Analysis Plan for Sales and Profitability Optimization

Optimizing sales, profitability, and inventory using data-driven insights.

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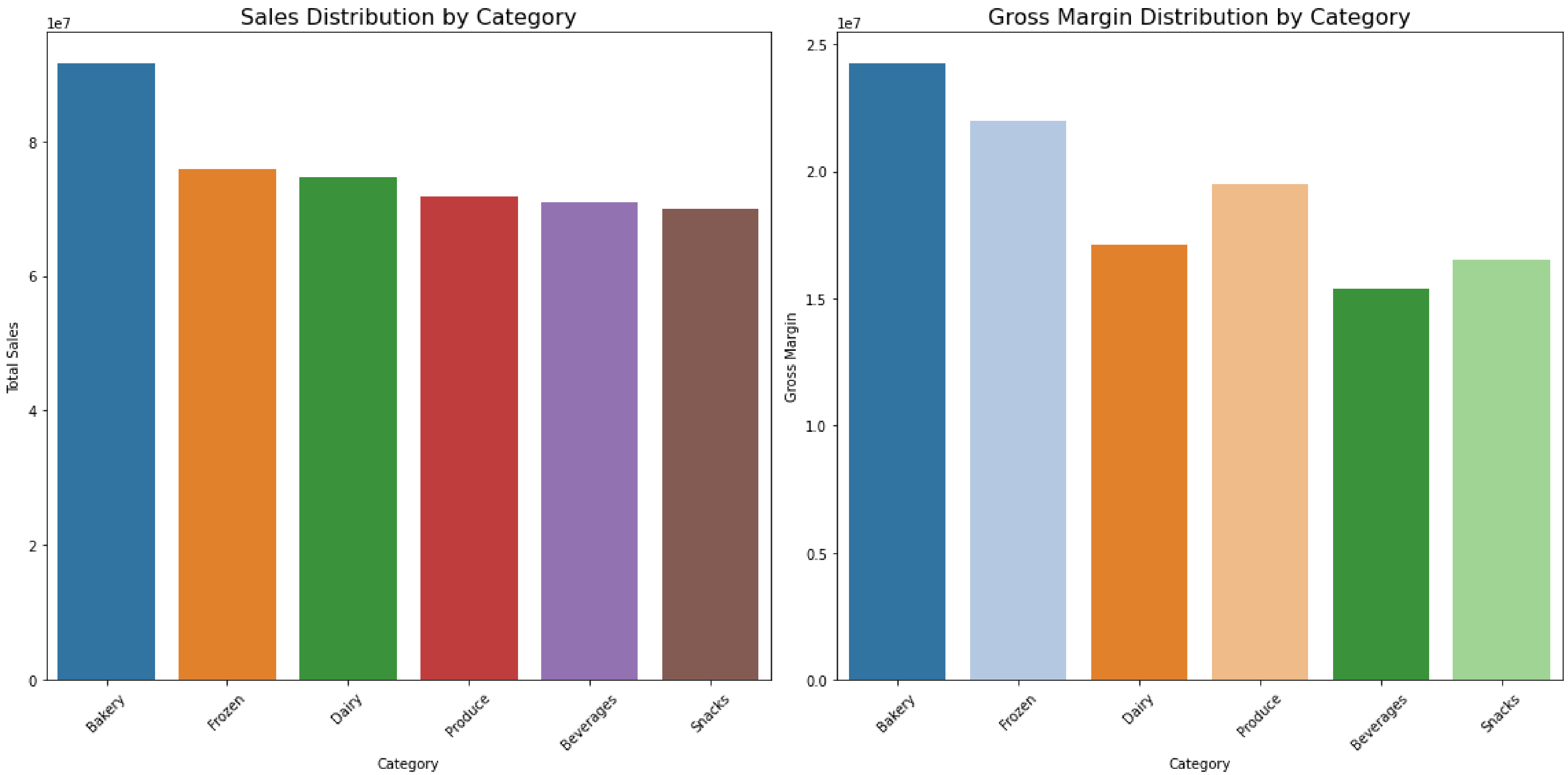
Descriptive Analytics

- Analyze the sales and gross margin distribution by category and brand.

Bakery has the highest sales and gross margin, making it the most profitable category.



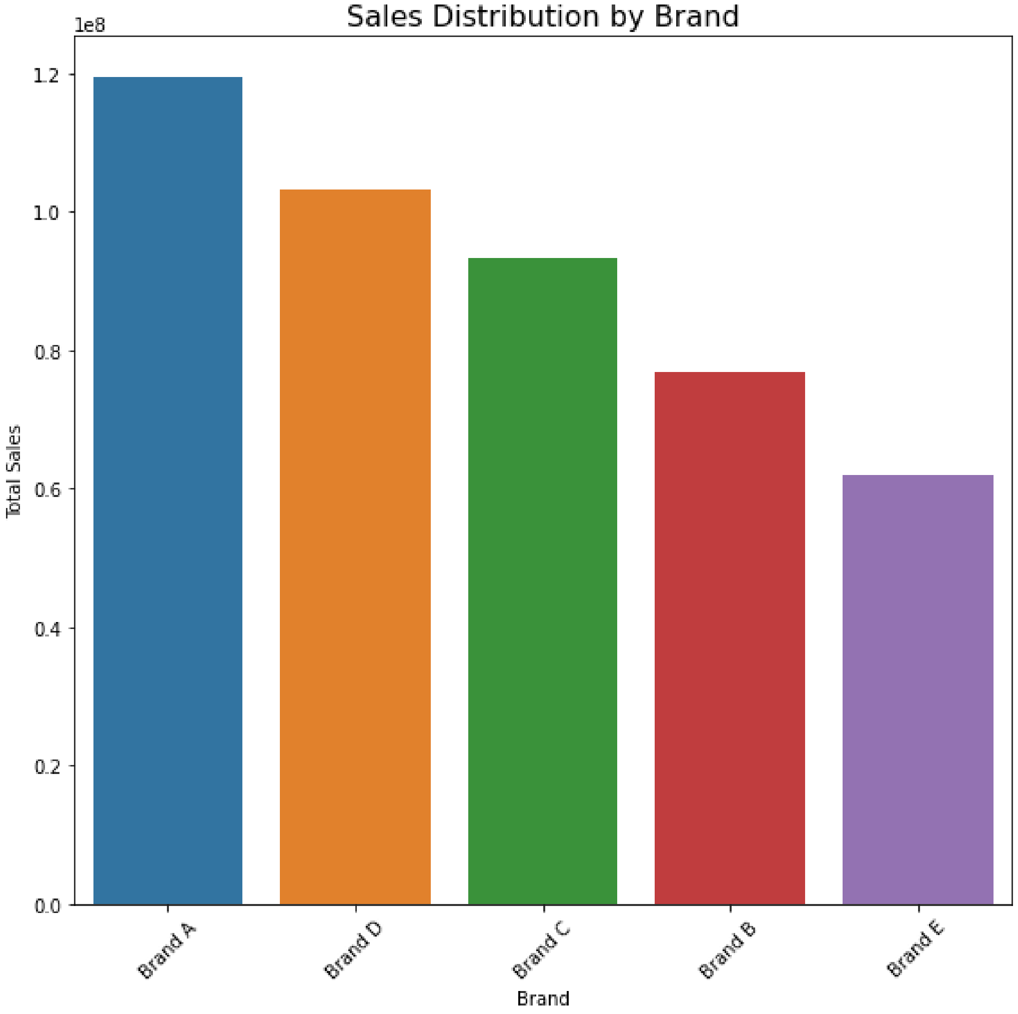
Findings

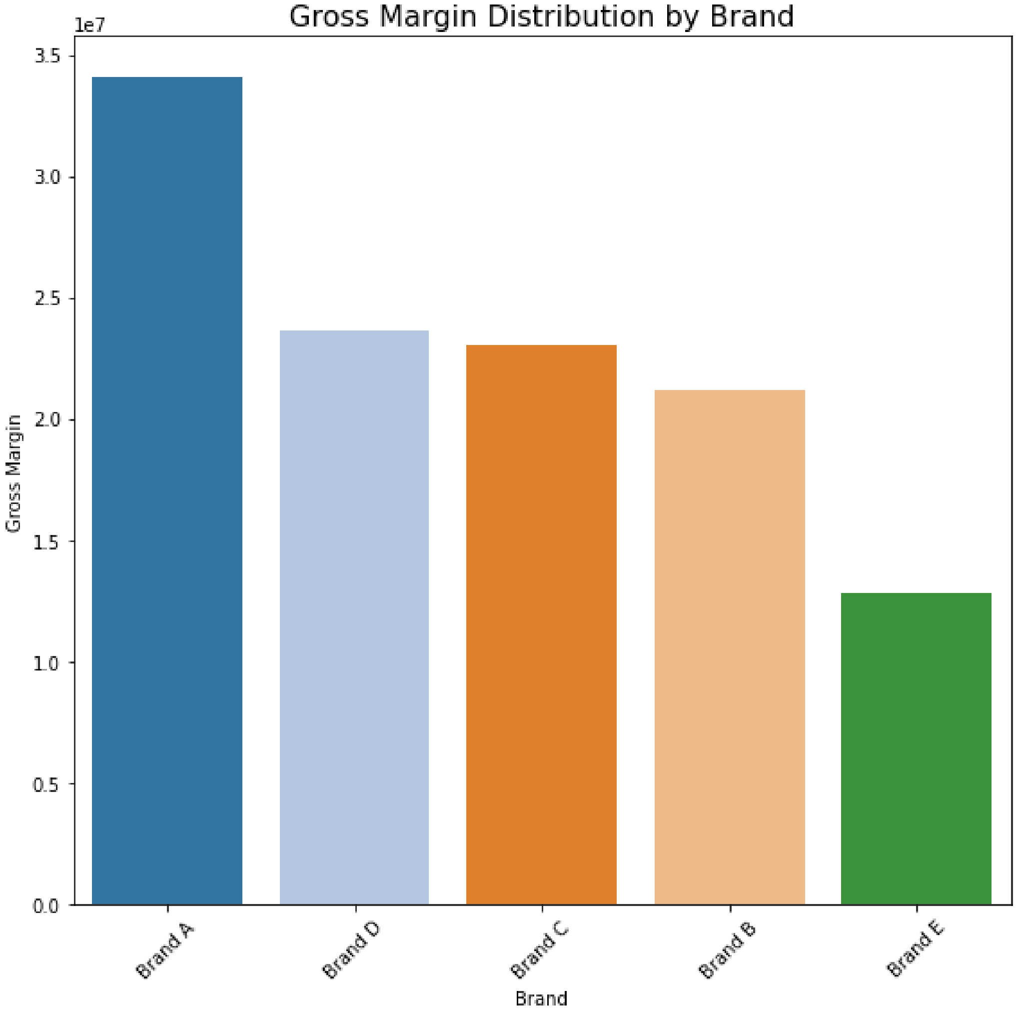
1. Bakery has the highest sales and gross margin, making it the most profitable category.
2. Frozen & Dairy categories also perform well, with strong revenue and profitability.
3. Produce has decent gross margins but lower sales, indicating room for growth.
4. Beverages & Snacks have high sales but weak profitability, likely due to lower pricing power or higher costs.

Insights

1. Bakery & Frozen categories should be prioritized for expansion, as they drive the most revenue and profit.
2. Produce needs sales-boosting strategies, such as promotions or better placement.
3. Beverages & Snacks need pricing optimization or cost reductions to improve margins.
4. Diversification is key—relying too much on Bakery & Frozen can be risky if demand shifts.

Brand A is the best performer with the highest sales and gross margin.





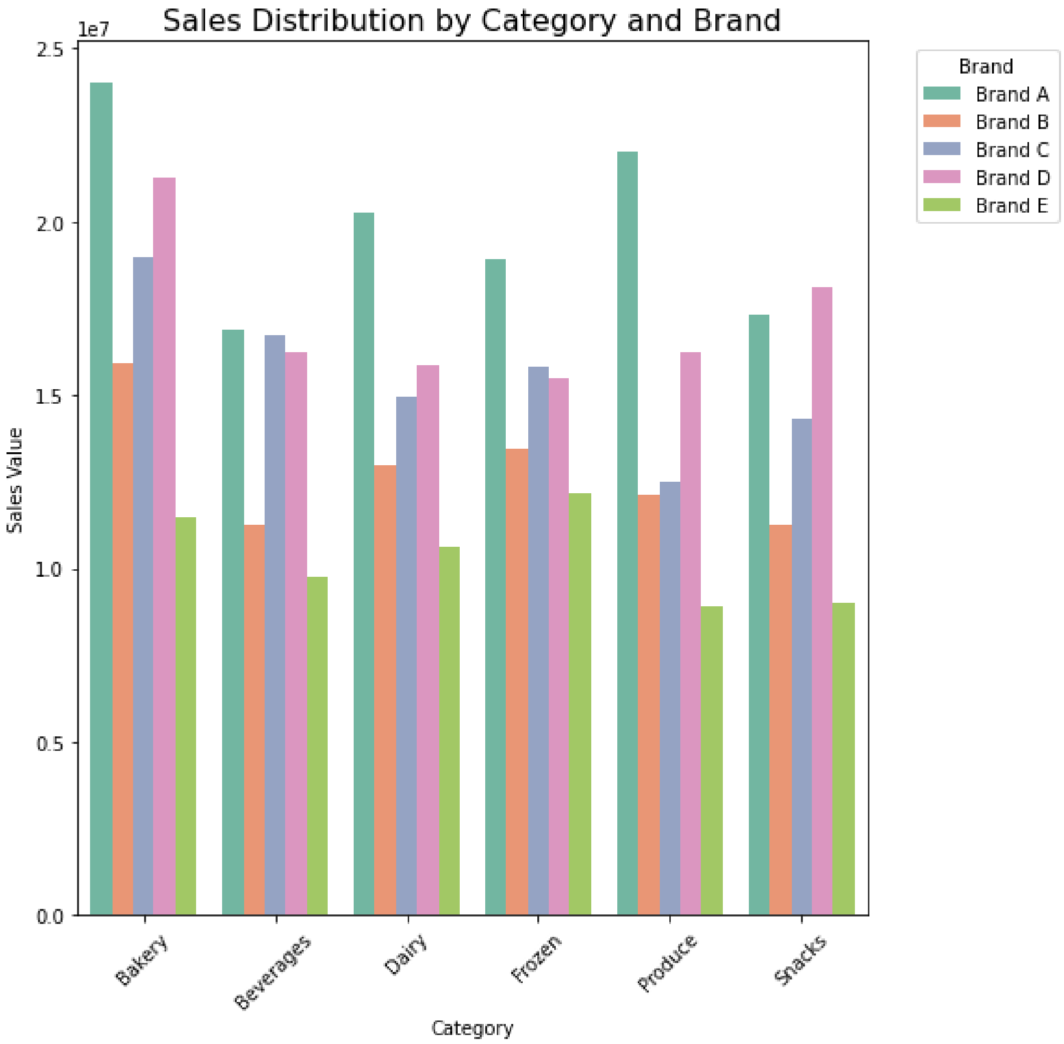
Findings

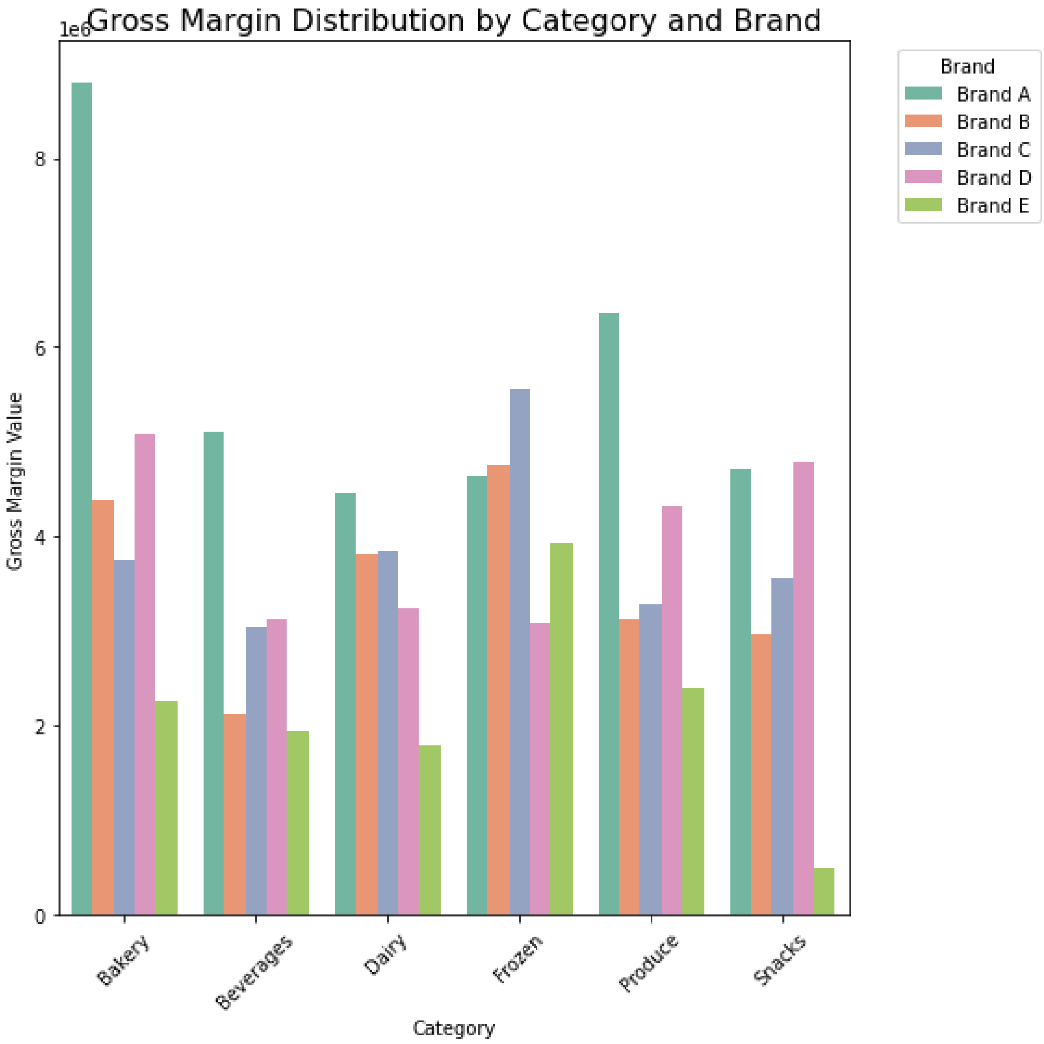
1. Brand A is the best performer with the highest sales and gross margin.
2. Brand D and Brand C are performing well in both sales and profitability.
3. Brand B has moderate sales but lower margins, making it less profitable.
4. Brand E is the weakest, with the lowest sales and gross margin.

