# Overview / Introduction

# **US Candy Distributor Report**

Sales, Logistics, and Regional Report created by James Jarman in May 2025

# Objective

This dashboard analyses sales performance, shipping efficiency, regional trends, and seasonality for a fictional US candy distributor. All insights were derived from SQL-based data modelling and visualised using Microsoft Power BI.

### How to Use

- Use the **slicers** on each page to filter by date, division, region, etc.
- · Hover over charts for additional detail via **tooltips**.
- Click on charts or tables to **drill down** into specific data points.
  - · Use the **buttons** to navigate between pages.

# Page Navigation

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- 2. Factory to Customer Shipping Analysis
  - 3. Regional Sales Trends
  - 4. Seasonality & Sales Trends

# **Key Takeaways**

Click below for the **insights & business conclusions** page.

**5. Insights & Recommendations** 

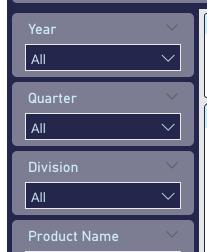




# Sales Performance Analysis

Q: Which divisions and products are driving the most revenue?

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All

\$141.78K

Total Revenue

Best-Selling Division
Chocolate:

\$131.692.90

\$93.44K

**Total Gross Profit** 

Average Gross Margin

66.36%

# of Customers

5044

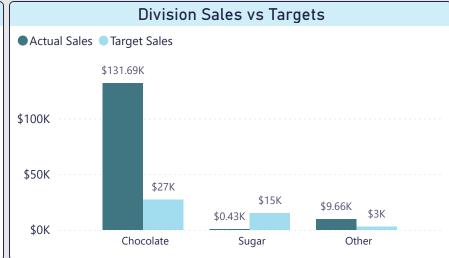
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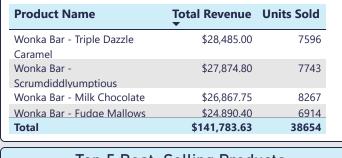
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38654

# of Units Sold

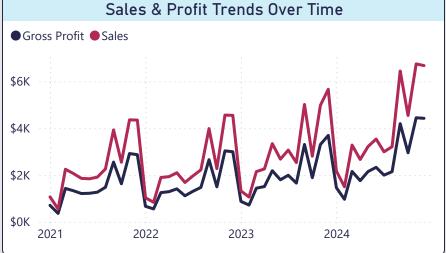




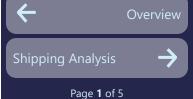












# Factory to Customer Shipping Analysis

Q: What is the average shipping distance from factories to customers?

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All

**Regional Sales** 

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**Avg Shipping Distance** Across all customer orders 1,239.45

**Total US Shipments** 

8,389

Avg Distance per Factory Equal weighting across factories

1,099.89

**Shortest Avg Distance** 

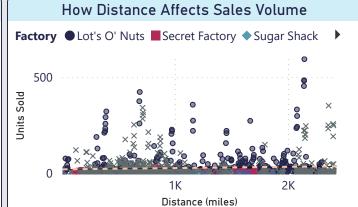
Secret Factory: 891.0

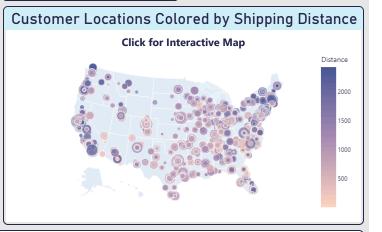
Longest Avg Distance

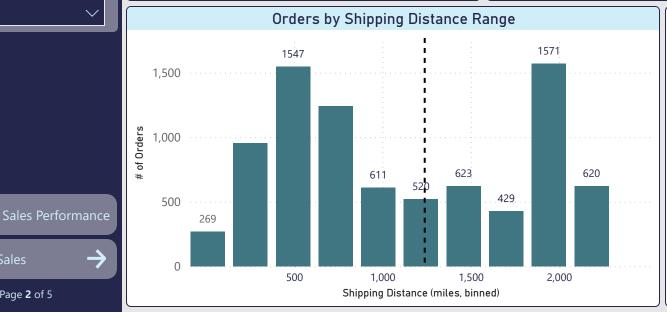
Lot's O' Nuts: 1317.8

Note: All distances shown in this report are measured in miles. The analysis includes only orders placed within the United States.









