Data Analysis of Supplier Defects and Downtime

Purpose

The purpose of this analysis is to gain insights into the defect quantities and downtime associated with different suppliers, materials, and plants. By understanding the patterns and correlations between these variables, the analysis aims to identify key areas of improvement to optimize quality control, reduce downtime, and improve supplier performance.

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import pandas as pd
import numpy as nb
import plotly.express as px
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import pandas as pd
# Read all sheets from a single Excel file
file path = "D:\Programs\Smart\my\Data analysis\DEPI\Final Project\
cleaned un-joined.xlsx" # Replace with your actual file path
# Assuming each sheet is named after the table name
dplant = pd.read excel(file_path, sheet_name='DPlant')
dvendor = pd.read excel(file path, sheet name='DVendor')
dcategory = pd.read_excel(file_path, sheet_name='DCategory')
dmaterial = pd.read excel(file path, sheet name='DMaterial')
ddefect = pd.read excel(file path, sheet name='DDefect')
ddefect_type = pd.read_excel(file_path, sheet_name='DDefect Type')
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#calendar = pd.read excel(file path, sheet name='Calendar')
supplier quality = pd.read excel(file path, sheet name='Supplier
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# Merge the Supplier Quality table with DPlant and DVendor
supplier data = pd.merge(supplier quality, dplant, on='Plant ID',
how='left')
supplier data = pd.merge(supplier data, dvendor, on='Vendor ID',
how='left')
supplier data = pd.merge(supplier data, dcategory, on='Category ID',
how='left')
supplier data = pd.merge(supplier data, dmaterial, on='Material Type
ID', how='left')
supplier data = pd.merge(supplier data, ddefect, on='Defect ID',
how='left')
supplier data = pd.merge(supplier data, ddefect type, on='Defect Type
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#supplier data = pd.merge(supplier data, calendar, on='Date',
how='left')
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# Drop all columns ending with 'ID' from the DataFrame
df cleaned =
supplier data.drop(supplier data.filter(regex='ID$').columns, axis=1)
# Display the cleaned DataFrame
df cleaned
df=df cleaned
df
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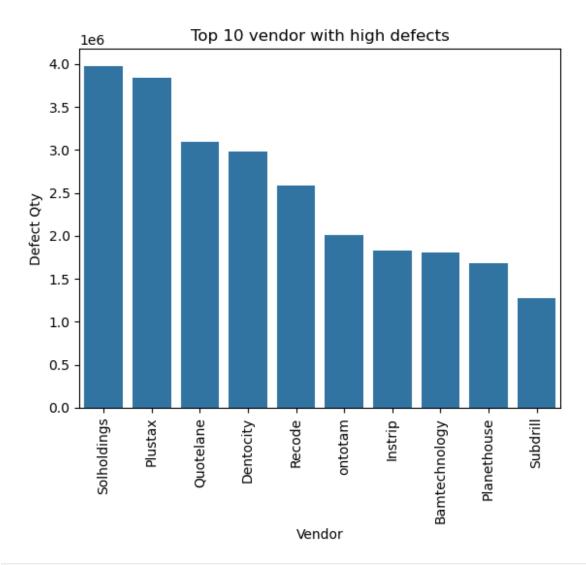
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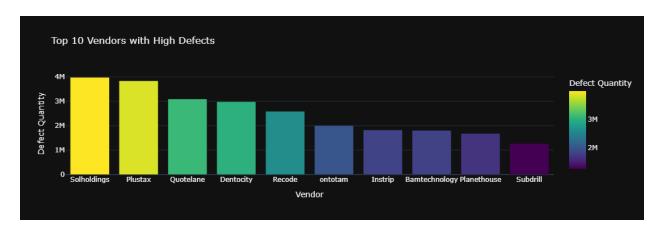
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# Check for missing values
df.isnull().sum()
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# Convert columns to appropriate data types (if necessary)
supplier data['Date'] = pd.to datetime(supplier data['Date'])
```

Vendor Analysis

Top 10 vendor with high defects

```
# Group by Vendor and calculate total defects and downtime
vendor analysis = supplier data.groupby('Vendor')[['Defect Qty',
'Downtime min']].sum().reset index()
# Sort vendor analysis in ascending order by 'Defect Qty' and
'Downtime min'
vendor_analysis_sorted = vendor_analysis.sort_values(by=['Defect Qty',
'Downtime min'], ascending=False)
# Display the sorted DataFrame
vendor analysis sorted.head(10)
            Vendor Defect Qty
                                Downtime min
188
       Solholdings
                       3977962
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153
           Plustax
                       3836303
                                        10270
157
         Quotelane
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34
         Dentocity