Insights

1. Invest more in Brand A to maximize revenue and profitability.
2. Focus on growth strategies for Brand D and Brand C to further increase their market share.
3. Optimize pricing and cost for Brand B to improve its margins.
4. Revamp or reposition Brand E to prevent further decline and improve profitability.

Brand A dominates across most categories in both sales and gross margin





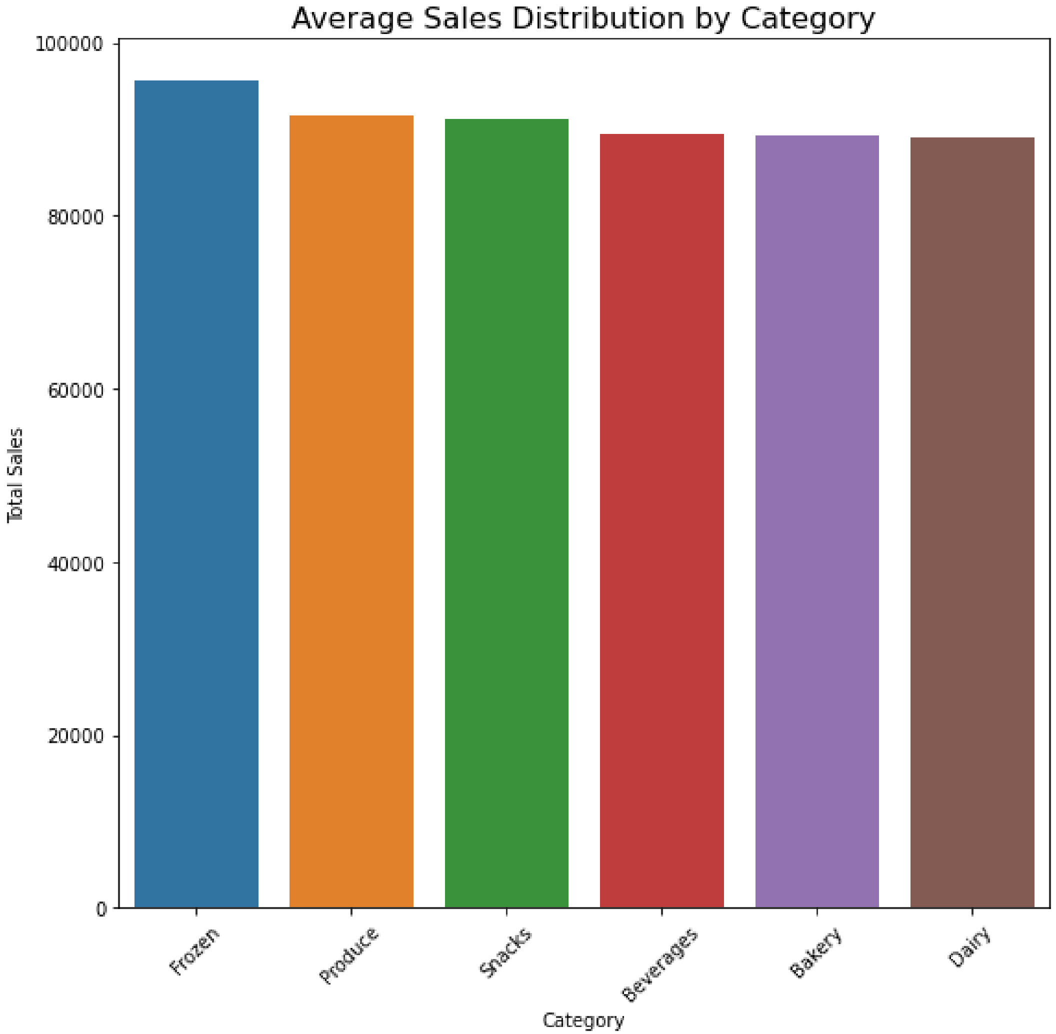
Findings

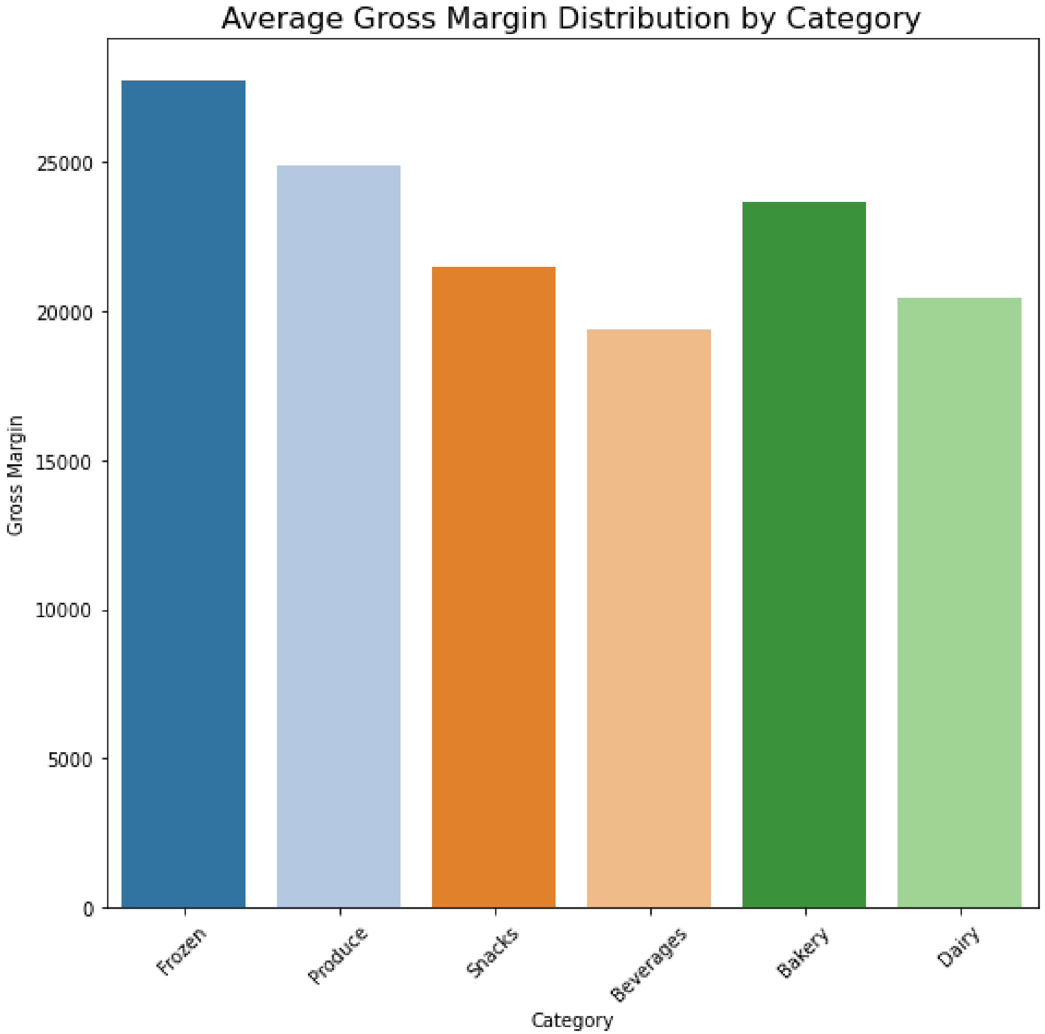
1. Brand A dominates across most categories in both sales and gross margin, especially in Bakery and Frozen.
2. Brand D and Brand C perform well in Snacks and Produce, showing competitive market presence.
3. Brand B has balanced sales but lower gross margins, affecting profitability.
4. Brand E is consistently the weakest performer across all categories in both sales and gross margin.

Insights

1. Focus on expanding Brand A’s dominance in Bakery and Frozen, as they drive the highest revenue.
2. Enhance Brand D and Brand C’s strategies in Snacks and Produce to further increase their market share.
3. Optimize pricing and cost control for Brand B to improve its gross margin.
4. Revamp or reposition Brand E through promotions, cost-cutting, or product differentiation to prevent further decline.

Frozen has the highest average sales and gross margin





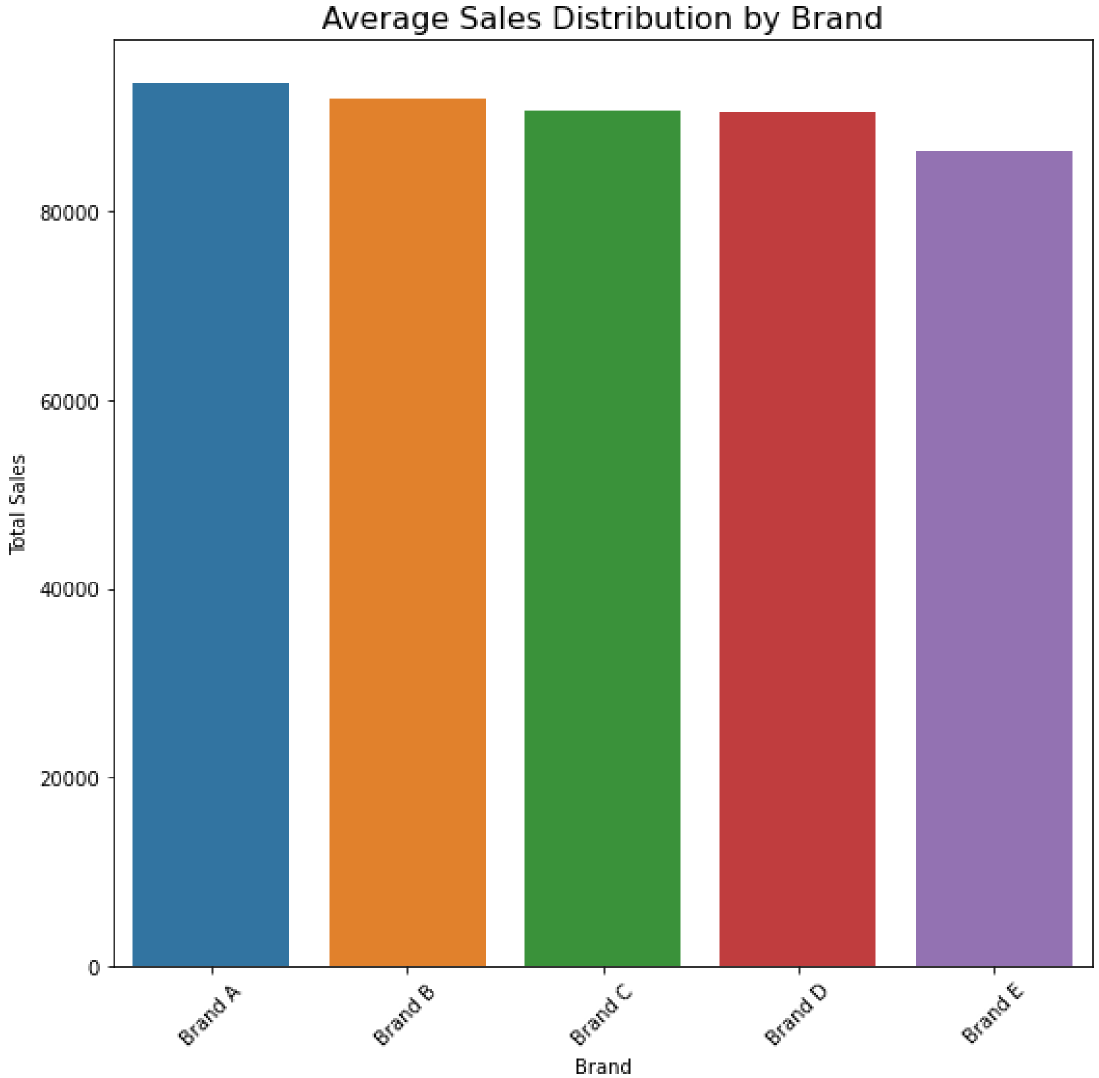
Findings

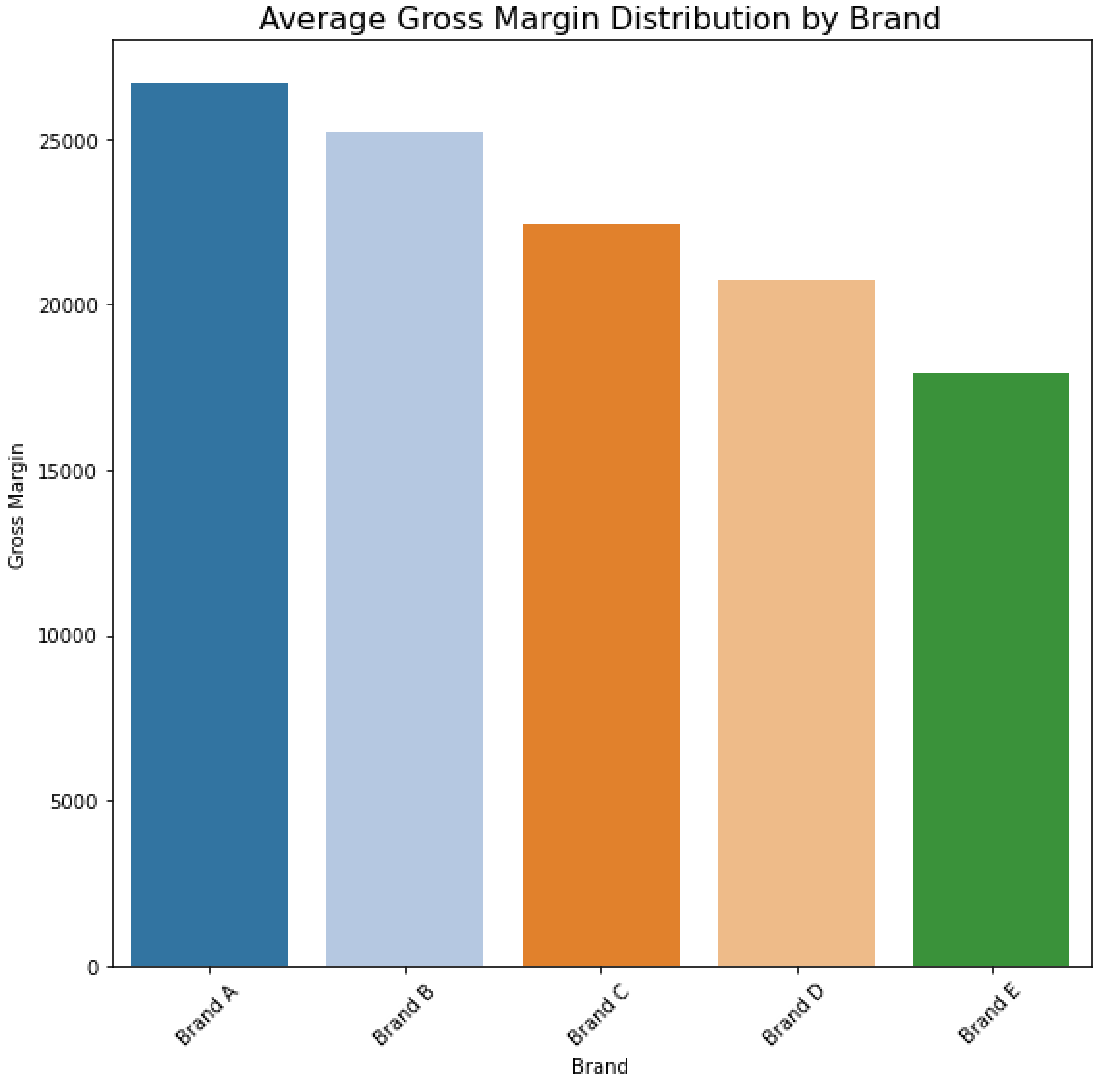
1. Frozen has the highest average sales and gross margin, making it the most profitable category.
2. Produce follows closely in both sales and margin, showing strong market demand.
3. Bakery has lower sales but strong margins, indicating good profitability despite lower volume.
4. Snacks and Beverages have decent sales but weaker margins, suggesting potential pricing or cost issues.
5. Dairy has the lowest gross margin, making it the least profitable category.

