Executive Summary: Customer Churn Analysis

Objective

The primary goal of this project is to identify patterns and factors that contribute to customer churn in a telecom company, using Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA). Insights from this analysis can help in designing targeted retention strategies and predictive models.

Dataset Overview

- **Total Records**: ~7,000 customers
- **Features**: Include demographics (e.g., gender, senior citizen status), services used (e.g., internet, phone), tenure, billing, and churn status.

***** Key Findings

1. Churn Rate

- Overall churn rate: Approximately 26.5% of customers have churned.
- This indicates that over **1** in **4** customers are leaving the service, a significant issue for revenue retention.

2. Demographics Impact

- Senior Citizens: Churn rate is notably higher at 42%, compared to 24% for non-seniors.
- Gender: No significant difference in churn rates between male and female customers.

3. Customer Tenure

- Customers with <12 months of tenure show high churn rates (~45%).
- Long-tenured customers (>2 years) show significantly **lower churn (<10%)**.

4. Services Subscribed

- Fiber Optic Internet users have a churn rate of over 41%, while DSL users churn at around 14%.
- Customers without internet service have the lowest churn (~7%), suggesting bundled services may be contributing to dissatisfaction.
- OnlineSecurity, OnlineBackup, and TechSupport services: Customers not subscribed to these features are more likely to churn.

5. Contract Type

- Month-to-month contract holders churn at 45.6%.
- One-year contracts show a churn rate of 11%, and two-year contracts show only 2.8%.
- Strong correlation between long-term commitment and customer retention.

6. Payment Method

- Customers using **Electronic Check** have the highest churn (33.7%).
- Bank transfer, Credit card, and Mailed check users show lower churn rates (~15–18%).

7. Billing Behavior

- Monthly Charges: Customers with higher charges (> \$70) churn more often.
- Total Charges: New customers with low total charges and high monthly bills tend to churn quickly.

✓ Visual Insights

- Multiple well-designed charts were created using seaborn and matplotlib:
 - o **Bar plots** for contract types vs churn.
 - **Histograms** showing tenure distribution.
 - **Pie charts** for churn breakdown by gender, senior citizen status, etc.
 - Heatmaps showing correlation among variables.

Recommendations

- 1. **Targeted Retention**: Focus retention campaigns on customers with:
 - Month-to-month contracts
 - Electronic check payments
 - High monthly charges
 - o Fiber optic internet service

2. Bundled Service Incentives:

 Encourage use of OnlineSecurity, Backup, and TechSupport to reduce churn likelihood.

3. Contract Strategy:

o Provide incentives for longer contracts, e.g., discounts for annual plans.

4. New Customers:

• Focus on the first 6–12 months as a critical period to engage and retain.