                       2982348
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162
                                         4215
            Recode
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291
           ontotam
                       2005374
                                         3327
98
           Instrip
                       1828614
                                         3088
5
     Bamtechnology
                                         1030
                       1810404
146
       Planethouse
                       1681683
                                         3382
204
          Subdrill
                       1273832
                                         2221
# Plot total defects by vendor
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.barplot(data=vendor analysis sorted.head(10), x='Vendor',
v='Defect Oty')
plt.xticks(rotation=90)
plt.title('Top 10 vendor with high defects')
plt.show()
```





vendors with a Zero Defect Qty

```
# Filter vendors with 'Defect Qty' equal to 0
vendors with zero defects = vendor analysis[vendor analysis['Defect
Qty'] == 0]
# Display the filtered DataFrame
vendors with zero defects.count()
Vendor
                54
Defect Qty
                54
Downtime min
                54
dtype: int64
# Get a list of vendors with 'Defect Qty' equal to 0
vendors_with_zero_defects_list =
vendors with zero defects['Vendor'].tolist()
# Display the list
vendors_with_zero_defects_list
['Bamgeohigh',
 'Canace',
 'Canphase',
 'Condexon',
 'Daltcare',
 'Daltron',
 'Danfan',
 'Dentoelectrics',
 'Dingfax',
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 'Finlux',
 'Fixcan',
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 'Goodtechno',
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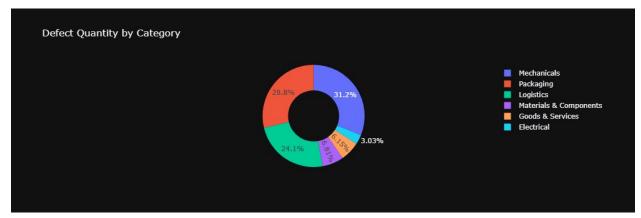
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'Latgotrax',
'Linetone',
'Matsanice'
'Planetware',
'Pluslam',
'Scothouse',
'Silver-line',
'Solohex',
'Sonlex',
'Statway',
'Streetplus',
'Templax',
'Toncode',
'Unatrax',
'Viacane',
'Vivazim',
'Warecity',
'Y-strip',
'Zamlane',
'Zathlane',
'Zerlane',
'Zimex',
'Zumcane',
'Zuntone',
'betaity',
'dripkix',
'saltlab'
'san-plex',
'stripzim',
'tinron',
'wareholding',
'zen-holdings']
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it's seem that thre are 54 vendor with no defect's

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df.columns
Index(['Date', 'Defect Qty', 'Downtime min', 'PlantDistrict',
    'PlantState',
        'Vendor', 'Category', 'Material Type', 'Defect', 'Defect Type',
    'Sort'],
        dtype='object')
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Category Analysis

```
# Group by Category and calculate total defects and downtime
category analysis = supplier data.groupby('Category')[['Defect Qty',
'Downtime min']].sum().reset index()
# Display the analysis results
category analysis sorted = category analysis.sort values(by='Defect
Qty', ascending=False)
category analysis sorted
                 Category Defect Qty Downtime min
4
              Mechanicals
                             16989072
                                               34208
5
                Packaging
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2
                Logistics
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3 Materials & Components
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1
         Goods & Services
                              3356864
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               Electrical
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import plotly.express as px