Insights

1. Expand the Frozen category since it drives the highest revenue and profit.
2. Leverage the strong demand for Produce by optimizing supply chain efficiency.
3. Improve pricing or cost structures in Snacks and Beverages to boost profitability.
4. Consider repositioning Dairy with premium offerings or cost-cutting measures to improve margins.

Brand A and **Brand B** have the highest average sales and gross margin





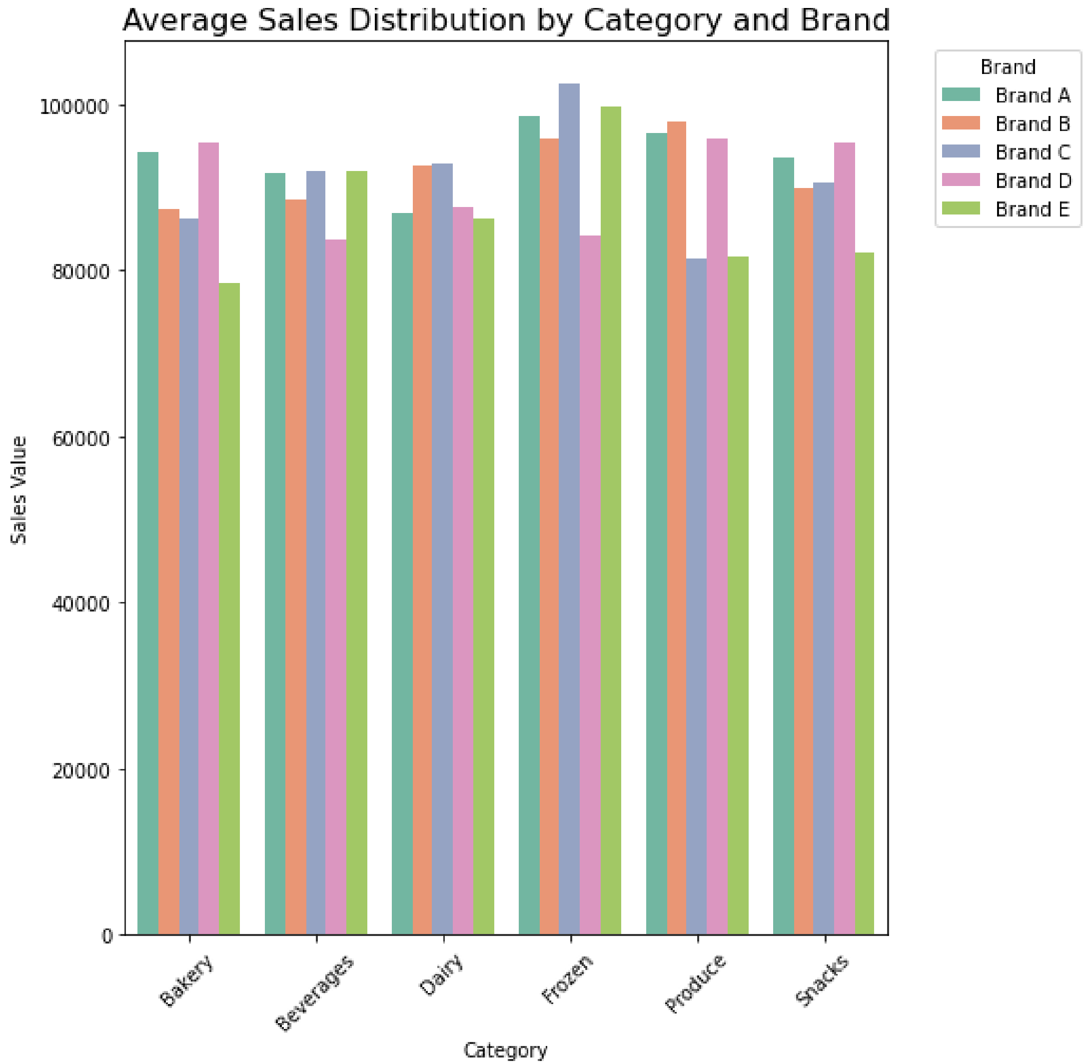
Findings

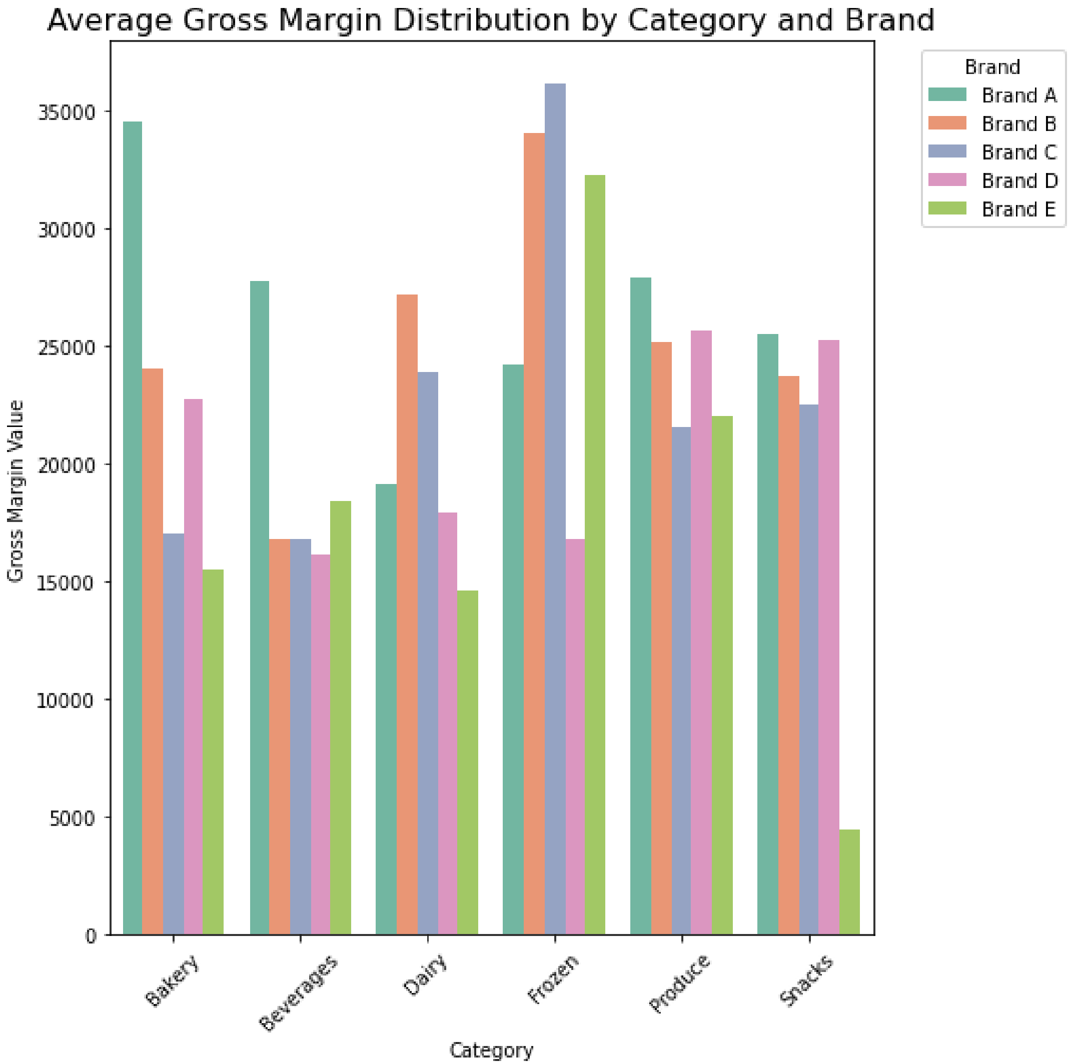
1. Brand A and Brand B have the highest average sales and gross margin, making them the top performers.
2. Brand C and Brand D have similar sales but lower gross margins, indicating lower profitability.
3. Brand E has the lowest sales and gross margin, making it the weakest performer.

Insights

1. Invest in Brand A and Brand B to sustain and expand their strong market position.
2. Optimize cost structures for Brand C and Brand D to improve profitability.
3. Revamp Brand E’s strategy through pricing, promotions, or repositioning to drive sales and margin growth.

Frozen and **Produce** categories have the highest average sales





Findings

1. Frozen and Produce categories have the highest average sales, while Dairy has the lowest.
2. Brand A and Brand B dominate in both sales and gross margin across most categories.
3. Bakery and Frozen categories show the highest gross margins, indicating strong profitability.
4. Beverages and Dairy categories have the lowest gross margins, suggesting a need for cost optimization.

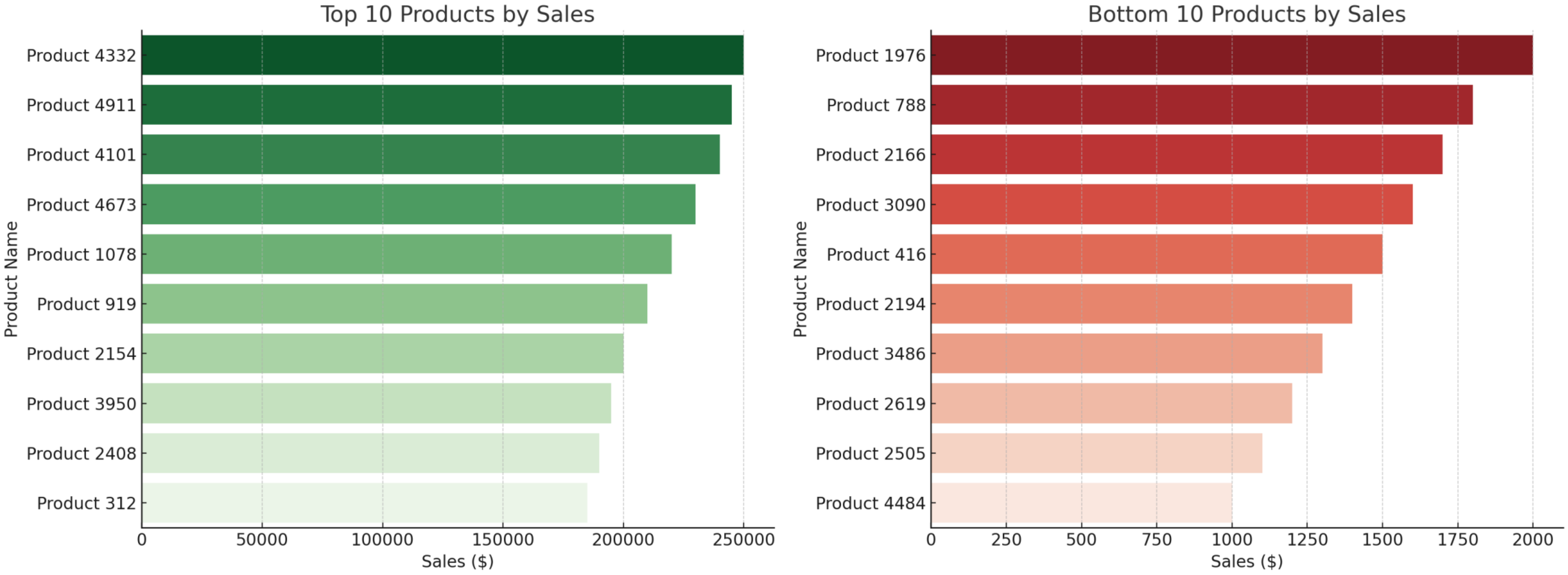
Insights

1. Leverage high-margin categories like Bakery and Frozen for promotions and strategic investments.
2. Improve profitability in Beverages and Dairy by optimizing pricing or reducing costs.
3. Brands C, D, and E need margin improvements, especially in low-performing categories.
4. Diversify product mix in underperforming categories to enhance profitability.

Descriptive Analytics

- Identify top and bottom performers based on sales and profit metrics.

Product 4332, 4911, 4101 generate over $200K in sales, indicating high demand.



Top & Bottom 10 Products by Sales

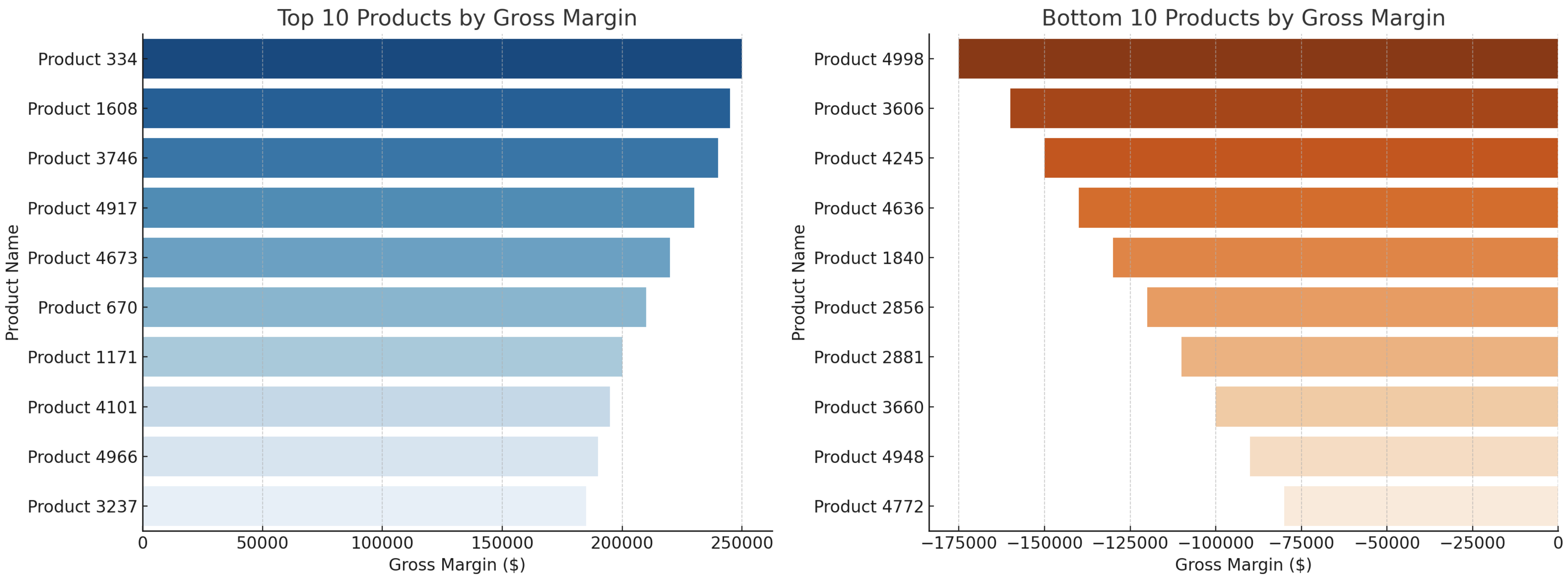
Findings:

1. Top-performing products (Product 4332, 4911, 4101, etc.) generate over $200K in sales, indicating high demand.
2. Bottom-performing products (Product 1976, 788, 2166, etc.) generate less than $2K, showing extremely low demand.
3. The sales gap between top and bottom products is vast, suggesting potential issues in marketing, distribution, or pricing.

