2Market: Exploratory Data Analysis and Predictive Modeling of Customer Spend

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1. Overview

This report outlines key insights from an exploratory data analysis conducted for **2Market**, a global supermarket with both online and in-store. The analysis aimed to provide insights that will inform 2Market's marketing strategies by examining customer demographics, purchasing patterns, and the effectiveness of various advertising channels

To achieve this, I analysed two key datasets—customer profiles and advertising conversions—using Excel, SQL, Tableau and R for a regression analysis. The analysis focused on answering the following core business questions:

- Who are our customers? (age, income, education, marital status)
- Which advertising channels generate the most conversions?
- Which product categories are most popular among different customer segments?

This report outlines the full methodology, key findings, and business recommendations, supported by interactive dashboards and a multiple regression model to predict customer spending.

2. Tools and Methodology

Data Sources

- marketing_data.csv: Contains customer demographics, spending behaviours, income, education, and marital status.
- **ad_data.csv**: Records customer responses to various marketing channels (e.g., Instagram, Facebook, brochures).

Tools

- Excel: For initial data cleaning, handling missing values, calculating age, and generating basic visualisations.
- **SQL** (**PostgreSQL**): Used to join datasets, calculate spending by segment, and summarize category spend by education level.
- **Tableau**: Built two interactive dashboards to present key insights to stakeholders.
- **RStudio**: regression analysis

Data Preparation

- **Cleaning**: Handled missing values, removed duplicates, and standardized data types (e.g., formatted income fields).
- Category Grouping: Combined "YOLO", "Alone", and "Single" into a single "Single" category to reflect similar behavioural patterns in spending and campaign response (see Appendix A1 Average Age by Marital Status).
- **Invalid Values**: Replaced "Absurd" entries with #N/A to prevent skewed analysis.
- **Feature Engineering**: Calculated **age** from Year_Birth using 2025 as the reference year, and created total spend variables by category.
- Data Join: Merged marketing data and ad data using the ID field.
- **Exploration**: Ran SQL queries to identify trends across customer segments.

SQL queries¹ were used extensively to support data cleaning, aggregation, and exploration. For instance, queries were designed to calculate total product spend by marital status, identify top-spending customer segments, and group data by family type.

Regression Analysis Summary

A multiple linear regression model was developed to identify which customer attributes and ad channels best predict spending behaviour. The dependent variable, total spend, was log-transformed for normalization.

Independent variables included demographics (age, marital status, country, education) and ad exposures (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, Bulk mail).

The model showed strong performance (Adjusted $R^2 = 0.582$), and confirmed **income and Instagram ads** as the strongest positive predictors of customer spend. **Twitter, Facebook**, and even **Bulk mail ads** also showed significant positive effects, while education level (Basic only) and country (US) were minor but significant contributors. (see **Appendix C – Regression Analysis in R**)

3. Key Findings

Three interactive Tableau dashboards were developed to present key customer insights clearly and engagingly.

The Demographics & Spending Patterns dashboard highlights the following:

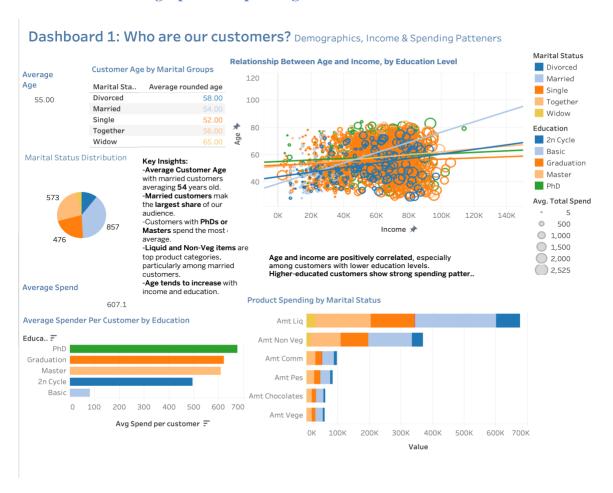
- The average customer age is approximately 55 years.
- Married individuals represent the largest customer segment, with around 857 customers.
- There is a positive correlation between age, income, and education level.
- Customers with master's or PhD degrees demonstrate the highest average spending across all segments.
- Liquor and non-vegetables are the most purchased product categories, particularly among higher-educated and married customers.

This scatterplot illustrates the relationship between **income and age**, segmented by **education level**. Each point represents an individual customer, with circle size indicating their **average total spend**.