# Create a pie chart using plotly to visualize the defect quantity by
category
fig = px.pie(category analysis sorted,
             values='Defect Qty',
             names='Category',
             title='Defect Quantity by Category',
             hole=0.5,
            template='plotly dark')
# Show the pie chart
fig.show()
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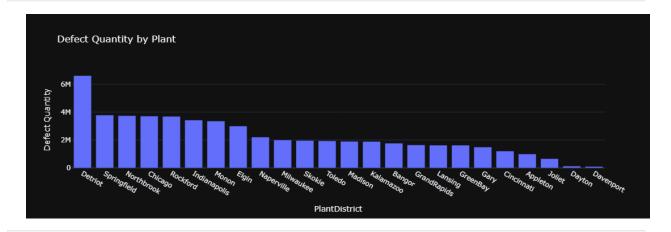


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4 2014	4-12-31 4-12-31	20009 1	218 75	GrandRapids Indianapolis	MI IN
5945 2013 5946 2013 5947 2013	3-01-01	80 102 0	 9 9	GrandRapids GrandRapids Chicago	MI MI IL
5947 2013 5948 2013 5949 2013	3-01-01	0 0	9 9	Chicago Chicago Springfield	IL IL
Defect '	Vendor \		Category	Material Type	
0	Plustax		Logistics	Controllers	
Warped 1 Parts	Zuntexon		Logistics	Electrolytes	Deformed
2	Tamcan		Logistics	Electrolytes	Short
Walls 3	ontotam		Electrical	Carton	Printing
Defects 4 (Misc	Quotelane		Mechanicals	Film	
	mholdings		Electrical	Packaging	String
5946	Itdom		Electrical	Packaging	No
Docs 5947 Bearings	Trio-dax	Materials	& Components	Glass	Bad
5948 Labeling	Trio-dax	Materials	& Components	Glass	Wrong
5949	Reddoit		Logistics	Corrugate	Overlapping
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plant Analysis

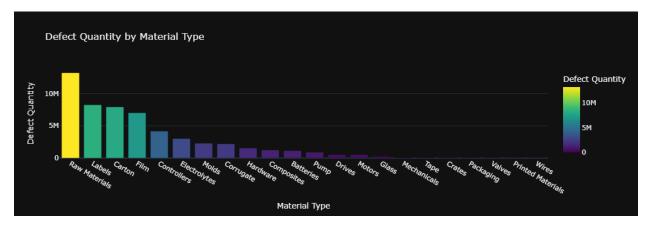
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# Group by Plant and calculate total defects and downtime
plant analysis = supplier data.groupby('PlantDistrict')[['Defect Qty',
'Downtime min']].sum().reset index()
# Sort the results by total defects
plant analysis sorted = plant analysis.sort values(by='Defect Qty',
ascending=False)
# Display the analysis results
plant analysis sorted
   PlantDistrict
                  Defect Qty
                               Downtime min
6
         Detriot
                     6610077
                                      11428
22
     Sprinafield
                      3784005
                                      17296
19
      Northbrook
                                       8175
                      3740202
2
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                      3714589
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        Rockford
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          Skokie
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23
          Toledo
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       Kalamazoo
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9
     GrandRapids
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14
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                                        465
10
        GreenBay
                      1629397
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8
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       Davenport
                       105253
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import plotly.express as px
# Create a bar chart for defect quantity by plant
fig = px.bar(plant analysis sorted,
             x='PlantDistrict',
             y='Defect Qty',
             title='Defect Quantity by Plant',
             labels={'Defect Qty': 'Defect Quantity'},
             template='plotly dark')
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Show the plot fig.show()



```
# Group by Material Type and calculate total defects and downtime
material type analysis = supplier data.groupby('Material Type')
[['Defect Qty', 'Downtime min']].sum().reset index()
# Sort the results by total defect quantity
material type analysis sorted =