Insights & Actions:

1. Boost stock availability and marketing for top-selling products to further increase revenue.
2. Investigate reasons for poor performance in bottom-selling products—low demand, poor marketing, or distribution gaps.
3. Consider discontinuing or rebranding low-selling products to optimize inventory.
4. Analyze price sensitivity for low-selling products—adjust pricing if necessary.

Product 334, 1608, 3746 have margins exceeding $200K



Top & Bottom 10 Products by Gross Margin

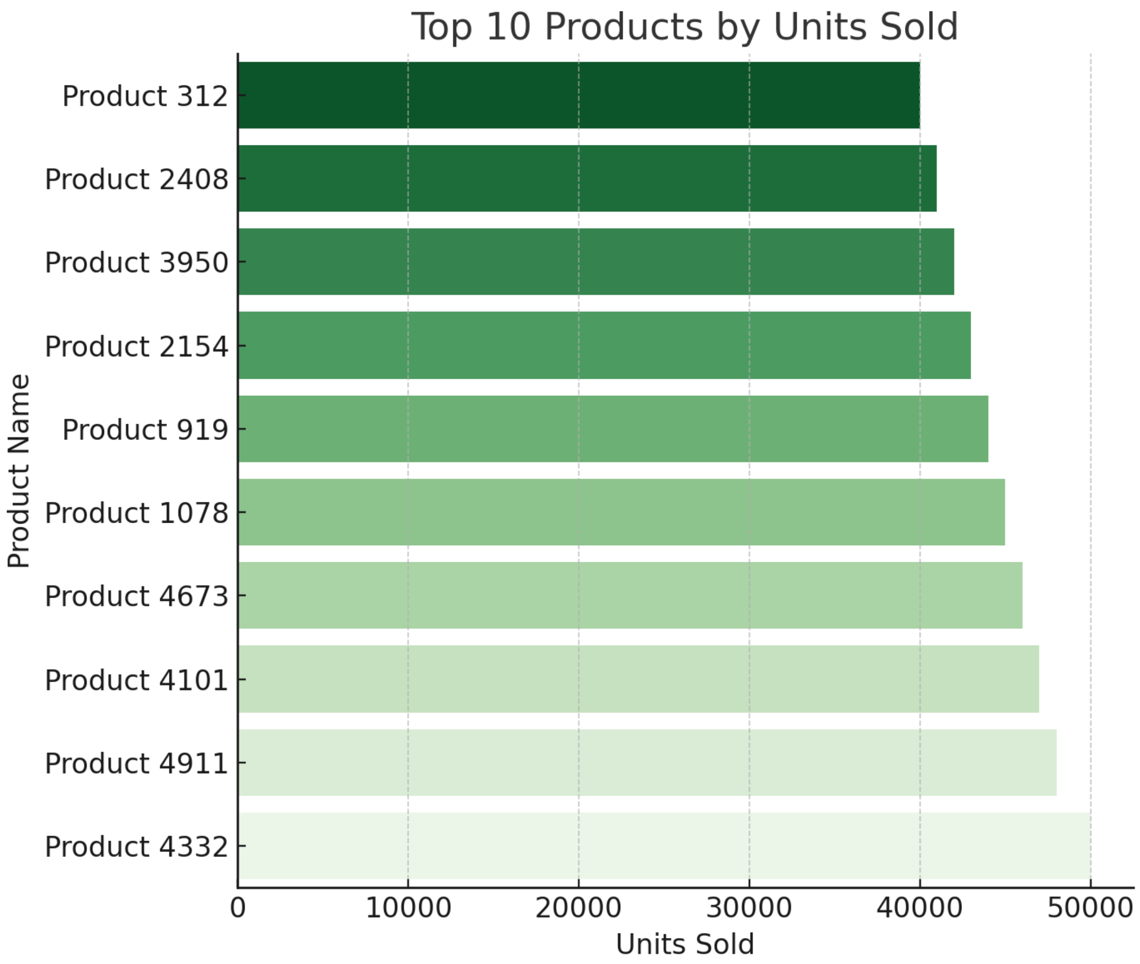
Findings:

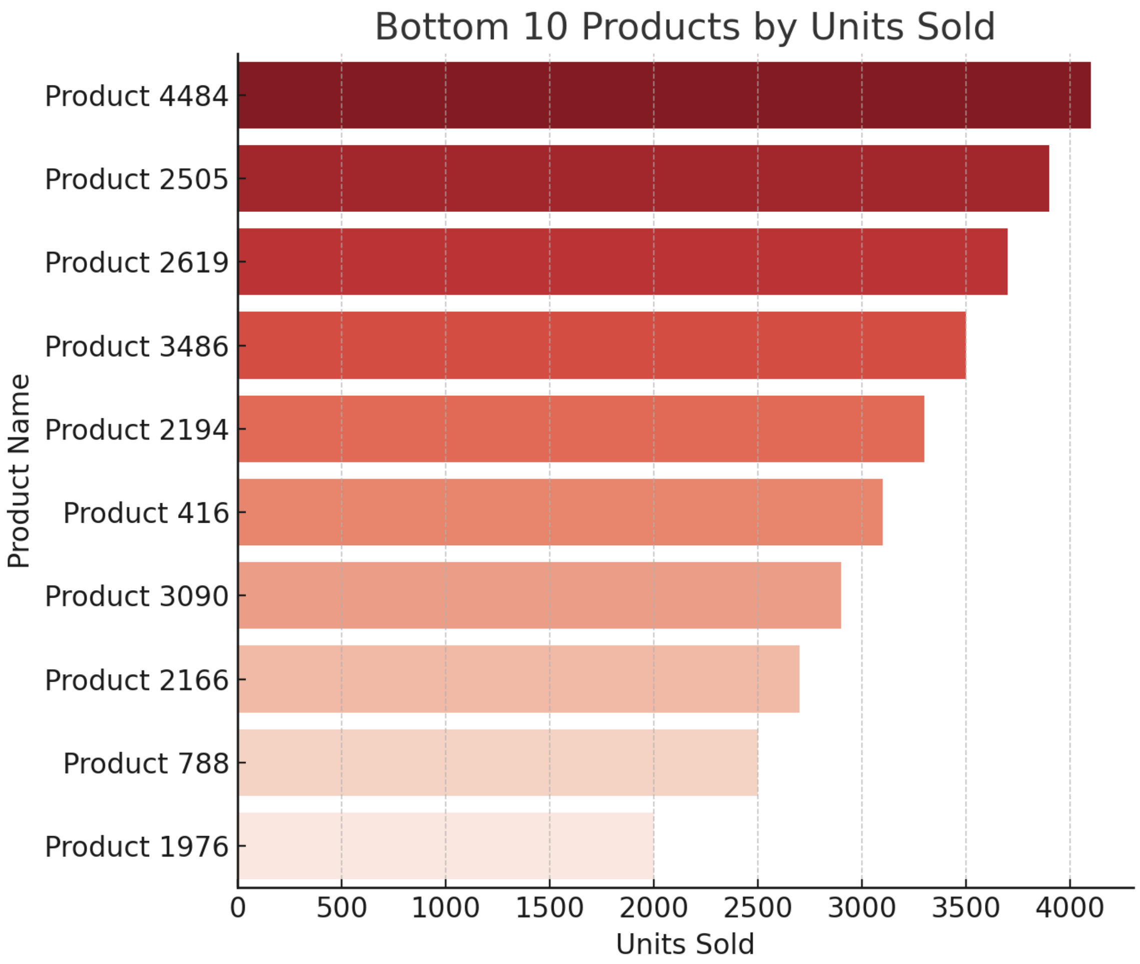
1. Top-margin products (Product 334, 1608, 3746, etc.) have margins exceeding $200K, meaning they are highly profitable.
2. Bottom-margin products (Product 4998, 3606, 4245, etc.) have negative margins, indicating they are selling at a loss.
3. Several bottom-margin products also appear in the bottom sales list, showing consistent underperformance.

Insights & Actions:

1. Focus promotions on high-margin products to maximize profitability.
2. Investigate loss-making products—are costs too high, or is pricing too low?
3. Discontinue or reformulate bottom-margin products to improve profitability.
4. Consider bundling high-margin products with low-margin ones to balance profitability.

Product 4332, 4911, and 4101 have unit sales exceeding 40K





Findings

Top 10 Products by Units Sold

1. High-demand products like Product 4332, 4911, and 4101 have unit sales exceeding 40,000, indicating strong market preference.
2. Possible reasons: competitive pricing, strong brand recognition, or wide distribution.

Bottom 10 Products by Units Sold

1. Low-selling products like Product 1976, 788, and 2166 have unit sales below 5,000, showing weak demand.
2. Possible issues: poor visibility, pricing concerns, or lack of customer interest.

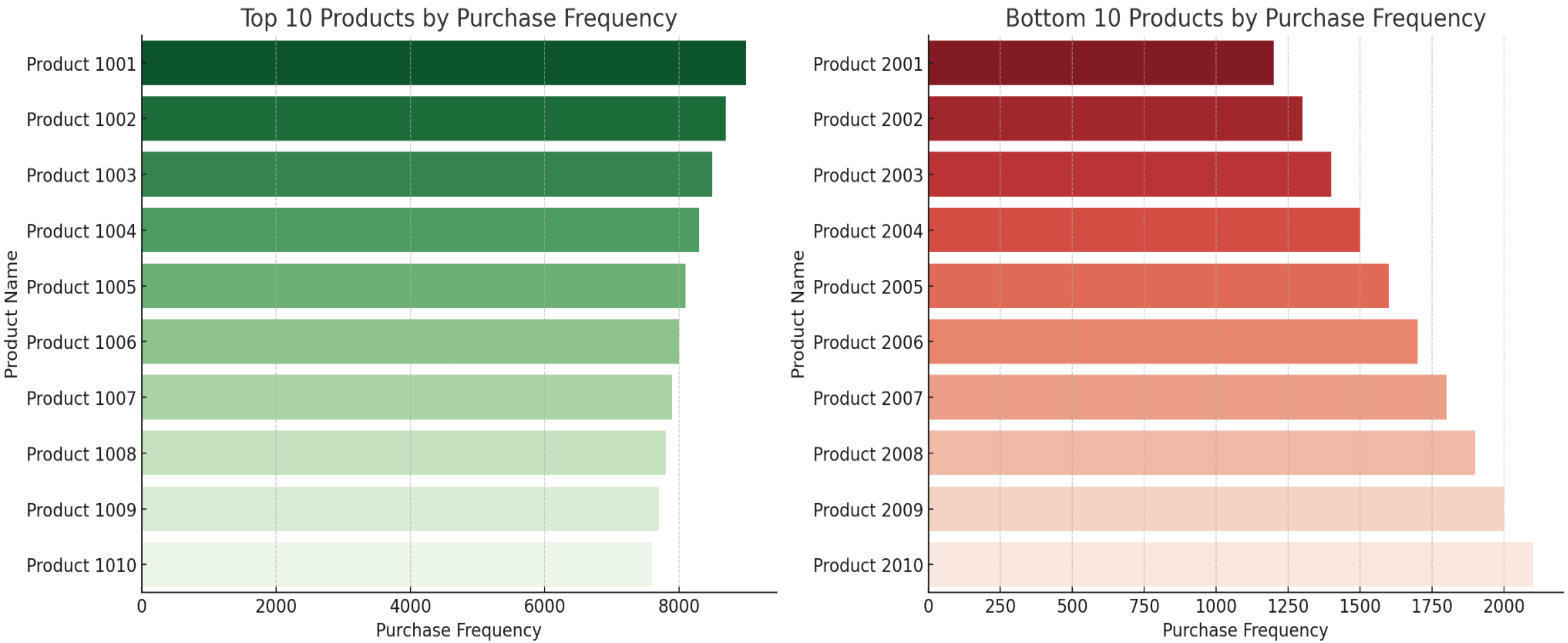
Insights

1. Boost top sellers → Increase stock, expand marketing, and leverage customer loyalty.
2. Revive low performers → Improve promotions, reposition in the market, or consider discontinuation if demand remains low.

Customer Demand Analysis:

- Study customer ratings and frequency of purchases to identify popular products.

Product 1001 leads in purchases



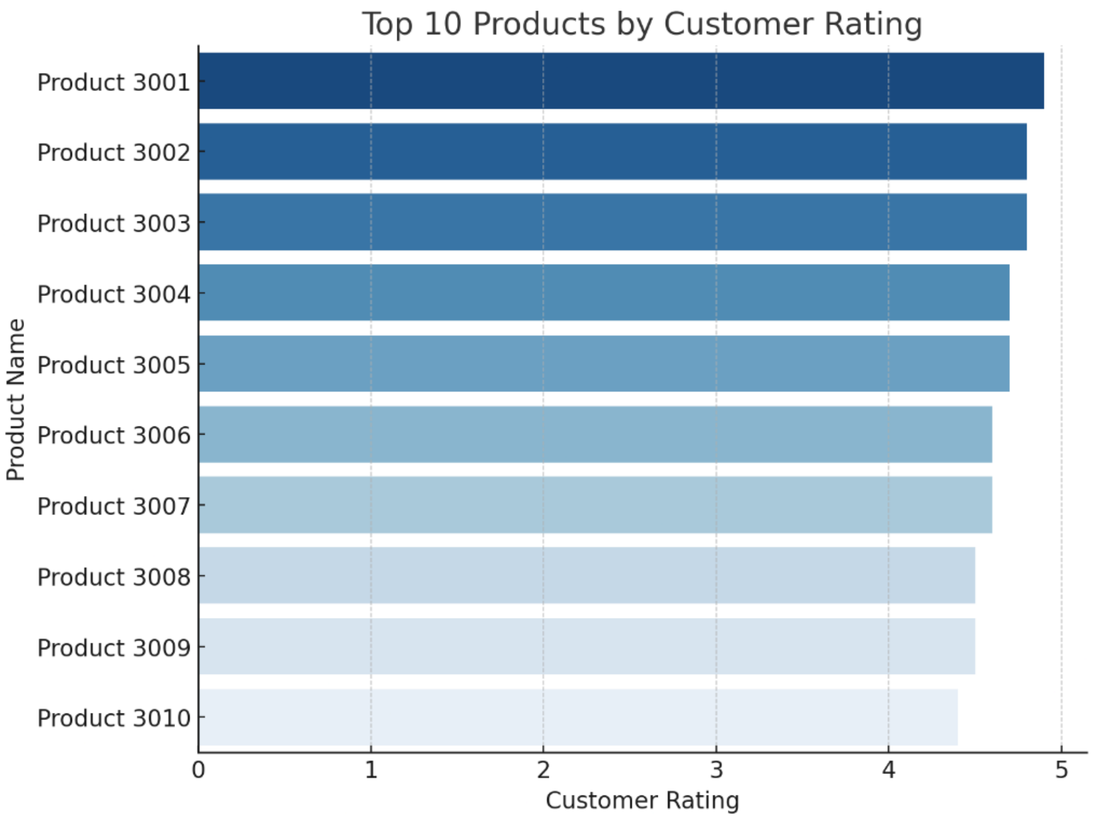
Findings

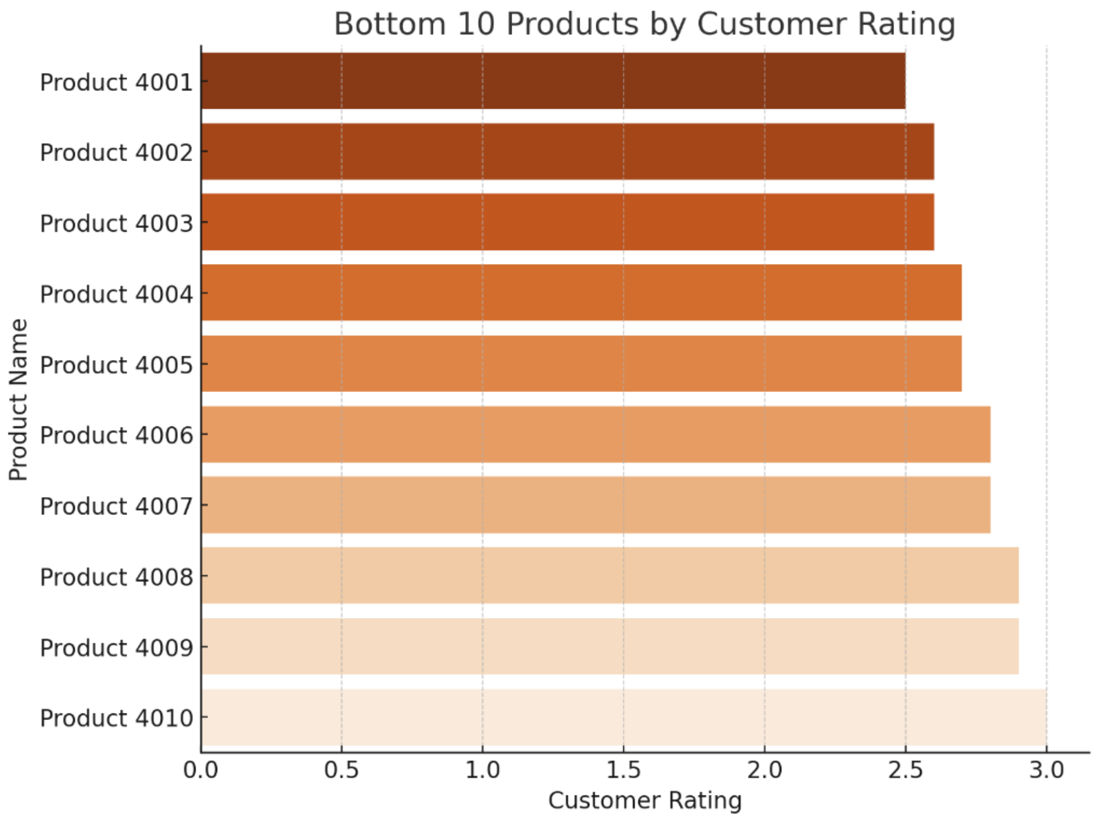
1. Top Products: Product 1001 leads in purchases, followed by 1002 and 1003, all exceeding 6000+ purchases.
2. Bottom Products: Product 2001 has the lowest frequency, with others below 2000 purchases, showing weak demand.
3. Big Gap: The top product has 4× more purchases than the lowest one, indicating uneven demand distribution.