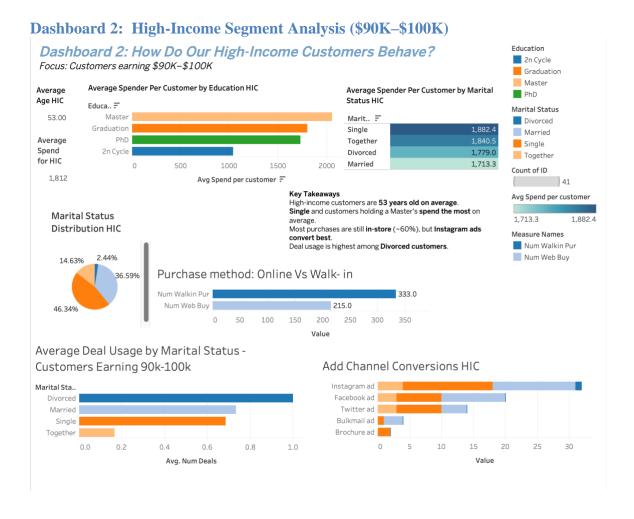
The trend lines reveal a **positive correlation** between age and income, particularly for customers with **Basic** Nd **2n Cycle** education levels. Higher education groups (e.g., **master's** and **PhD**) show a **more stable income pattern across age**, suggesting earlier earning potential. Notably, customers with **higher spending power** tend to be **older and better educated**.

¹ The full SQL queries can be found in Appendix B - SQL Queries

Dashboard 1: Demographics & Spending



The average customer is 53 years old, with the highest spenders being single or divorced individuals. Although they earn more, they remain deal-conscious — especially the divorced group. Instagram stands out as the top ad channel, suggesting that visual, aspirational content resonates best with this segment. Surprisingly, walk-in purchases still dominate, highlighting the continued importance of in-store experiences, even for premium customers.



Dashboard 3 below shows country-level customer spend, response to social media ads, and **Social Revenue Unique %** — the share of spend from customers who converted via at least one social platform.

- Spain had the highest total spend (\$659,557) and Social Revenue Unique % (36%).
- Canada and South Africa followed, each with 31%.
- **Montenegro** had no revenue from social media conversions. This insight helps identify where social ads are most effective and where to focus future campaigns.

Dashboard 3: Country Spend & Ad Summary

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	Non					Instagram			
Country	egetables	Vegetables	Commoditi	Fish	Chocolates	ad	Twitter ad	Bulkmail ad	Brochure ad
Spain	178,409	28,288	46,181	40,153	30,134	89	87	83	16
South Africa									4
Canada	45,925	7,681	12,144	9,980	7,607	21	24	18	6
Australia					4,129				
India	23,729	3,788	6,014	4,818	3,221	6	10	13	2
Germany				4,601					2
United Stat.	20,185	3,034	4,839	4,411	2,863	5	6	8	0
Montenegro	817	8		226	122			1	



Average Spend Per Capita Per country

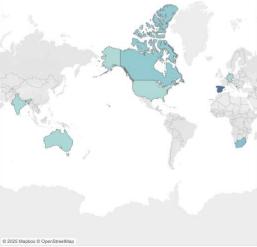
Social Media-Driven Revenue by Country (Unique %)





Top Countries by Social ad Revenue (Unique %)

Country	Social Revenue Uni	Total Spend
Spain	36	659,557
South Africa		
Canada	31	167,403
Australia		
India	26	77,806
Germany		
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Montenegro		3,122



4. Recommendations

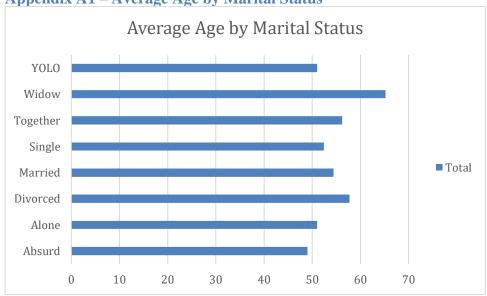
Strategy Area	Recommendation			
Customer Segmentation & Targeting	Focus on married, educated, and older customers, who represent the most profitable and sizable segment.			
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Advertising Strategy	Invest more heavily in Instagram and Twitter campaigns, as they drive the highest returns.			
Advertising Strategy	Reallocate budget away from underperforming channels such as brochures, bulk mail, and Facebook ads.			
Sales Channel Optimization	Maintain a strong in-store presence, as a majority of purchases still happen offline.			
Sales Channel Optimization	Reinforce online sales with retargeting strategies for digitally active customers.			