material type analysis.sort values(by='Defect Qty', ascending=False)
# Display the analysis results
material_type_analysis_sorted
        Material Type
                                    Downtime min
                        Defect Qty
18
        Raw Materials
                          13218621
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11
               Labels
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                                             8608
3
          Controllers
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                                             8555
7
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13
                Molds
                           2296332
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4
            Corrugate
                           2208438
                                            52726
10
             Hardware
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                                             3268
2
           Composites
                           1258623
                                              758
0
            Batteries
                           1160787
                                             8234
17
                 Pump
                            907088
                                              340
6
               Drives
                            539076
                                              390
14
               Motors
                            538985
                                              397
9
                Glass
                            254946
                                              583
12
          Mechanicals
                             83134
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19
                             64153
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5
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               Crates
15
            Packaging
                             19891
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20
               Valves
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16 Printed Materials
                               116
21
                Wires
import plotly.express as px
# Create a bar chart for defect quantity by material type
fig = px.bar(material_type_analysis_sorted,
             x='Material Type',
             y='Defect Qty',
title='Defect Quantity by Material Type',
             labels={'Defect Qty': 'Defect Quantity'},
             template='plotly dark',
             color='Defect Qty',
             color continuous scale='Viridis') # Choose a color
palette
# Display the plot
fig.show()
```



df						
	Date	Defect Qty	Downtime min	PlantDistrict	PlantState	\
0	2014-12-31	1	60	Cincinnati	OH	
1	2014-12-31	9	10	Bangor	MI	
2	2014-12-31	47	30	Milwaukee	Wi	
3	2014-12-31	20009	218	GrandRapids	MI	
4	2014-12-31	1	75	Indianapolis	IN	
5945	2013-01-01	80	0	GrandRapids	MI	
5946	2013-01-01	102	0	GrandRapids	MI	
5947	2013-01-01	0	0	Chicago	IL	
5948	2013-01-01	0	0	Chicago	IL	
5949	2013-01-01	0	Θ	Springfield	IL	
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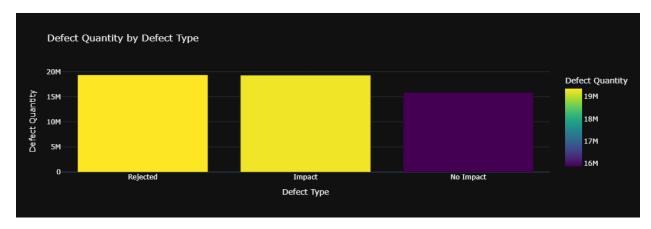
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Parts 2	Tamcan		Logistics	Electrolytes	Short
Walls	Tallican		LOGISCICS	Licetiotytes	Short
3	ontotam		Electrical	Carton	Printing
Defects					
	Quotelane		Mechanicals	Film	
Misc					
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Defects					
5946	Itdom		Electrical	Packaging	No
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5948	Trio-dax	Materials	& Components	Glass	Wrong
Labeling					