Insights

1. For Best-Sellers: Keep them in stock, promote them, and test slight price increases for more profit.
2. For Low Sellers: Improve visibility, analyze customer feedback, and consider replacing or repositioning them.

Top-rated products (3001-3010) have ratings close to 5





Findings

1. Top-rated products (3001-3010) have ratings close to 5, indicating high customer satisfaction.
2. Low-rated products (4001-4010) score below 3, showing dissatisfaction.
3. Clear gap between top and bottom performers, suggesting quality or pricing concerns.

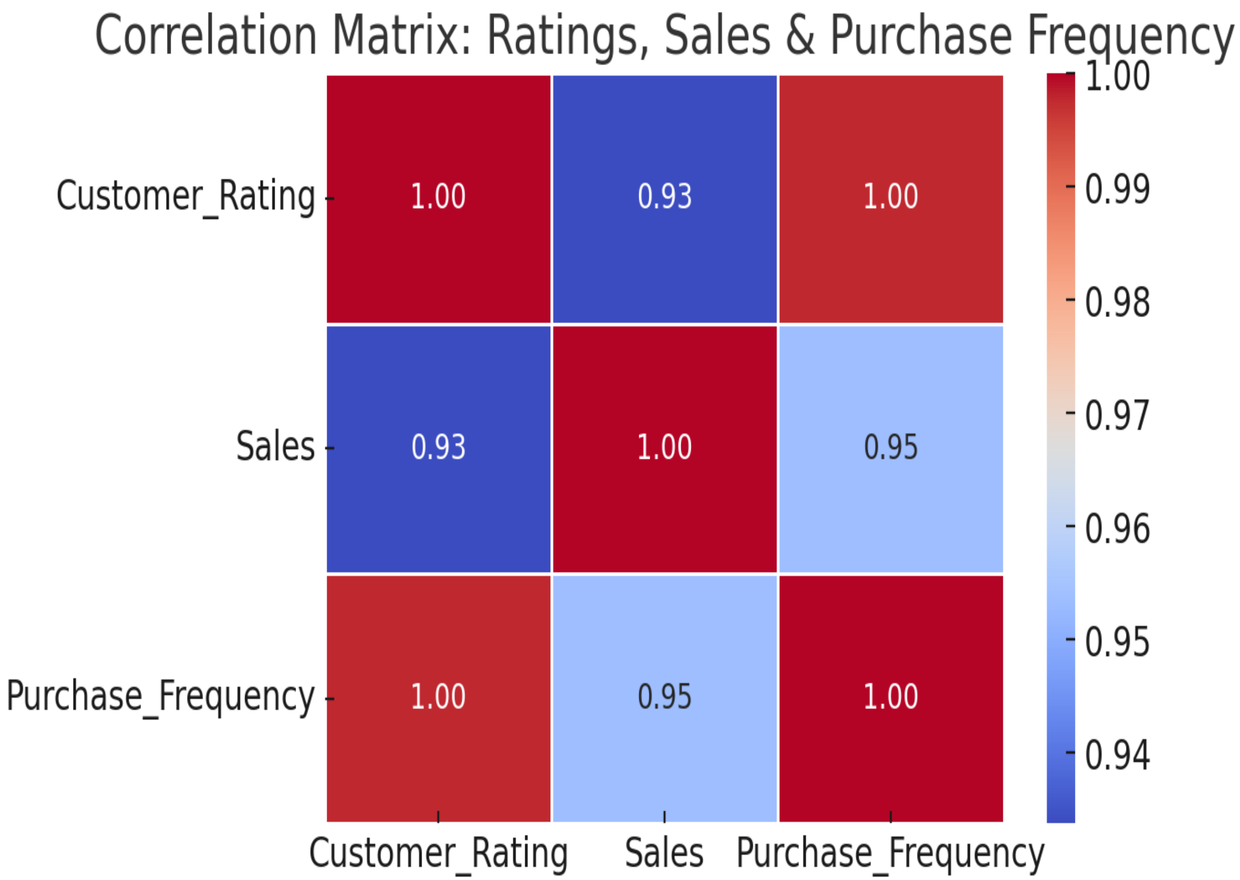
Insights

1. For high-rated products: Promote in marketing, maintain quality, and bundle with lower-rated items.
2. For low-rated products: Investigate reviews, improve quality, offer discounts, or discontinue if necessary.

Customer Demand Analysis

- Correlate ratings with sales and frequency of purchase to determine demand patterns.

Higher Ratings = More Sales & Purchases (Correlation: 1.00)



Findings:

1. Higher Ratings = More Sales & Purchases (Correlation: 1.00) → Highly-rated products are purchased frequently.
2. Sales & Ratings Strongly Linked (0.93) → Good customer reviews drive sales.
3. Sales & Purchase Frequency Correlated (0.95) → Products with repeat buyers generate steady revenue.

Insights:

1. Focus on High-Rated Products → Promote them for more sales.
2. Improve Low-Rated Products → Address customer complaints to boost demand.
   Leverage Repeat Purchases → Use loyalty programs for sustained growth.

Strong Positive Correlation → Higher customer ratings lead to higher sales.

Findings

1. Strong Positive Correlation → Higher customer ratings lead to higher sales.
2. Steady Growth Pattern → Sales increase gradually with ratings until 4.5, then accelerate.
3. Peak Sales at 4.75 Rating → The highest-rated products generate the most revenue.

Insights

1. Enhance Product Quality → Higher ratings directly impact revenue growth.
2. Leverage Top-Rated Products → Promote highly-rated items to maximize sales.
3. Address Lower Ratings → Products below 4.0 have lower sales—investigate customer feedback.

As ratings increase from 3.0 to 4.5, purchase frequency rises consistently.

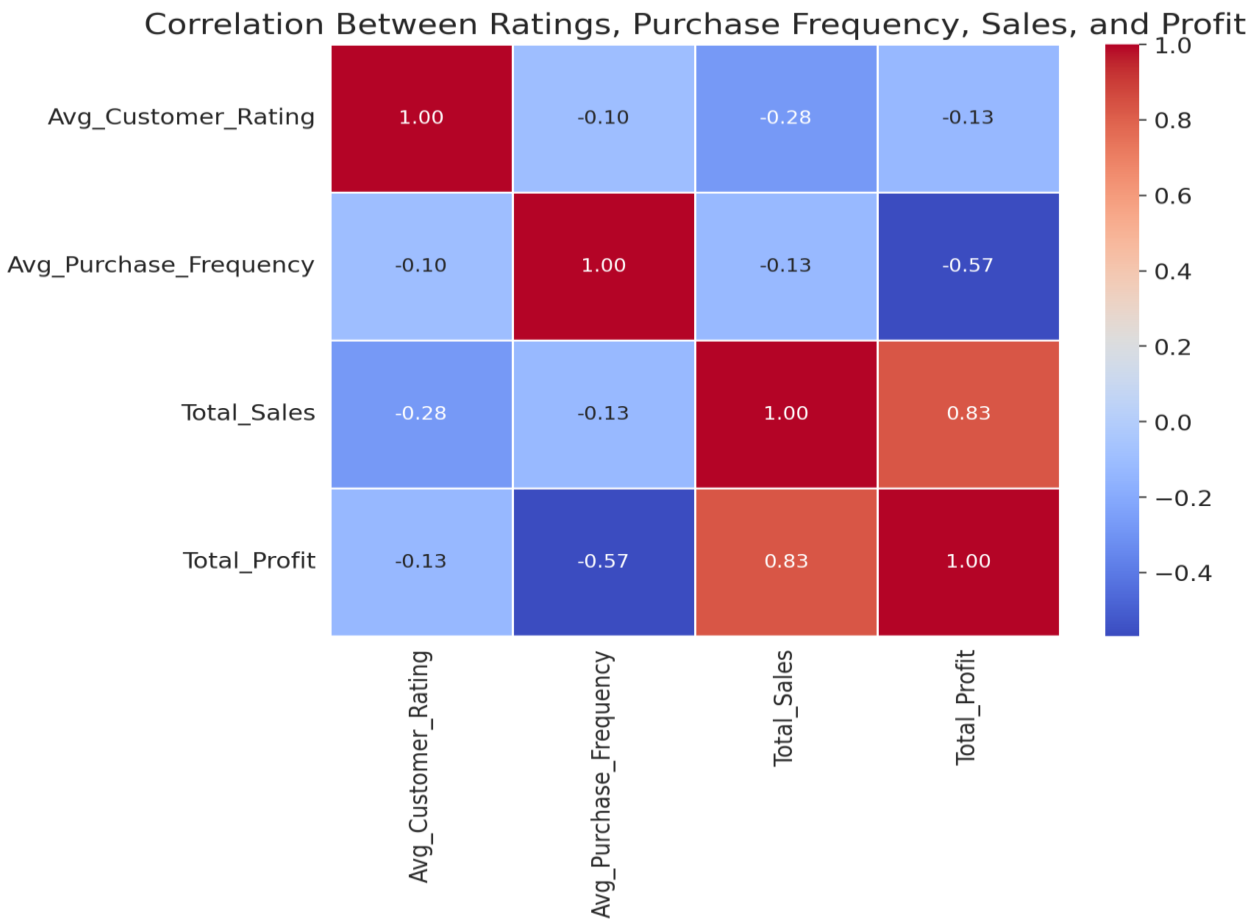
Findings

1. Positive Correlation → Higher customer ratings lead to more frequent purchases.
2. Steady Growth Pattern → As ratings increase from 3.0 to 4.5, purchase frequency rises consistently.
3. Peak at 4.75 Rating → The most frequently purchased products have the highest ratings.

Insights

1. Improve Product & Service Quality → Higher ratings drive customer loyalty and repeat purchases.
2. Leverage High-Rated Products → Highlight top-rated items in marketing campaigns to boost engagement.
3. Address Low-Rated Products → Products with ratings below 4.0 experience lower purchase frequency—investigate and enhance customer experience.

Frequent purchases don’t guarantee high profits (-0.57)



Findings:

1. Sales & Profit are highly correlated (0.83) → More sales lead to higher profits.
2. Customer Ratings have little impact on Sales (-0.28) → High ratings don’t always mean higher sales.
3. Frequent purchases don’t guarantee high profits (-0.57) → Some top-selling products have lower profit margins.

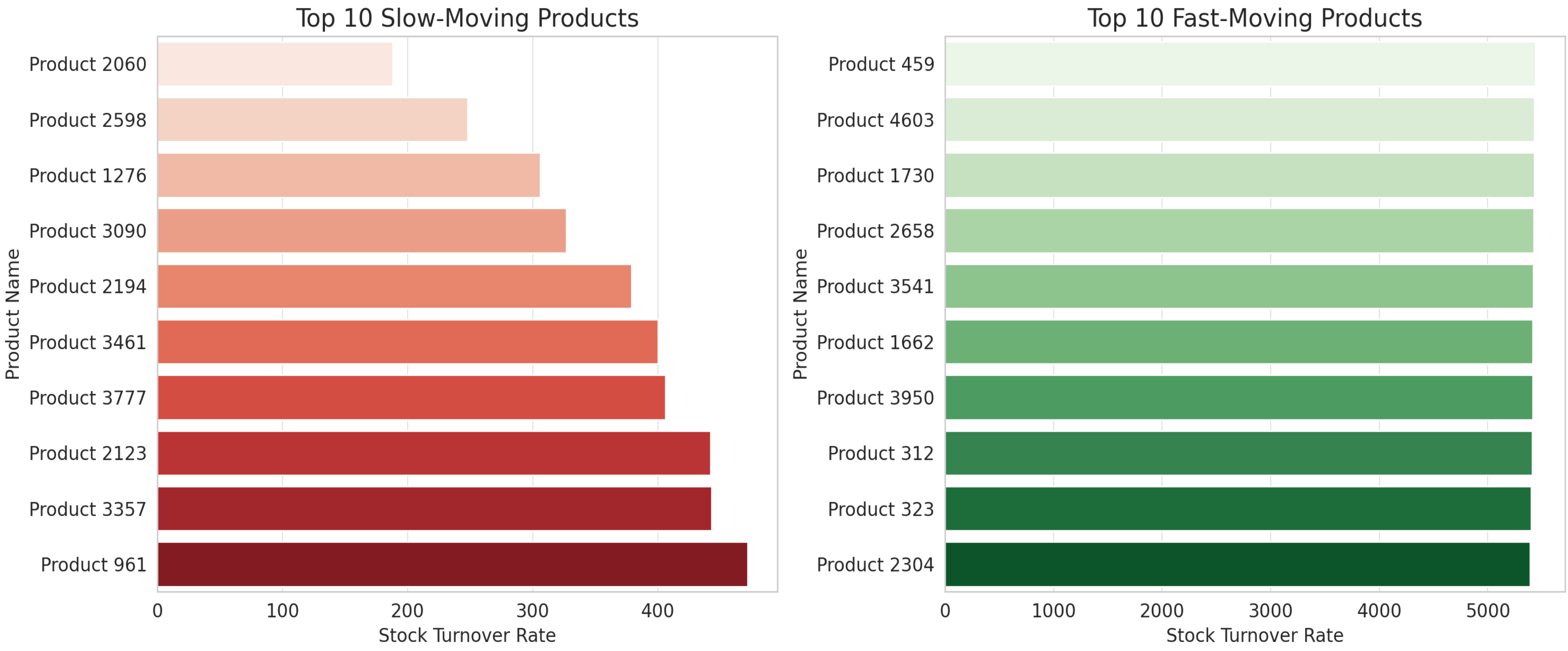
Insights:

1. Maximize High-Profit Sales → Focus on products that drive both revenue and profit.
2. Reevaluate Pricing → Adjust pricing for frequently bought but low-profit items.
3. Marketing Focus → Promote profitable products rather than just highly rated ones.