Geographic Strategy	Prioritize Spain, South Africa, and Canada for future campaigns based on spend and ad conversion performance.				
Geographic Strategy	Re-evaluate strategy in the United States, where digital engagement is low despite relatively high per-capita spend.				
Data Strategy Enhancements	Track product quantity and price to better understand the drivers of spend.				
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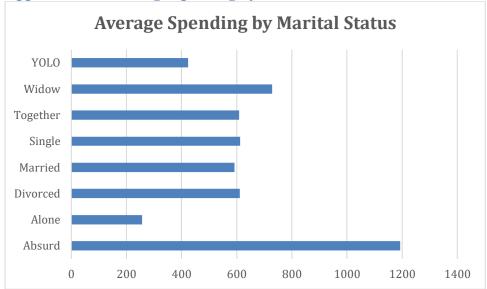
Appendices

Appendix A: Excel Visualizations

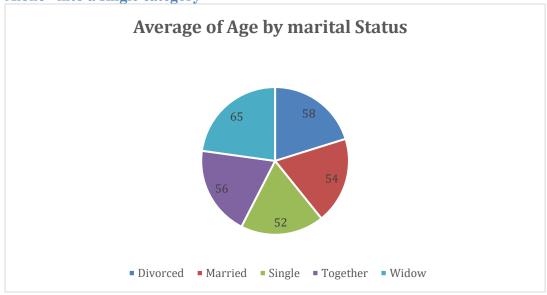




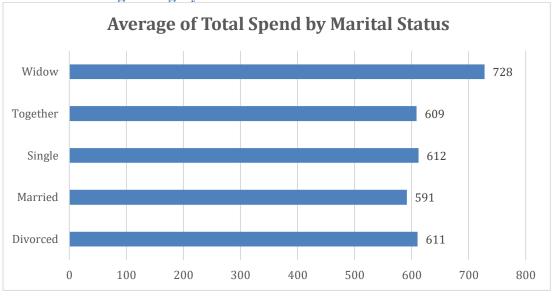




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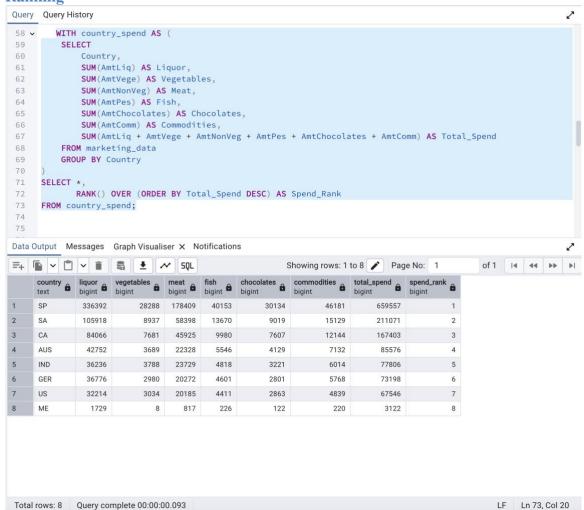


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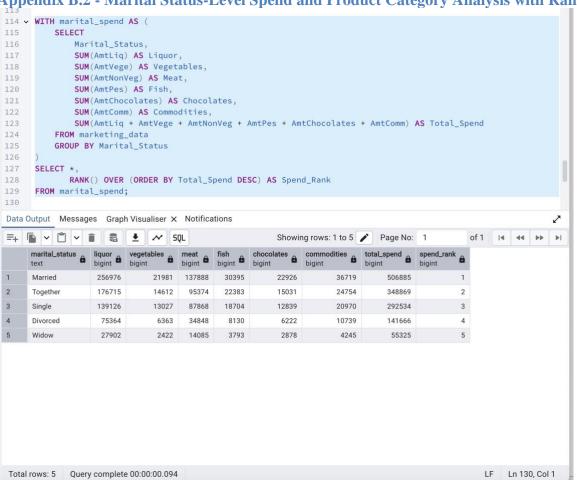