5949	Reddoit		Logistics	Corrugate	Overlapping
Seam					
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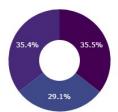
Defect Type Analysis

```
# Group by Defect Type and calculate total defect quantity and
downtime
defect_analysis = supplier_data.groupby('Defect Type')[['Defect Qty',
'Downtime min']].sum().reset_index()

# Sort the results by total defect quantity
defect_analysis_sorted = defect_analysis.sort_values(by='Defect Qty',
ascending=False)
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```
# Display the analysis results
defect analysis sorted
 Defect Type Defect Qty Downtime min
2
     Rejected
                 19369349
                                  28435
0
       Impact
                 19301562
                                 104677
1
    No Impact
                 15868305
                                   5139
import plotly.express as px
# Create a bar chart for defect quantity by defect type
fig = px.bar(defect analysis sorted,
             x='Defect Type',
             y='Defect Qty',
             title='Defect Quantity by Defect Type',
             labels={'Defect Qty': 'Defect Quantity'},
             template='plotly dark',
             color='Defect Qty',
             color continuous scale='Viridis')
# Display the plot
fig.show()
```





Rejected
Impact
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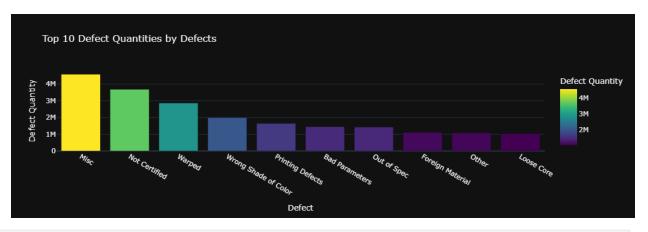
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Top 10 Defect Quantities by Defects

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# Group the data by Defect to get total defect quantities and
associated downtime
defect analysis = supplier data.groupby('Defect')[['Defect Qty',
'Downtime min']].sum().reset index()
# Sort by the total defect quantity for better visualization
defect analysis sorted = defect analysis.sort values(by='Defect Qty',
ascending=False).reset index(drop=True)
# Display the top 10 results without an extra index
defect analysis sorted=defect analysis sorted.head(10)
defect analysis sorted
                 Defect
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                            4583814
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          Not Certified
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         Bad Parameters
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6
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                                              3894
7
       Foreign Material
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8
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                            1083164
             Loose Core
                            1035519
                                              455
# Group by Vendor and Defect Type to see how defects are spread across
vendors
vendor defect analysis = supplier data.groupby(['Vendor', 'Defect
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Type'])[['Defect Qty']].sum().reset index()
# Display the top entries for insight
vendor defect analysis.sort values(by='Defect Qty', ascending=False)
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244
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# Create a bar chart to show total defect quantities by defect type
fig = px.bar(defect analysis sorted,
             x='Defect',
             y='Defect Qty',
             title='Top 10 Defect Quantities by Defects',
             labels={'Defect Qty': 'Defect Quantity'},
             template='plotly dark',
             color='Defect Qty',
             color_continuous_scale='Viridis')
fig.update layout(xaxis={'categoryorder':'total descending'})