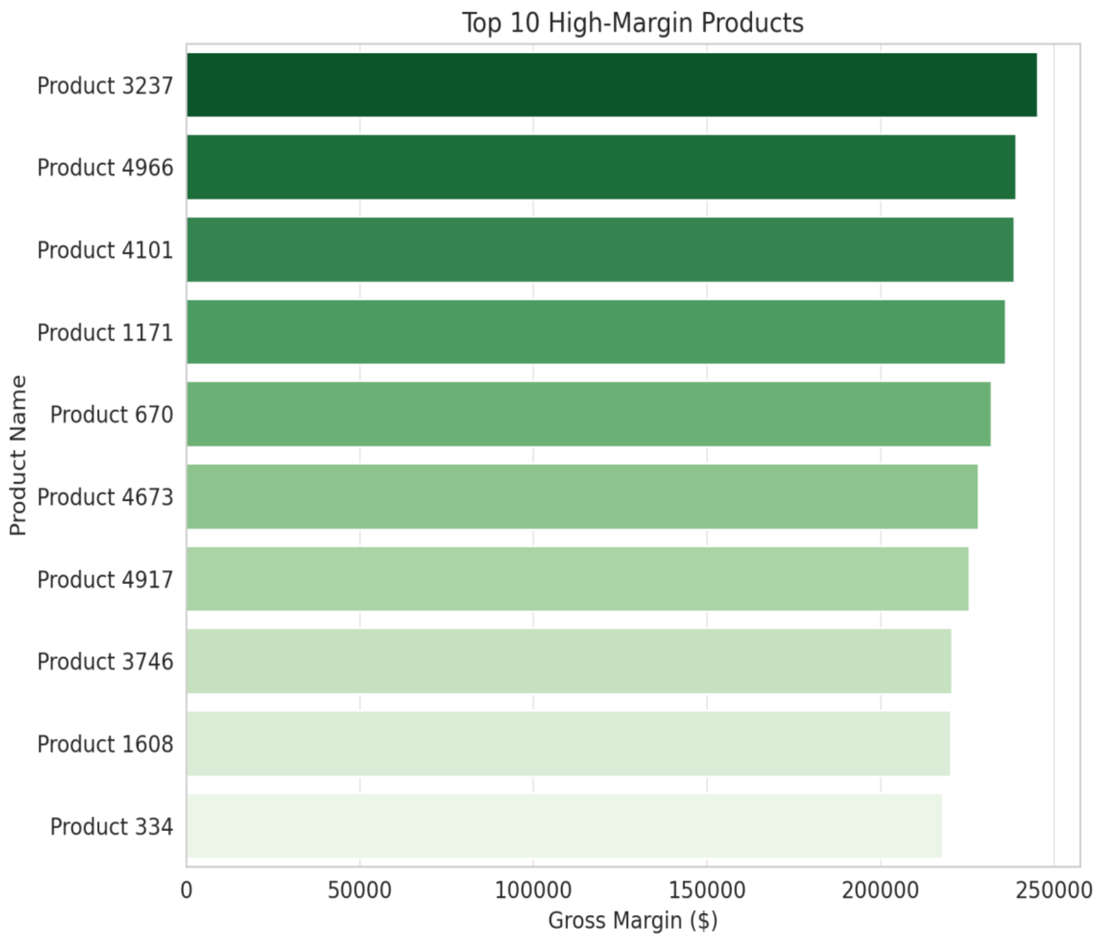
Inventory Optimization:

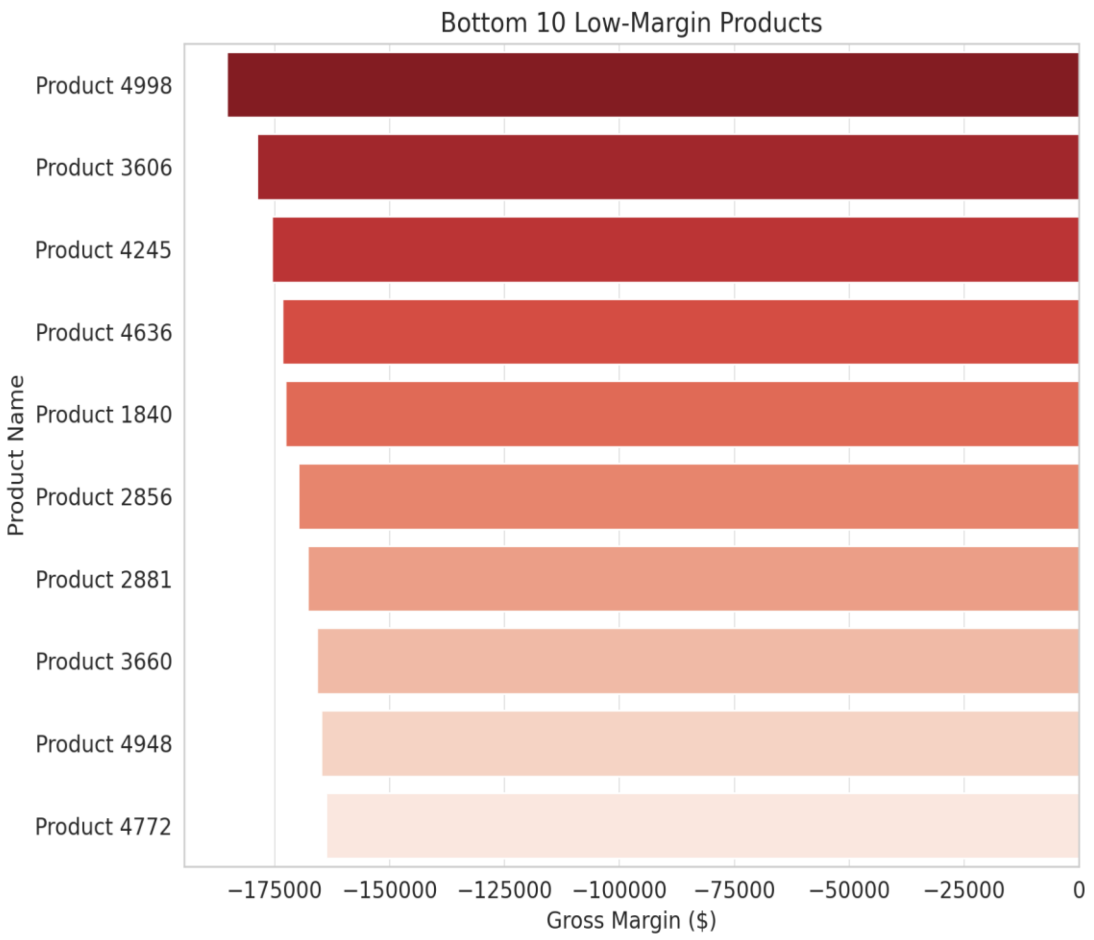
- Calculate stock turnover rates to identify slow-moving items.
- Assess shelf space utilization to determine over- or under-utilized products.

Slow-moving products → Consider discounts or promotions.



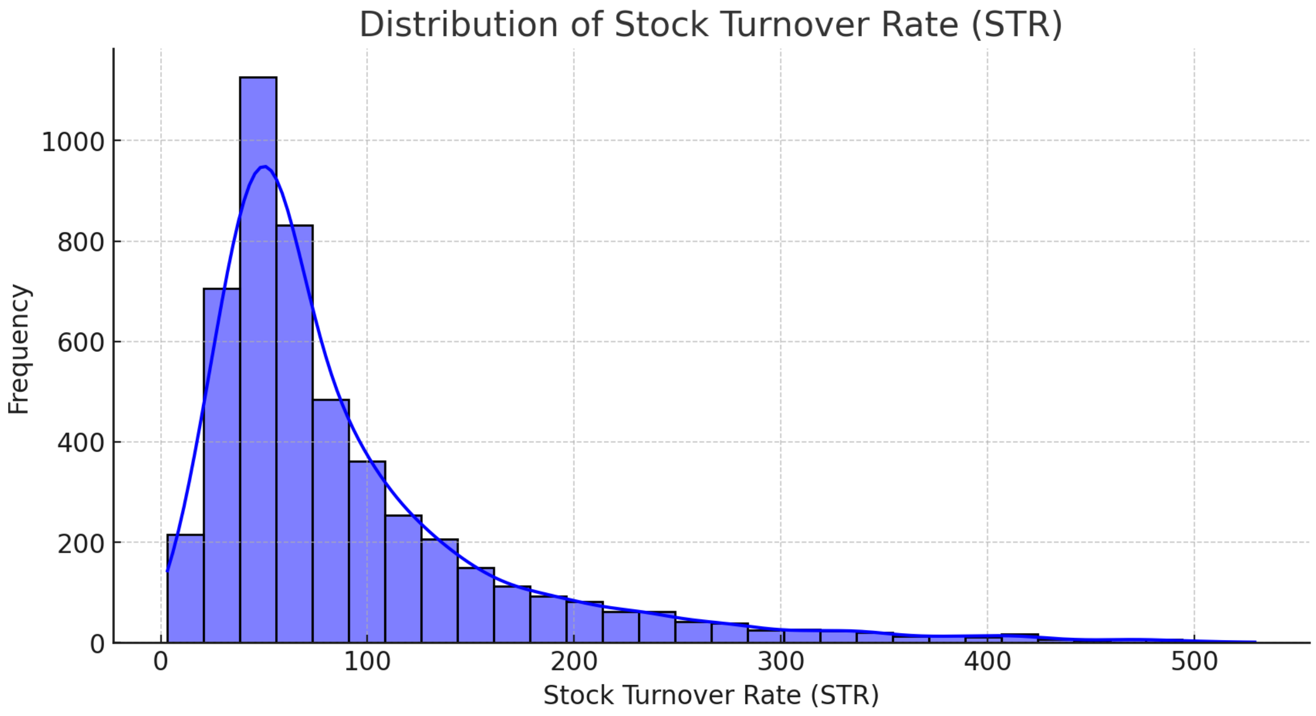
Focus on **high-margin products** to drive profitability.
Consider **eliminating or adjusting** pricing for negative-margin products.
Investigate **cost factors** affecting these products.





Inventory Optimization

Stock turnover rates to identify slow-moving items.



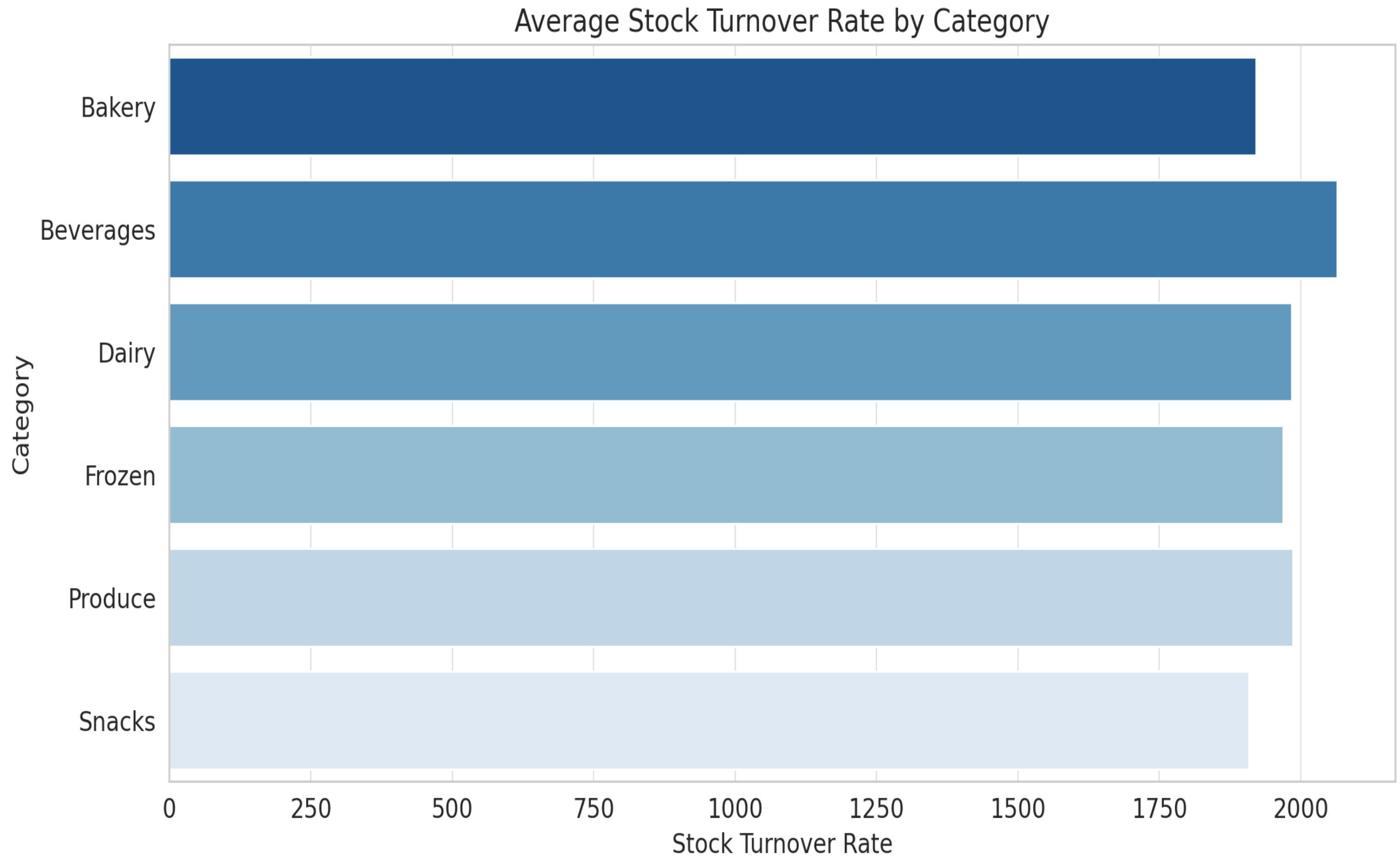
Findings:

1. The STR follows a right-skewed distribution, meaning most products have a low to moderate turnover rate.
2. A small percentage of products have a very high turnover rate, indicating fast-moving items.
3. A significant number of products have low STR, suggesting slow-moving or stagnant inventory.

Insights:

1. Identify & optimize slow-moving inventory to reduce holding costs.
2. Increase stock levels for high STR products to prevent stockouts.
3. Reevaluate pricing & promotions for slow-moving items to boost sales.

