Olist E-commerce Analysis 2016–2018

Unveiling key insights, identifying challenges, and proposing datadriven solutions for optimizing performance.

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Understanding the Olist Ecosystem

Olist, a prominent Brazilian online marketplace, connects diverse sellers with millions of customers. This comprehensive analysis, spanning 2016 to 2018 order data, delves into critical operational areas. Our primary objective is to pinpoint significant performance gaps across logistics, sales, and customer satisfaction, paving the way for targeted improvements.

Olist: Brazil's Marketplace

A leading online platform connecting sellers and customers.

Data Scope: 2016-2018

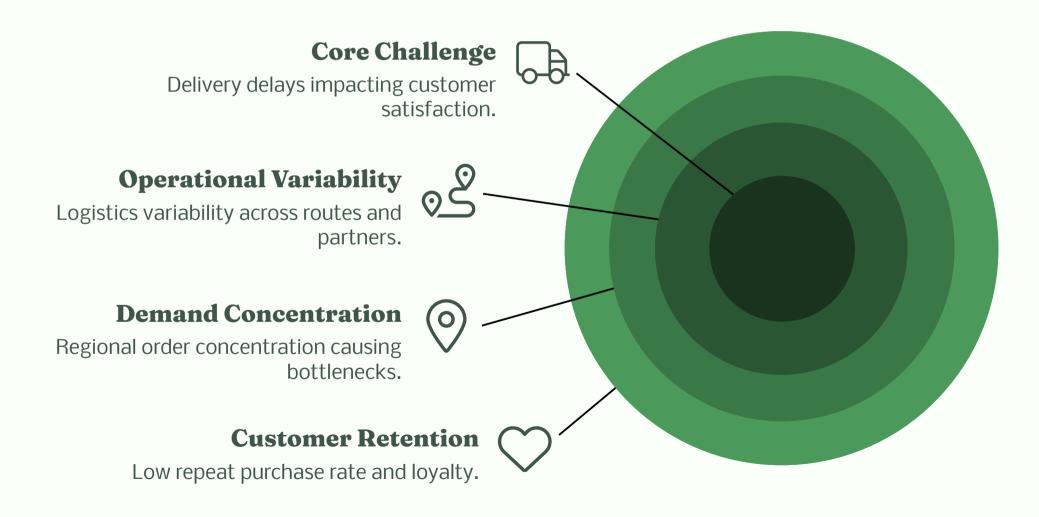
Analysis focused on historical order data to identify trends.

Core Objective

Identify performance gaps in logistics, sales, and customer experience.

Identifying Core Challenges

Our analysis revealed several critical areas requiring immediate attention to enhance Olist's operational efficiency and customer loyalty. Delivery delays significantly impact customer satisfaction, with logistics timeframes showing concerning year-to-year variability. Furthermore, a high concentration of orders in specific regions poses a dependency risk, while the low repeat purchase rate indicates untapped potential for customer retention.



Key E-commerce Performance Metrics

An overview of Olist's core operational metrics from 2016 to 2018 reveals both scale and areas for improvement. While the platform managed nearly 100,000 unique customers, the overall late delivery rate signals a significant logistical challenge. The average orders per customer indicate a strong opportunity for fostering repeat business.

96,476

8.1%

99,441

1.03

Total Orders

Overall order volume processed across the period.

Late Deliveries

Percentage of orders delivered past the estimated date.