# Display the plot
fig.show()
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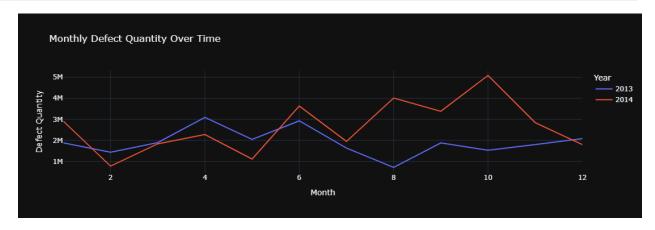


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# Convert 'Date' column to datetime if not already
df['Date'] = pd.to datetime(supplier data['Date'])
# Group by month and year to analyze defects over time
df['Year'] = df['Date'].dt.year
df['Month'] = df['Date'].dt.month
# Group by year and month to calculate total defects and downtime
date analysis = df.groupby(['Year', 'Month'])[['Defect Qty', 'Downtime
min']].sum().reset index()
# Display the analysis results
date analysis
    Year
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    2013
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                     1881043
                                      5321
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    2013
              2
                     1434261
                                      5855
2
    2013
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                                      7415
                     1894519
3
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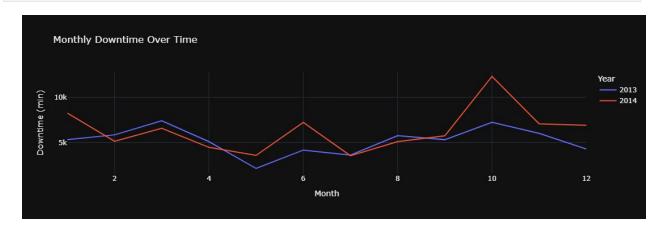
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20	2014	9	3383591	5749
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22	2014	11	2844996	7074
23	2014	12	1798285	6912

Defect Quantities Over Time

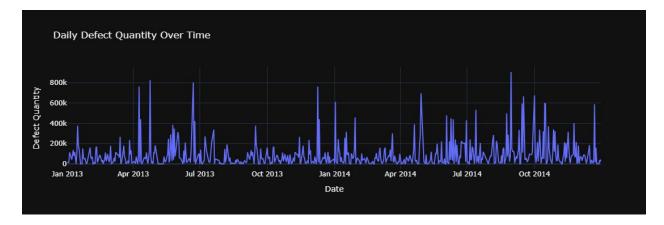


Downtime Over Time

fig.show()

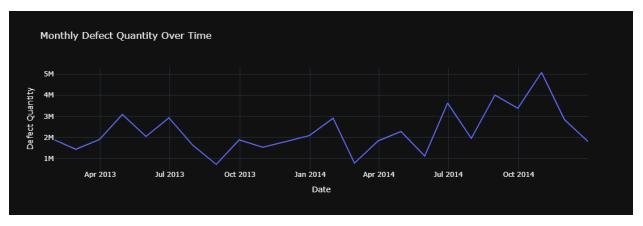


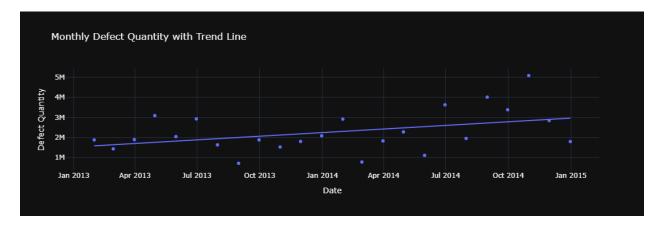
Daily or Weekly Analysis



Seasonal or Quarter Analysis

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# Ensure the 'Date' column is in datetime format
supplier data['Date'] = pd.to datetime(supplier data['Date'])
# Extract Year and Ouarter
supplier data['Year'] = supplier data['Date'].dt.year
supplier data['Quarter'] = supplier data['Date'].dt.quarter
# Group by 'Year' and 'Quarter' for analysis
quarterly analysis = supplier data.groupby(['Year', 'Quarter'])
[['Defect Qty', 'Downtime min']].sum().reset index()
# Display the analysis
quarterly analysis.head()
   Year Quarter Defect Qty Downtime min
0 2013
              1
                     5209823
                                     18591
1 2013
              2
                                     11416
                     8063954
2 2013
              3
                    4229110
                                     14699
3 2013
              4
                     5414458
                                     17565
             1
4 2014
                    5522064
                                     19984
import plotly.express as px
# Ensure 'Date' column is in datetime format
supplier data['Date'] = pd.to datetime(supplier data['Date'])
# Aggregate defect quantity by month
monthly defects = supplier data.resample('M',
on='Date').sum().reset index()
# Create a line chart for defect quantity over time
fig = px.line(monthly defects,
             x='Date',
              y='Defect Qty',
              title='Monthly Defect Quantity Over Time',
              labels={'Defect Oty': 'Defect Quantity'},
              template='plotly dark')
# Display the line chart
fig.show()
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FutureWarning:
'M' is deprecated and will be removed in a future version, please use
'ME' instead.
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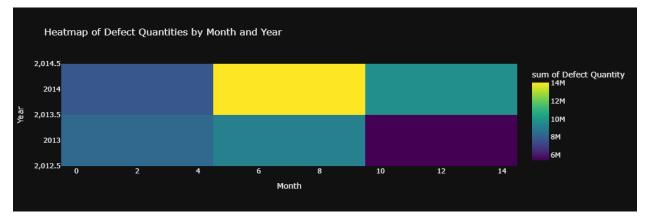


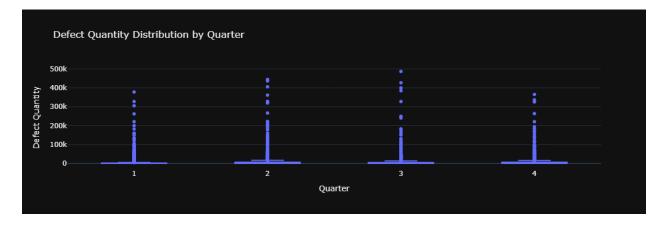


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y='Year',
z='Defect Qty',