Factory	Avg Distance	<b>Total Orders</b>	<b>Total Units Sold</b>	Most Common De
☐ Lot's O' Nuts	1,317.84	4669	21019	California
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<b>☐ Wicked Choccy's</b>	1,160.46	3380	15489	California
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<b>□ Sugar Shack</b>	1,116.39	33	107	New York
	1,125.79	27	86	New York
⊕ Other	1,074.08	6	21	Arizona
<b>☐ The Other Factory</b>	1,013.78	98	388	California
⊞ Sugar	1,088.33	4	17	Arizona
⊕ Other	1,010.61	94	371	California
□ Secret Factory	890.97	209	870	California
□ Other	802 UA	206	257	California
Total	1,239.45	8389	37873	California

Q: Which regions have the highest and lowest candy sales?

\$138.83K

**Click Here for Insights** 

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Year

All

Quarter

All

Division

All

Region

All

State/Province

All

Total Revenue Best-Performing State

California: \$27,917

Worst-Performing State
Wyoming:
\$14

Avg Revenue per State

\$2,833

Best-Performing Region

Pacific: \$45,451

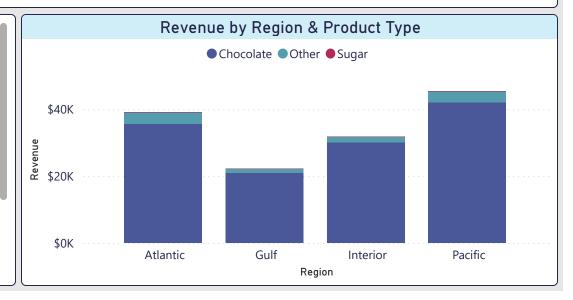
Worst-Performing Region

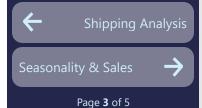
Gulf: \$22,247

US Sales Distribution by State	
Click for Interactive Map	Total Sales
	25k
	20k
	15k
	10k
	5k

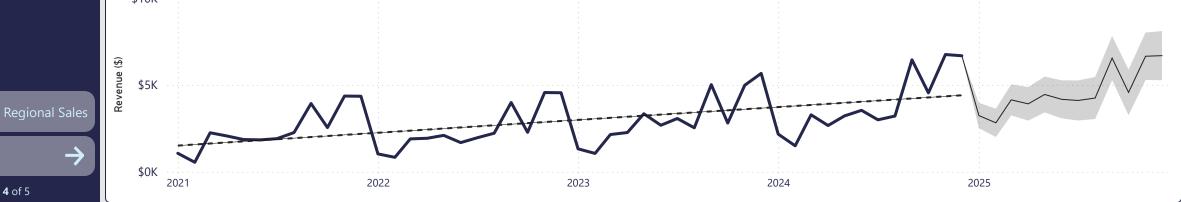
State/Province	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
California	\$1,005.80	\$826.35	\$1,819.16	\$1,820.61	\$1,820.53	\$1,728.28	\$1,784.53	\$2,232.13	\$3,380.26
New York	\$235.68	\$329.27	\$1,283.59	\$937.16	\$992.35	\$1,285.23	\$904.33	\$942.06	\$2,456.89
Texas	\$501.51	\$253.46	\$1,234.29	\$890.22	\$1,035.70	\$881.00	\$1,008.60	\$961.26	\$1,735.92
Pennsylvania	\$179.89	\$105.26	\$472.91	\$920.84	\$527.75	\$660.07	\$807.58	\$688.44	\$1,348.77
Washington	\$234.03	\$204.85	\$538.16	\$239.67	\$439.26	\$538.21	\$492.44	\$696.90	\$1,111.94
Illinois	\$217.59	\$239.17	\$620.11	\$340.44	\$765.59	\$647.91	\$599.67	\$293.11	\$961.85
Ohio	\$441.93	\$414.42	\$279.32	\$439.62	\$398.26	\$374.13	\$307.24	\$374.91	\$977.55
Florida	\$85.01	\$70.68	\$532.34	\$362.60	\$469.24	\$495.35	\$268.55	\$405.98	\$398.28
Arizona	\$102.30	\$167.54	\$66.15	\$296.91	\$192.45	\$280.47	\$468.51	\$224.75	\$380.26
Total	\$5,259.10	\$3,933.52	\$9,335.84	\$8,880.66	\$10,218.33	\$9,622.34	\$9,812.55	\$10,048.17	\$19,183.25