Appendix B – SQL Queries

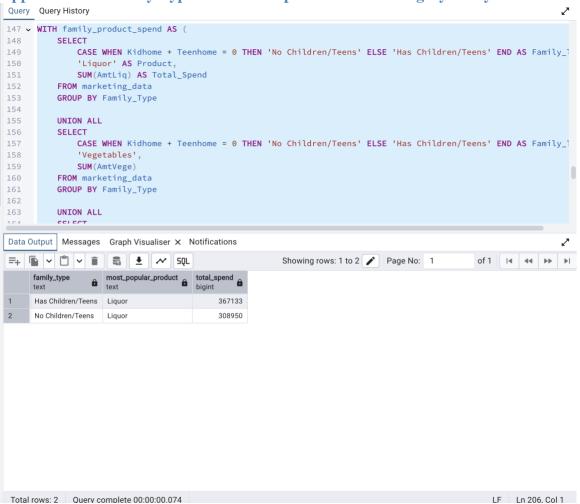
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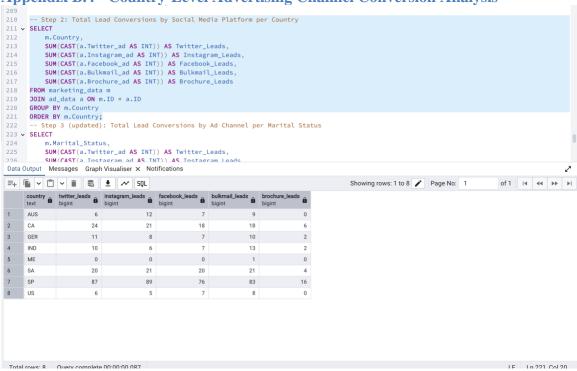
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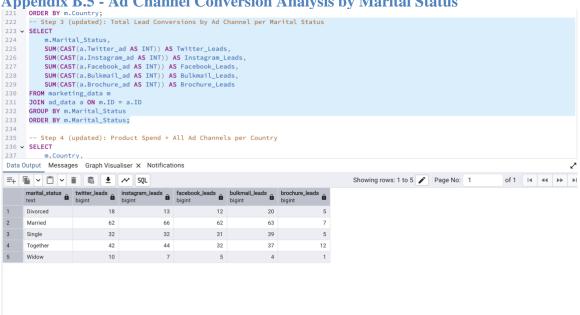
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Appendix B.4 - Country-Level Advertising Channel Conversion Analysis

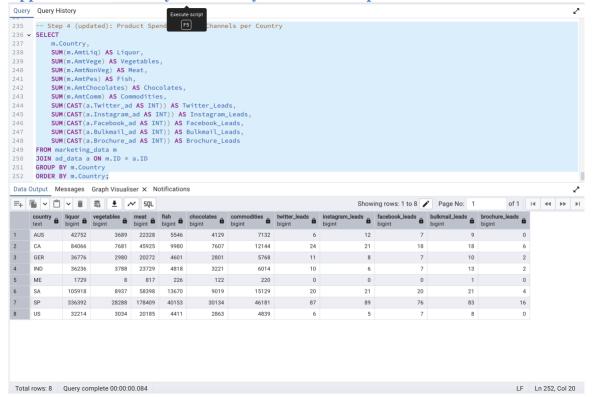


Appendix B.5 - Ad Channel Conversion Analysis by Marital Status

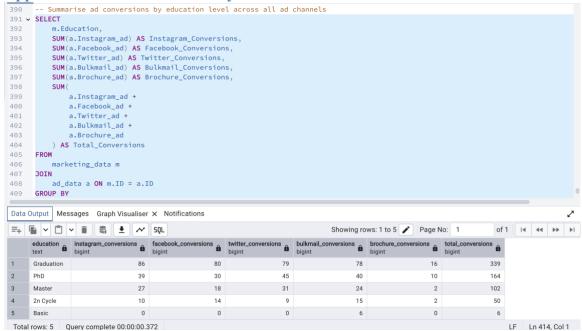


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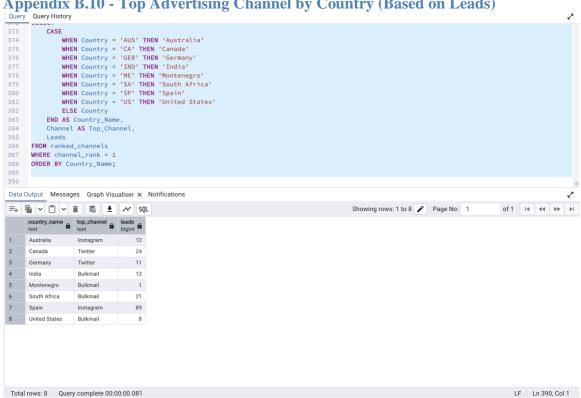
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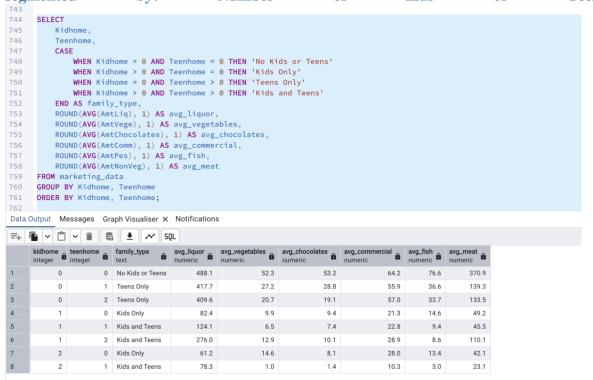
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Appendix B.10 - Top Advertising Channel by Country (Based on Leads)



Appendix B.11 - average amount spent on each product category by households, segmented by: Number of kids or Teens



Appendix C - Regression Analysis in R