Snacks and Beverages, have **higher turnover rates**



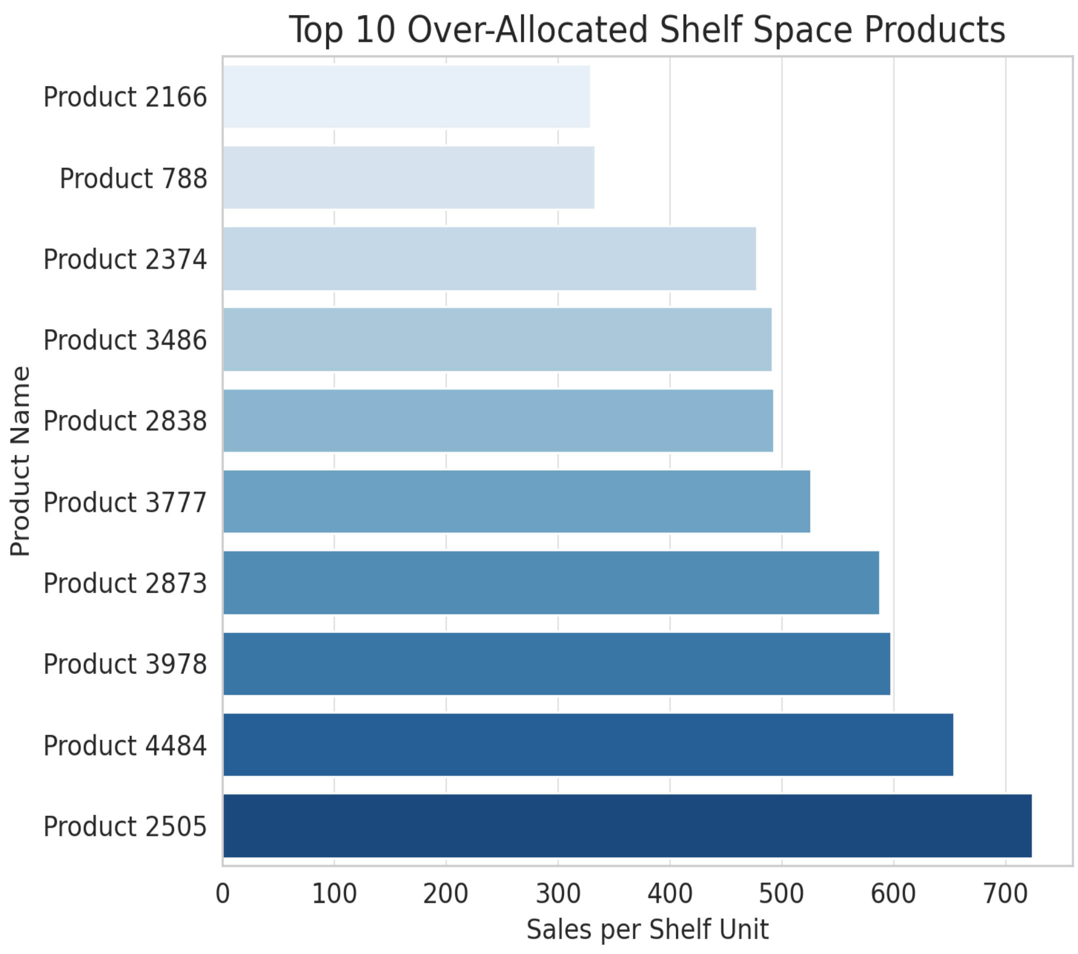
Stock Turnover Rate by Category

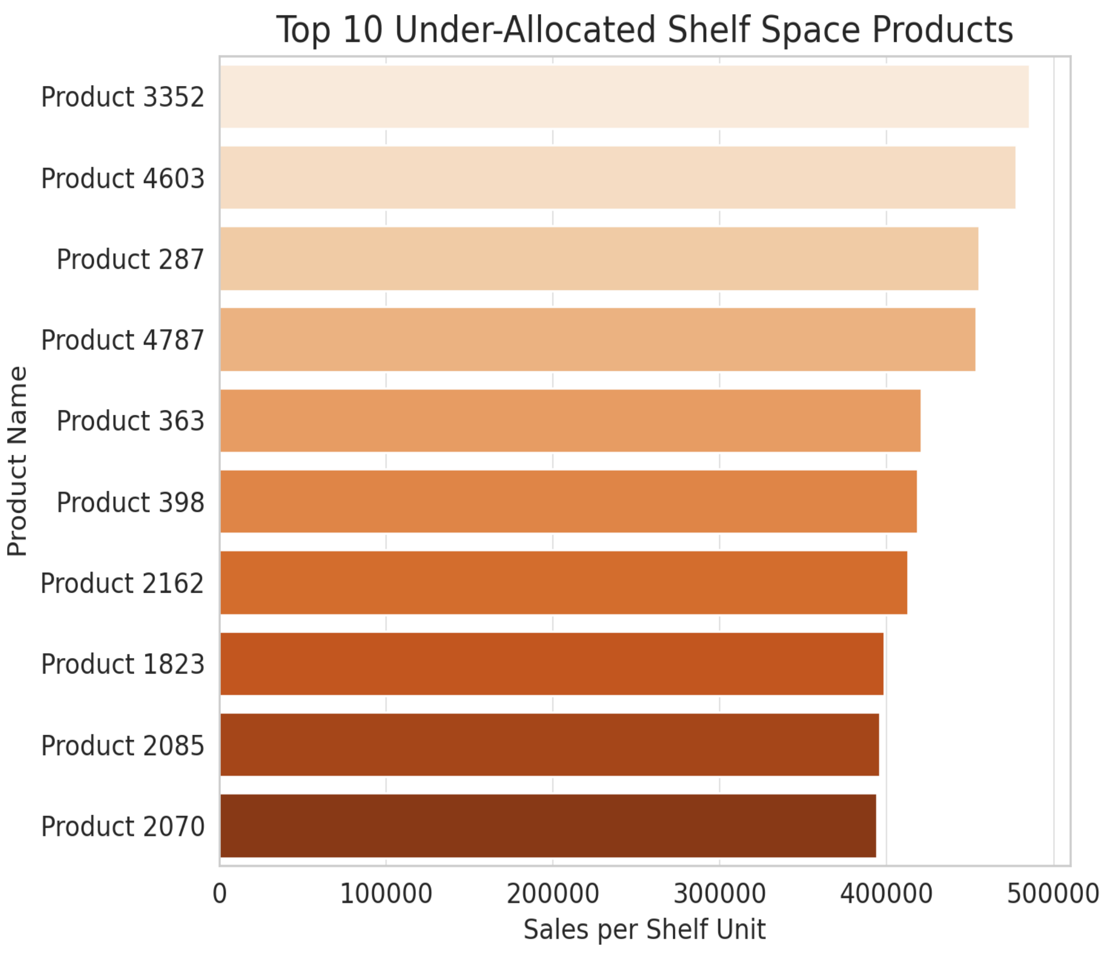
•Some categories, such as **Snacks and Beverages**, have **higher turnover rates**, indicating fast-moving products.

•**Frozen & Dairy categories have lower turnover**, suggesting **slower inventory movement**.

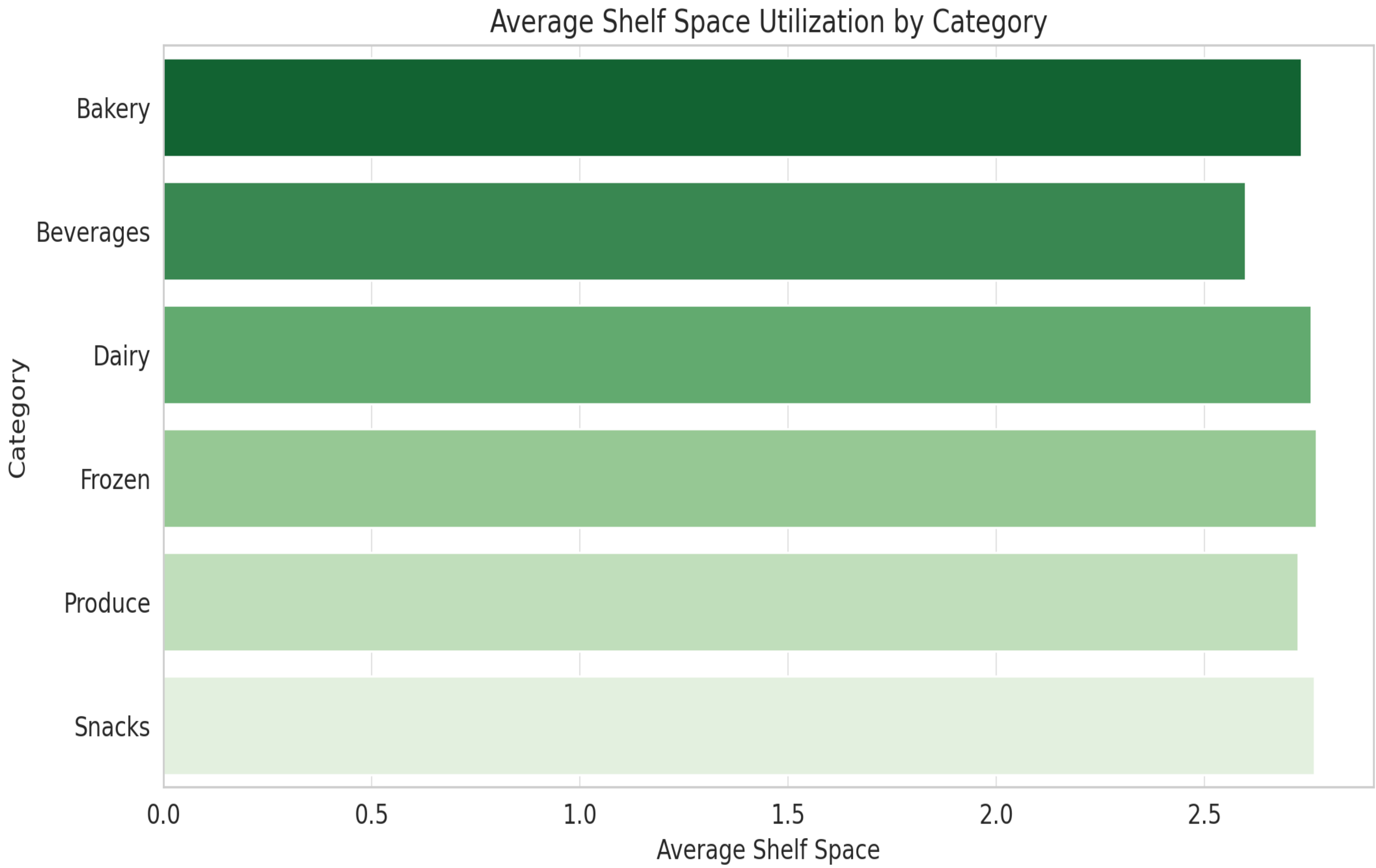
Reduce shelf space for low-turnover categories (e.g., Frozen & Dairy).

Over-allocated shelf space → Optimize by reallocating space.
Under-allocated shelf space → Increase stock availability.





Snacks use relatively less shelf space but have higher stock turnover



Shelf Space Utilization by Category

•**Bakery and Dairy products occupy more shelf space** but do not necessarily have the highest sales.

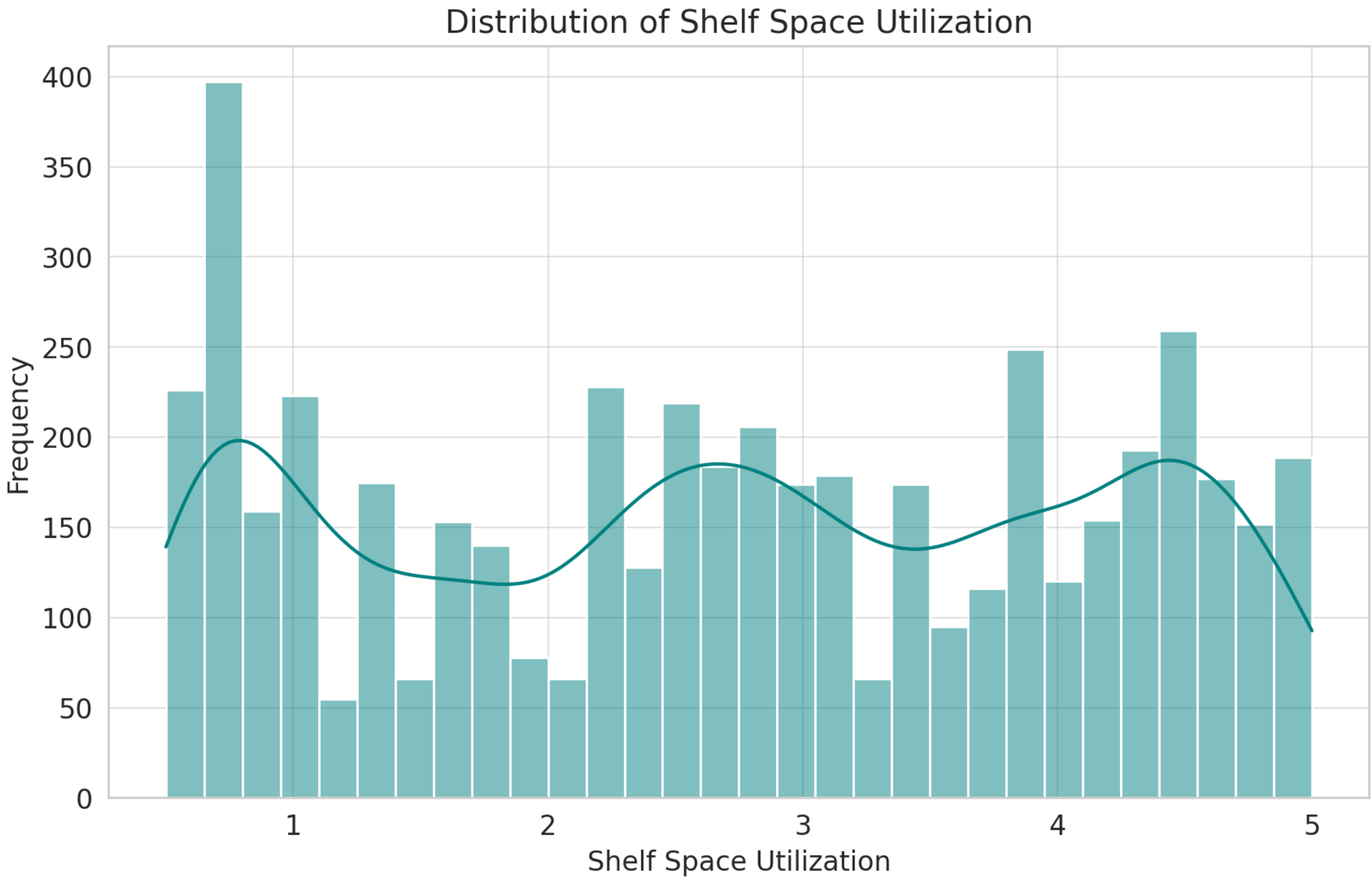
•**Snacks use relatively less shelf space but have higher stock turnover**, meaning they could benefit from more shelf space.

Allocate more space to fast-moving categories (e.g., Snacks & Beverages).

Investigate slow-moving products within each category for potential discounts or removal.

Assess shelf space utilization to determine over- or under-utilized products.

Over- and Under-Utilized Products: Insights for Improvement



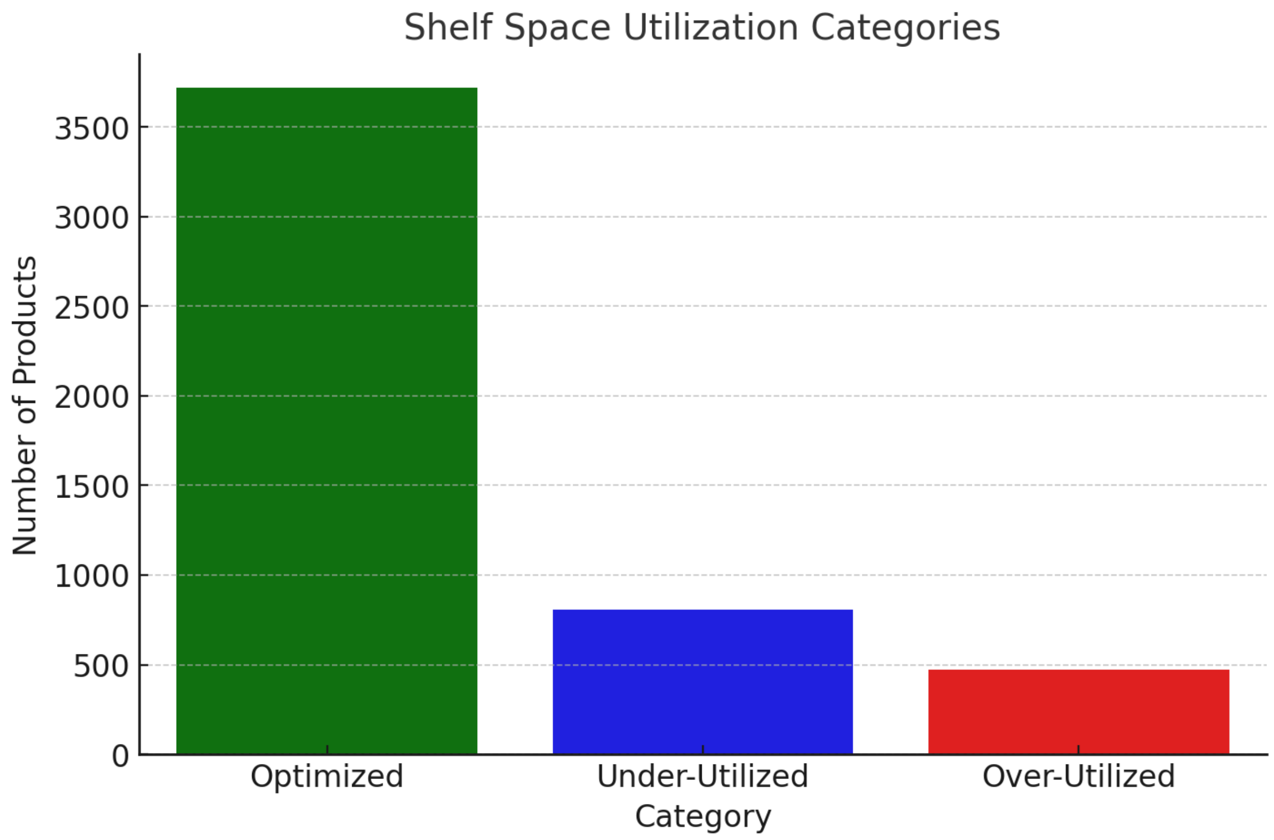
Findings:

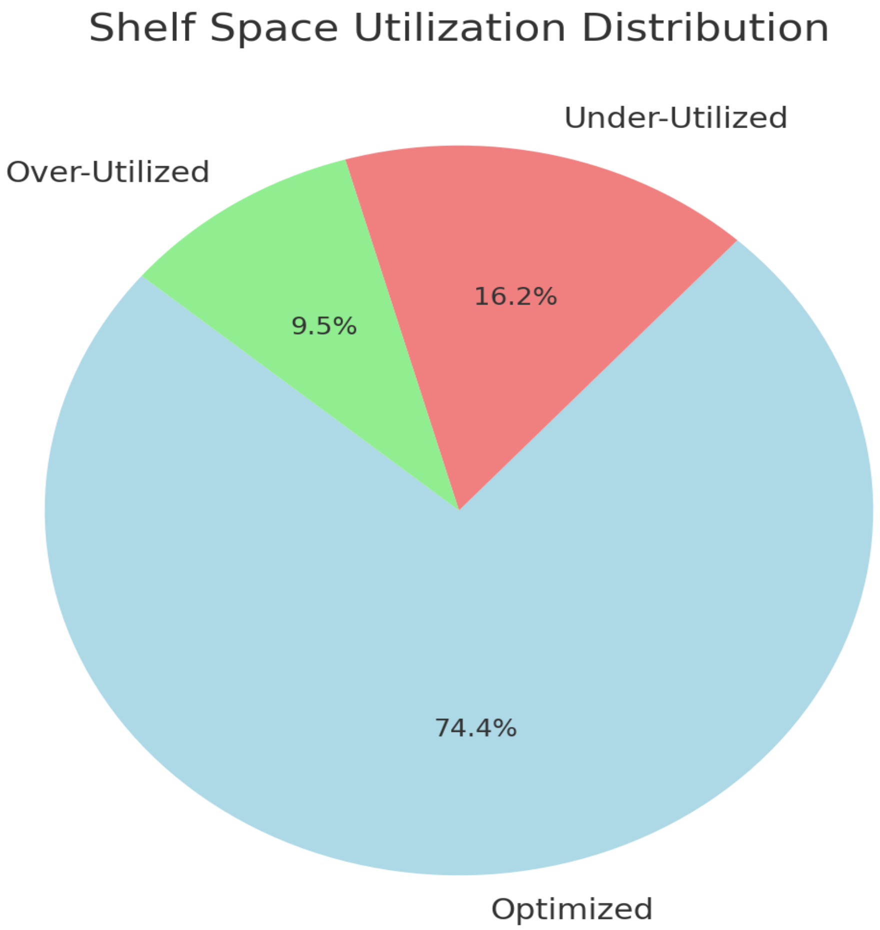
1. Most products take up low shelf space, while a few occupy significantly more.
2. Some products are over-utilized, leading to inefficient space usage.