Unique Customers

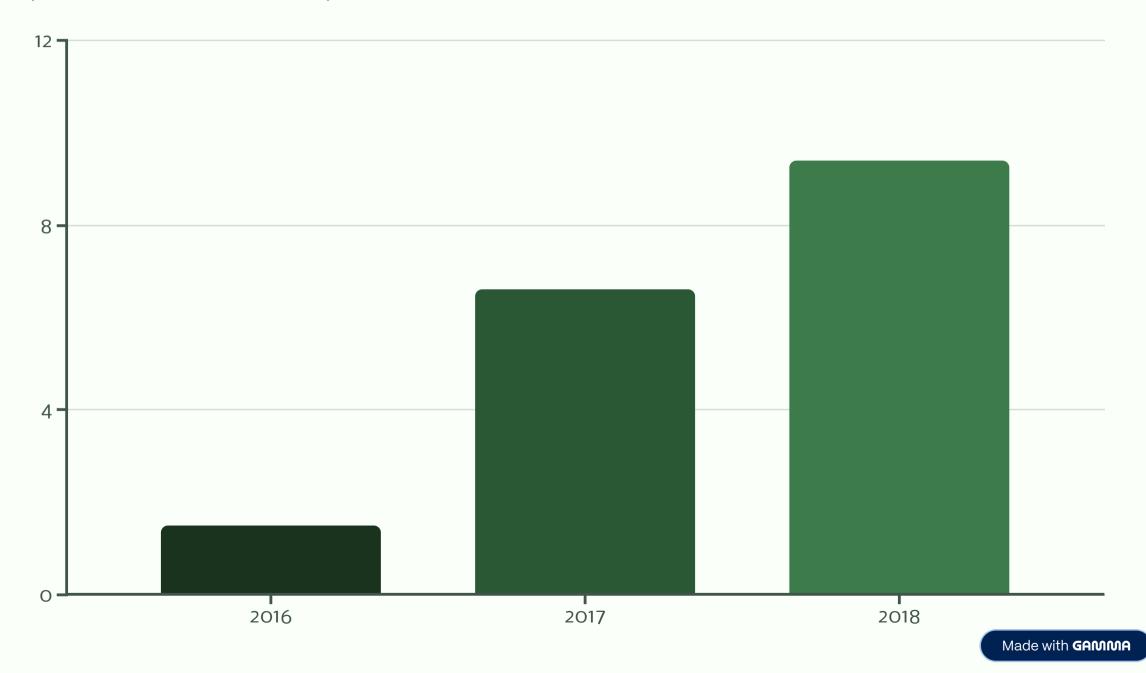
Distinct customers served by the platform.

Avg.
Orders/Customer

Reflecting low customer repurchase rates.

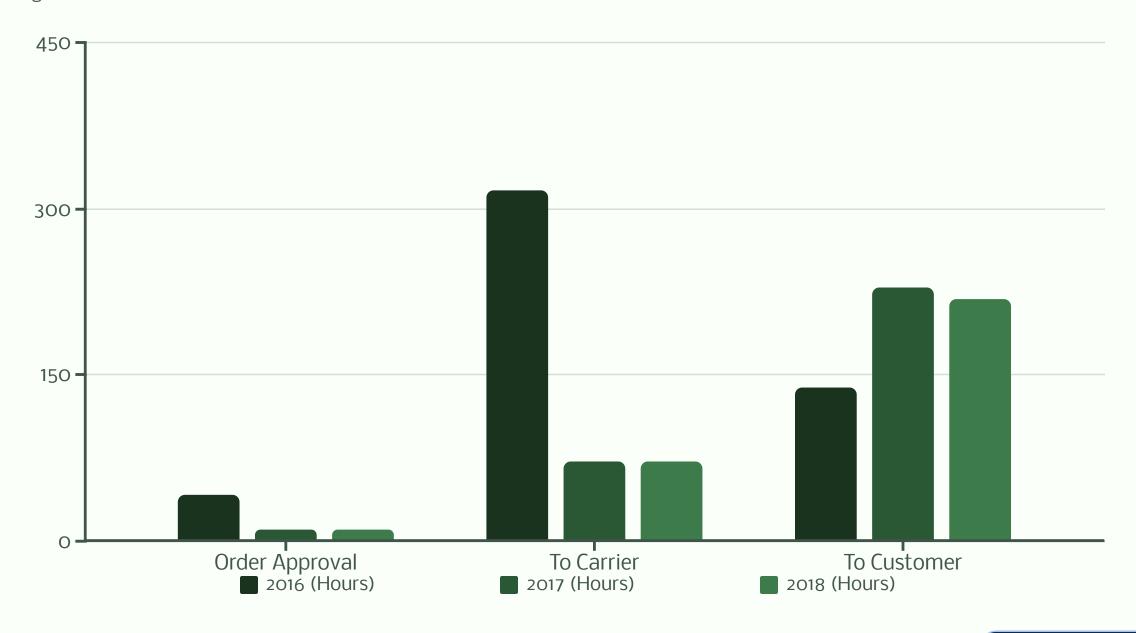
Late Delivery Trends (2016-2018)

A critical trend emerged in late deliveries: a notable increase over the years, culminating in a significant percentage of delayed orders by 2018. This escalating trend underscores the urgent need for optimizing logistics and enhancing carrier performance to meet customer expectations.



