Reducing Churn & Improving Customer Value: Segment Insights from Hopify

Simulated Data Analysis | Business Analyst Portfolio Project

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Business Problem

Hopify, a fictional SaaS company, was seeing signals of rising churn and wanted to investigate how retention varied across customer segments.

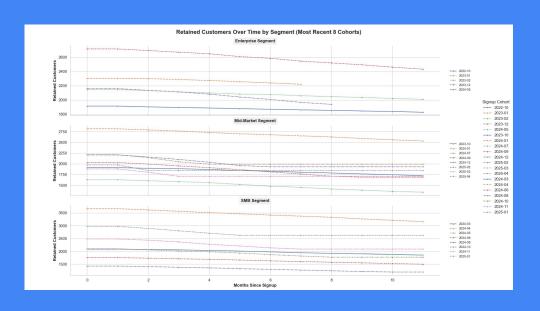
Leadership needed clarity on:

- When customers are most likely to churn in their lifecycle?
- Which segments are most at risk?
- What support or product-related factors contribute to early churn?

Key Findings

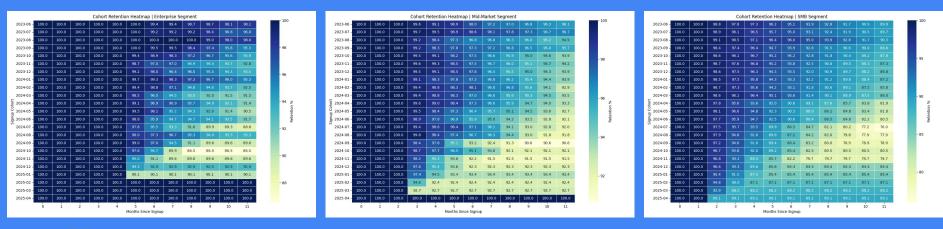
- <u>Enterprise</u>: Churn exceeds target by 49%, posing risk to Hopify's highest-value segment.
- <u>Mid-Market</u>: Churn is rising but remains under control continue close monitoring.
- <u>SMB</u>: High churn despite support availability suggests issues with onboarding and early value delivery.

Retention Trends Vary by Segment



- ▼ SMB churn begins early, with sharp drop-offs starting around Month 2–4
- Enterprise and Mid-Market cohorts remain stable beyond Month 4—indicating stronger onboarding or product fit
- © Highlights the need for segment-specific onboarding strategies to reduce early churn

Cohort Retention by Segment



Enterprise churns earlier than expected, with newer cohorts dropping to ~90% by Month 6 and as low as 86.5% by Month 11

Mid-Market begins declining after Month 3–4, stabilizing near 90–92%

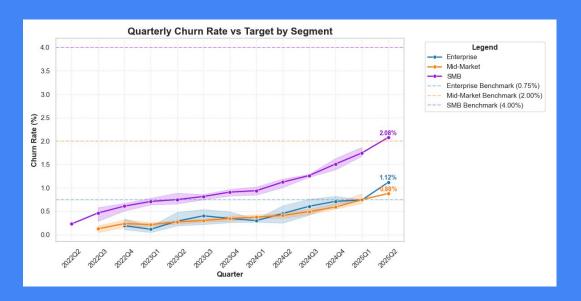
▼ SMB shows sharp churn starting Month 2, with some cohorts below 80% by Month 11

Churn Rate vs. Support Volume

- → Enterprise and Mid-Market:
 Highest churn among customers submitting 5+ support tickets indicates possible frustration or unmet needs.
- SMB Segment:
 High churn occurs
 even without
 support
 interaction,
 suggesting gaps in
 onboarding or
 proactive
 engagement.

Segment	Support Ticket Group	Customers in Group	Customer % of Segment	Churn Rate %	Risk Level
Enterprise	High Volume (5+ Tickets)	1,959	26.6%	19.9%	Moderate Risk
Enterprise	No Support Tickets	5,395	73.4%	6.5%	OLow Risk
Mid-Market	High Volume (5+ Tickets)	1,114	5.0%	19.9%	Moderate Risk
Mid-Market	No Support Tickets	16,293	73.4%	9.5%	OLow Risk
SMB	High Volume (5+ Tickets)	6,061	13.6%	18.8%	Moderate Risk
SMB	No Support Tickets	38,468	86.4%	21.0%	Moderate Risk

Churn Rising — Enterprise Now Leads in Risk



- Churn rates have risen steadily across all segments since 2022.
- Mid-Market and SMB churn remain below monthly target thresholds.
- Enterprise churn now exceeds its 0.75% threshold by 49% reaching 1.12%.
 - This signals growing long-term revenue risk in Hopify's highest-value segment.

Churn Risk Snapshot — Enterprise Exceeds Target by 49%

Segment	Target Churn	Actual Churn	Absolute Variance	Status
Enterprise	0.75%	1.12%	+49.3%	X Exceeds
Mid-Market	1.50%	1.32%	-12.0%	☑ Healthy
SMB	1.80%	1.75%	-2.80%	<u> </u>

Recommendations & Next Steps

Recommendations:

- Strengthen onboarding by Month 2 to prevent churn in the 2–4 month window.
- Prioritize SMB and Enterprise with segment-specific retention strategies.
- Boost early support engagement encourage usage of help channels to reduce passive churn.

Next Steps:

- Launch onboarding enhancements focused on first 60 days.
- Implement proactive outreach for high-risk Enterprise accounts.
- Add in-product nudges or support prompts to increase early interaction.

Thank You!

Always happy to dive deeper or walk through findings - just reach out!

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