demographics that have lowest turnover

Provide store managers with a monthly report that identifies partners that are predicted to leave



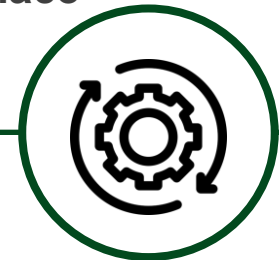
- a) check-in meeting with partners and promote the value of the benefits
- b) Regional manager's special care for talented employees.



Create a promotional campaign for all partners around the value of Starbucks benefits

- a) Consider auto-enrollment
- b) Talk about the value of benefits in all employee communications

Keep updating the predictive model after new business processes have been in place



- a) Establish a goal for reduction of turnover
- b) Periodically re-run predictive model to evaluate performance