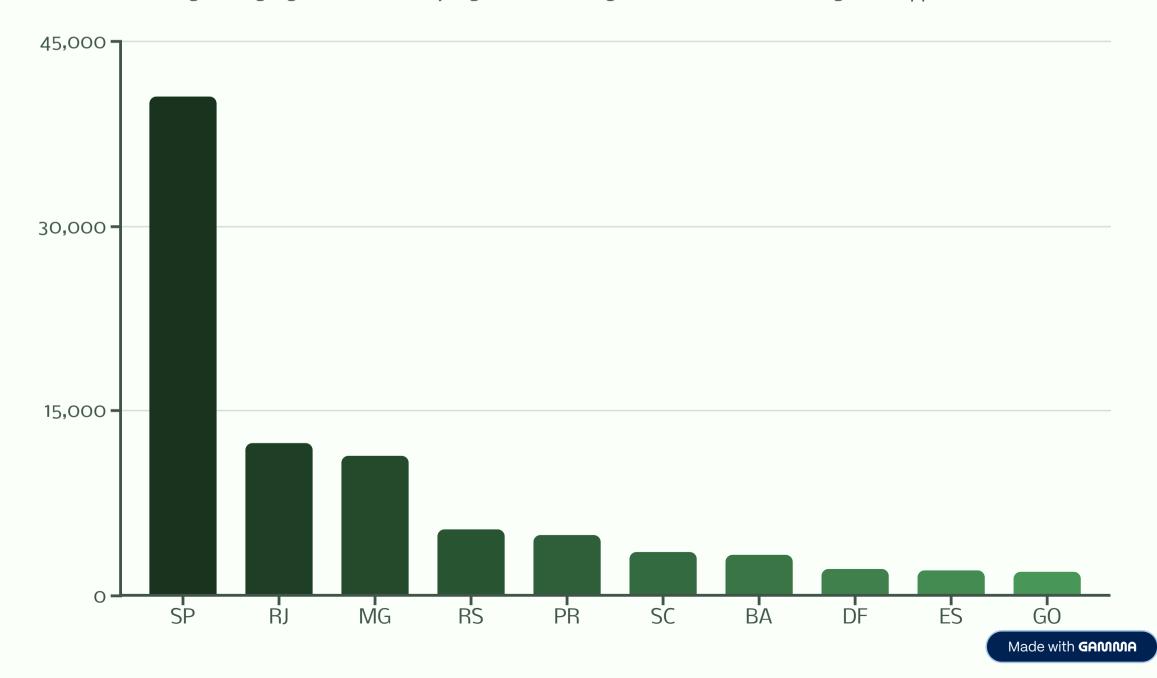
Average Process Time by Stage (Hours)

Analyzing the average time taken at each stage of the order fulfillment process reveals crucial bottlenecks. While order approval times significantly improved after 2016, the "To Customer" phase consistently remains the longest, indicating persistent challenges in the last-mile delivery. The substantial drop in "To Carrier" time in 2017 highlights an area of efficiency gain that needs to be sustained.



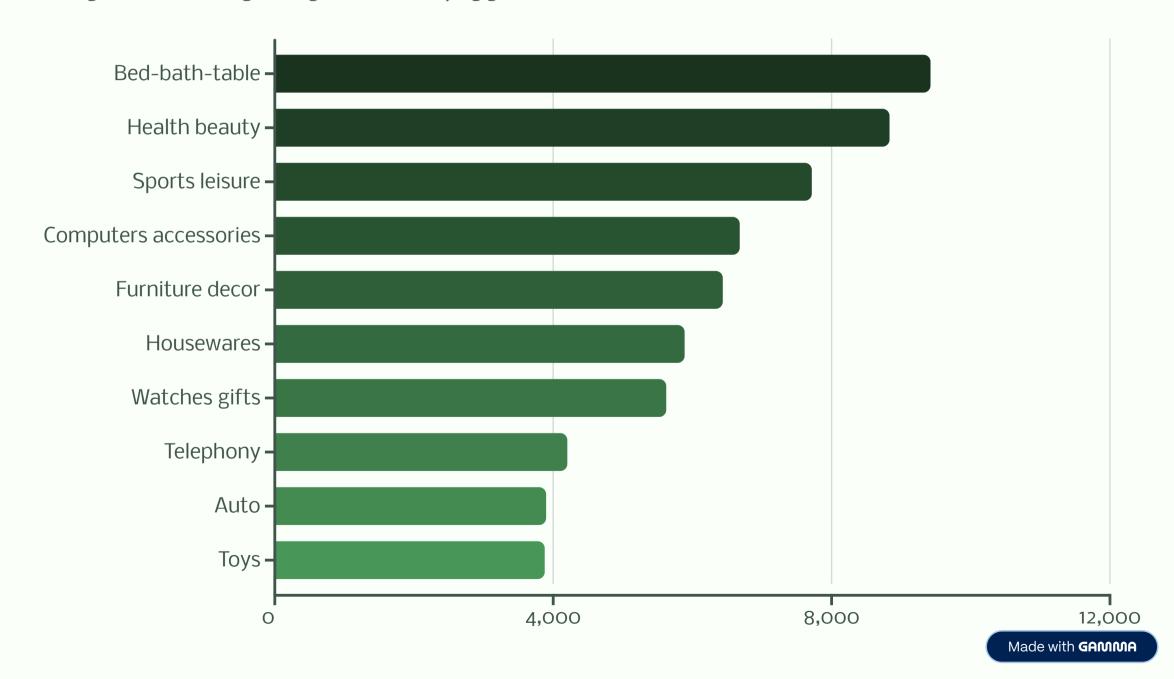
Geographical Concentration of Orders: Top 10 States