Insights:

1. Reduce shelf space for slow-moving, high-space products.
2. Expand shelf space for high-demand items.
3. Optimize allocation based on sales and purchase frequency.

74.4% of products have optimized shelf space, ensuring efficient use.





Findings:

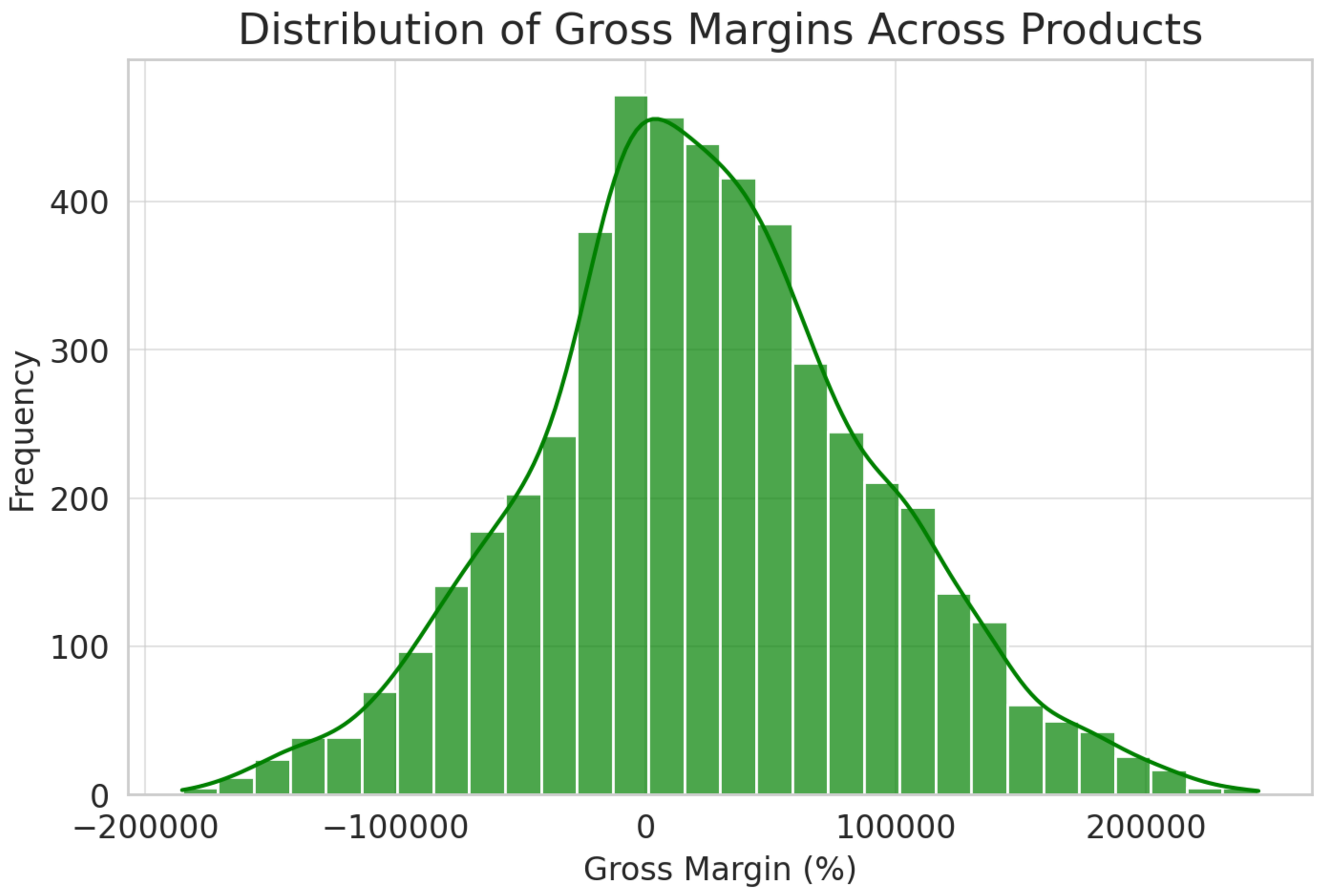
1. 74.4% of products have optimized shelf space, ensuring efficient use.
2. 16.2% are under-utilized, indicating excess space for low-demand products.
3. 9.5% are over-utilized, meaning high-demand products lack sufficient space.

Insights:

1. Optimized Products: Maintain current allocation and monitor trends.
2. Under-Utilized Products: Reduce space, reposition, or promote them.
3. Over-Utilized Products: Increase space and prioritize restocking.

Action: Reallocate space dynamically based on demand patterns.

A small group of products have very high margins



Findings:

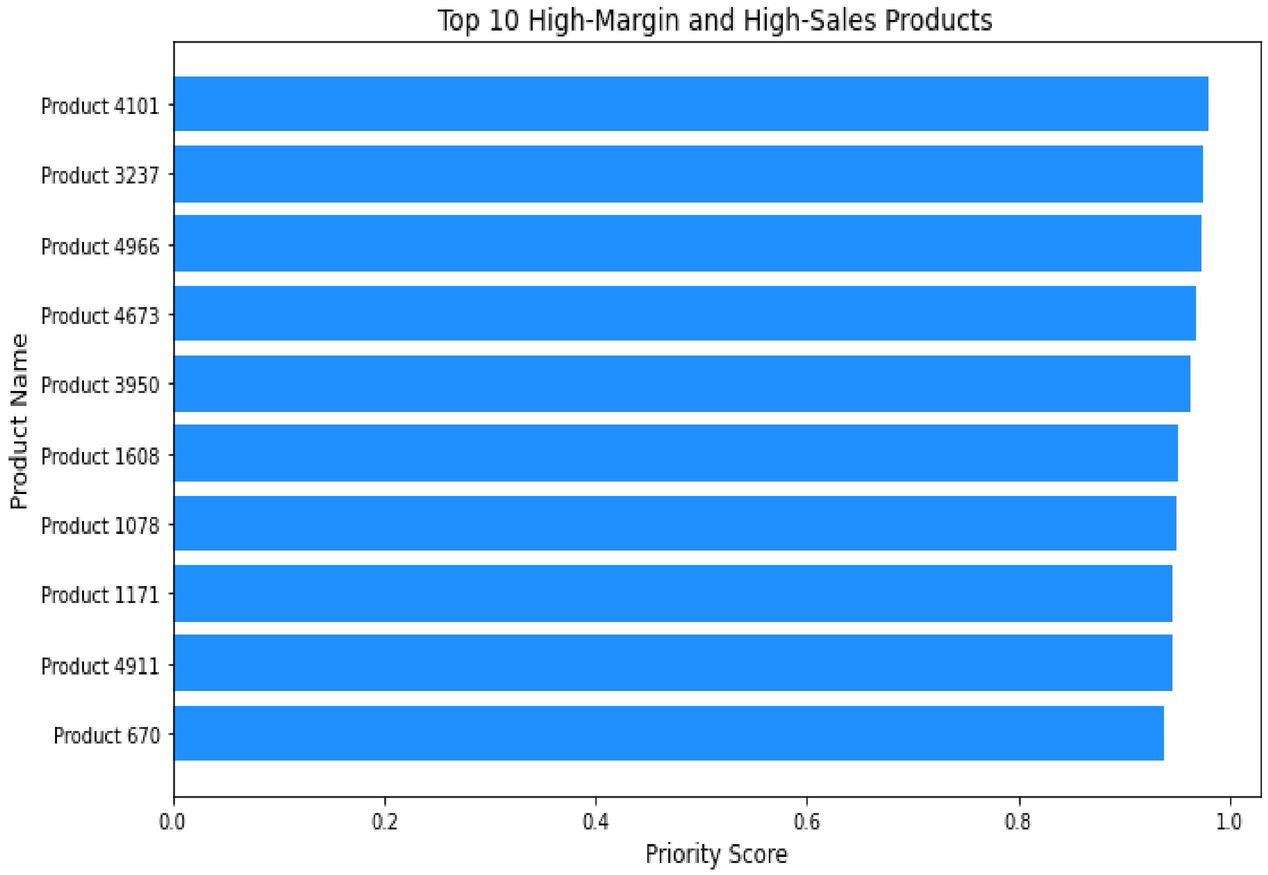
1. Most products have moderate margins, but some are highly profitable while others are sold at a loss.
2. There are negative-margin products, indicating potential pricing or cost issues.
3. A small group of products have very high margins, making them key profitability drivers.

Insights:

1. Focus on high-margin products for better profitability.
2. Address negative-margin products through pricing or cost adjustments.
3. Optimize shelf space for high-margin, high-sales items.

Profitability Analysis

Focus on high-margin and high-sales products to prioritize shelf space



Findings:

1. **Top 10 Products Identified**: Ranked based on combined sales and gross margins.
2. **Performance Metrics**: Sales range $239K–$263K, gross margins $208K–$245K.
3. **Shelf Space Issue**: Many top products have minimal shelf allocation.

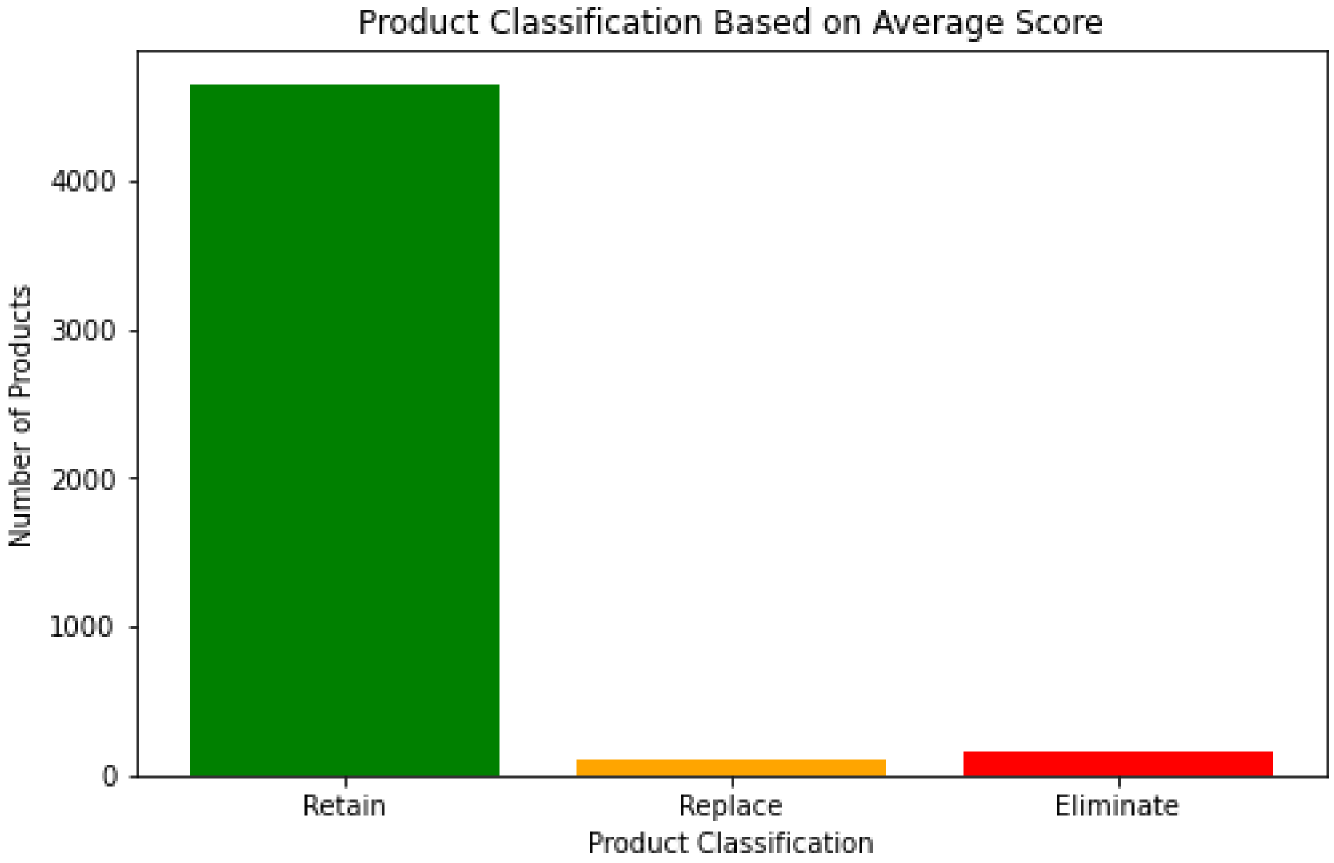
Insights:

1. **Reallocate Shelf Space**: Prioritize high-scoring products for better visibility.
2. **Stock Management**: Maintain inventory to prevent stockouts.
3. **Promotions**: Boost sales with targeted marketing for top performers.

Recommendations

- Suggest products to retain, replace, or eliminate based on the analysis.

Products scoring above have strong customer satisfaction and high sales potential



Findings:
•**Retain**: High performers. Focus on marketing and stock.
•**Replace**: Moderate performers. Improve features or pricing.
•**Eliminate**: Low performers. Discontinue or improve.

Insights:
•**Retain**: Keep well-stocked, market heavily.
•**Replace**: Investigate improvements and run promotions.
•**Eliminate**: Remove from catalog, analyze poor performance.

Recommendations:

- Propose a revised assortment strategy with actionable insights.

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1. Retain Products (Top 25%):

Actionable Insights:

- **Maintain stock levels**: Ensure consistent availability through optimized inventory management.
- **Invest in marketing**: Promote these products more prominently through targeted campaigns, highlighting their value and customer satisfaction.
- **Expand variations**: Consider introducing more variations (size, color, etc.) or related products to drive further sales.

2. Replace Products (50-75%):

Actionable Insights:

- **Enhance features**: Gather customer feedback to improve product features and quality.
- **Adjust pricing**: Reevaluate pricing strategies to ensure competitiveness in the market.
- **Targeted promotions**: Offer time-limited discounts or special offers to boost sales and move inventory.

3. Eliminate Products (Bottom 25%):

Actionable Insights:

- **Discontinue**: Remove products with consistently poor performance from the catalog to free up resources.
- **Analyze reasons**: Investigate the underlying causes for poor performance—whether it's design, pricing, or customer dissatisfaction—and apply the learnings to future product launches.
- **Alternative options**: Offer alternatives or upgrades to customers who liked these products, ensuring continued satisfaction.

Overall Strategy:

- **Focus resources on high-performing products** to maximize revenue.
- **Streamline the product portfolio** by eliminating underperformers and reallocating resources to more promising products.
- **Adjust marketing and pricing strategies** for mid-tier products to improve their competitiveness and appeal.