Region	Revenue	# of Orders	# of Units Sold	Avg Revenue by State
<b>⊞</b> Atlantic	\$39,232.67	2370	10618	\$2,802
<b>⊟</b> Gulf	\$22,247.26	1350	6209	\$2,022
	\$995.11	53	256	\$995
	\$891.94	48	240	\$892
	\$4,804.02	319	1379	\$4,804
	\$2,692.84	151	705	\$2,693
	\$1,880.63	112	523	\$1,881
	\$525.21	38	156	\$525
Mississippi	\$844.18	43	221	\$844
	\$3,450.86	216	983	\$3,451
Total	\$138,830.34	8389	172 <b>37873</b>	¢601 <b>\$2,833</b>





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# Insights & Recommendations



Q: What are the key insights and actionable recommendations from this report?

#### Sales Performance Analysis

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#### **Key Insights**

- Chocolate division contributes over **92% of total revenue**, significantly outperforming the Sugar and Other divisions.
- Top 3 products account for a substantial share of overall sales.
- Chocolate and Other divisions exceeded their revenue targets, whereas the Sugar division fell short.
- Average gross margin is **66%**, with Chocolate having the highest margin.

#### **Business Conclusion**

- The company should prioritise the Chocolate division for promotions and supply planning.
- Consider phasing out or re-evaluating low-performing products in the Other division.
- Continue investing in high-margin products to sustain profitability.

# Factory to Customer Shipping Analysis

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#### **Key Insights**

- · Average shipping distance is 1,239 miles.
- Secret Factory is the most efficient, with the shortest average shipping distance of **891 miles**.
- Lot's O' Nuts has the longest average distance, exceeding **1,300 miles**.
- Scatter plots show no strong correlation between shipping distance and units sold.

### **Business Conclusion**

- Re-evaluate shipment routing to reduce reliance on long-distance factories.
- Consider replicating the operational model of Secret Factory to improve efficiency.
- While shipping distance currently has no impact on sales, optimising logistics can help reduce costs.

# Regional Sales Trends

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#### Key Insights

- California is the **best-performing state with \$27.9K** in revenue, while Wyoming ranks the lowest.
- Pacific region **leads with \$45K (32.8%) in revenue**, followed by the Atlantic (28.3%) and Interior (23.0%) regions.
- Regional heatmaps show consistent strength in coastal states.
- Some regions, such as the Gulf, underperform despite having large populations.

#### **Business Conclusion**

- Prioritise marketing and supply efforts in the Pacific and Atlantic regions.
- Investigate why Gulf states underperform, possibly product preference mismatch or logistics issues.
- Regional targeting could unlock growth potential in mid-tier performing areas.

# Seasonality & Sales Trends

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# <u>Key Insights</u>

- Sales **spike significantly in Q4**, particularly in **November and December** which is likely due to the holiday season.
- February is consistently the weakest month, indicating a possible post-holiday lull
- Line charts show **steady growth** across all years.
- Forecasts indicate a **continued upward trend in demand**, with peak revenue expected later in the year.

#### **Business Conclusion**

- Plan seasonal promotions and adjust stock levels around Q4 holidays, especially in November and December.
- Consider launching mid-Q1 campaigns to offset the post-holiday slowdown
- Use forecasts to align inventory and staffing with expected demand surges.



Seasonality & Sales