The distribution of orders across Brazil reveals a significant geographical concentration. São Paulo leads by a substantial margin, highlighting both a strong market presence and a potential over-reliance on this single state. Diversifying order sources and strengthening logistics in other key regions could mitigate risks and unlock new growth opportunities.



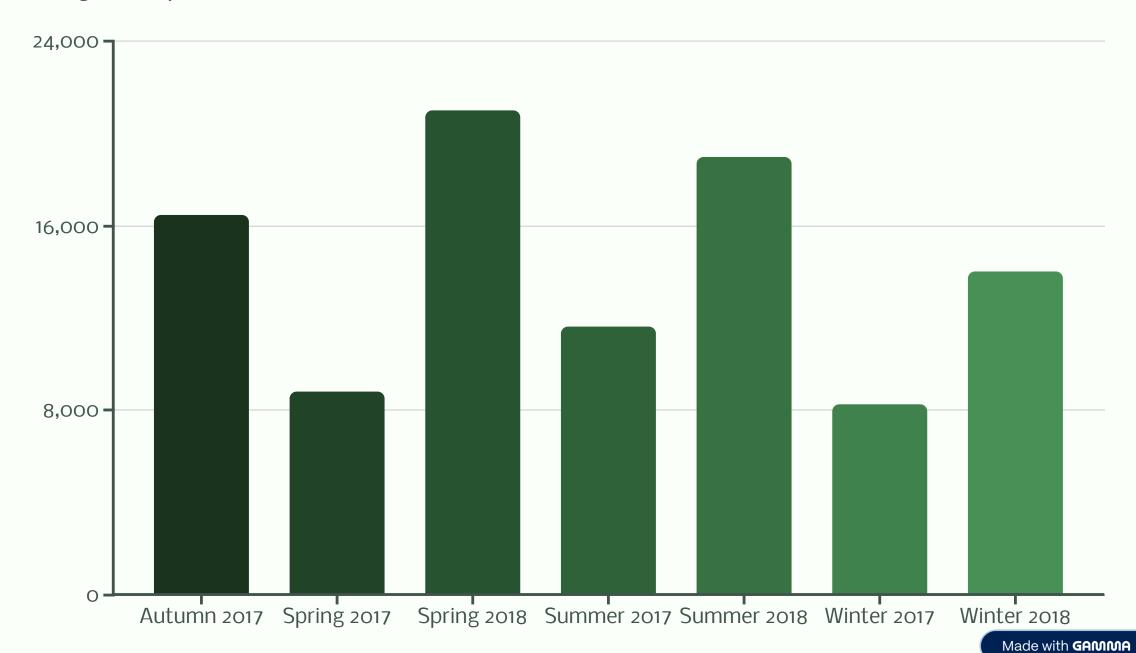
Top-Selling Product Categories on Olist

Understanding the most popular product categories provides insights into customer demand and market trends. "Bed, Bath & Table" leads significantly, followed by "Health & Beauty" and "Sports & Leisure." This data is vital for inventory management, marketing strategies, and identifying growth areas for seller recruitment.



Seasonal Order Distribution (2017–2018)

Understanding how order volumes fluctuate with the seasons is crucial for resource allocation and promotional planning. Autumn consistently shows the highest order volumes, indicating a peak shopping period. Recognizing these seasonal patterns allows Olist to optimize inventory, staffing, and marketing campaigns to maximize sales and operational efficiency throughout the year.



Strategic Solutions for Olist's Growth

To address the identified challenges, we propose a multi-faceted approach focusing on logistics optimization, carrier accountability, customer retention, and market expansion. Implementing these solutions is expected to significantly reduce delivery delays, enhance customer satisfaction, and drive sustainable sales growth.





Optimize Logistics

Target high-delay regions for immediate logistical improvements.



Enforce stricter Service Level Agreements with carriers to ensure timely deliveries.





Launch Loyalty Programs

Implement initiatives to boost repeat purchases and customer retention.

Expand Regional Reach

Strategically expand into underrepresented regions to diversify order concentration.