title='Heatmap of Defect Quantities by Month
and Year',

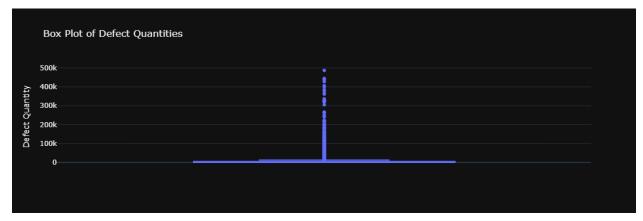
labels={'Defect Qty': 'Defect Quantity'},
template='plotly_dark',
color_continuous_scale='Viridis')

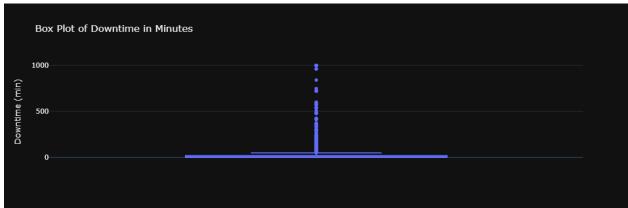
# Display the heatmap
fig.show()
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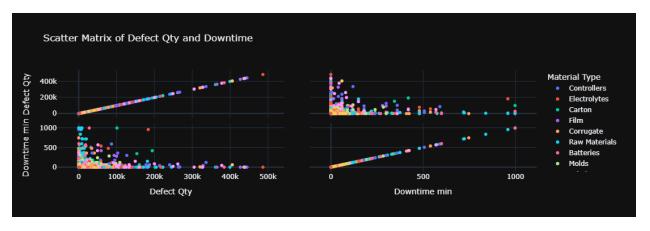


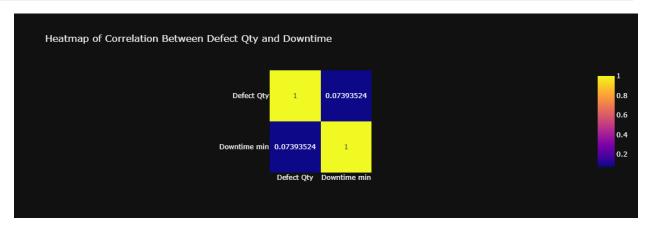
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import plotly.express as px
# Create a box plot for 'Defect Qty'
fig qty = px.box(supplier data,
                 y='Defect Qty',
                 title='Box Plot of Defect Quantities',
                 labels={'Defect Qty': 'Defect Quantity'},
                 template='plotly dark')
# Display the box plot for 'Defect Qty'
fig qty.show()
# Create a box plot for 'Downtime min'
fig downtime = px.box(supplier data,
                      y='Downtime min',
                      title='Box Plot of Downtime in Minutes',
                      labels={'Downtime min': 'Downtime (min)'},
                      template='plotly dark')
# Display the box plot for 'Downtime min'
fig downtime.show()
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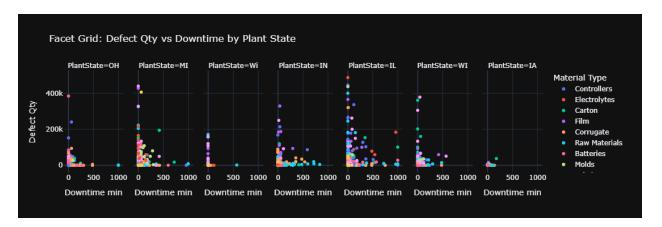




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Index(['Date', 'Defect Qty', 'Downtime min', 'PlantDistrict',
'PlantState',
       'Vendor', 'Category', 'Material Type', 'Defect', 'Defect Type',
'Sort',
       'Year', 'Month'],
      dtype='object')
import plotly.express as px
# Select relevant numerical columns for multivariate analysis
numerical columns = supplier data[['Defect Qty', 'Downtime min']]
# Add categorical columns for color coding
numerical columns['Material Type'] = supplier data['Material Type']
# Create a pair plot
fig = px.scatter matrix(numerical columns,
                        dimensions=['Defect Qty', 'Downtime min'],
                        color='Material Type',
                        title='Scatter Matrix of Defect Oty and
Downtime',
                        template='plotly dark')
# Display the pair plot
fig.show()
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SettingWithCopyWarning:
A value is trying to be set on a copy of a slice from a DataFrame.
Try using .loc[row indexer,col indexer] = value instead
See the caveats in the documentation:
https://pandas.pydata.org/pandas-docs/stable/user guide/indexing.html#
returning-a-view-versus-a-copy
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Summary

The analysis was performed on a dataset containing information about defect quantities (Defect Qty), downtime (Downtime min), associated Vendors, Material Types, Plants, and Defect Types. Several visualizations were used to explore relationships between these variables:

- **Defect Analysis**: Visualized defect quantities and their associated downtime by defect type, revealing key contributors to quality issues.
- Date Analysis: Assessed the distribution of defects and downtime over time (daily, monthly, and quarterly) to uncover any seasonal or periodic patterns.
- Multivariate Analysis: Used scatter plots, heatmaps, and facet grids to investigate how
 multiple factors such as PlantDistrict, Material Type, and Vendor impact
 defects and downtime.

The key findings indicate that certain defect types are strongly associated with longer downtime, and some vendors have disproportionately high defect rates compared to others. There are also seasonal patterns, with some periods experiencing significantly higher defect rates.

Conclusion

The analysis reveals that defect rates and downtime are not evenly distributed across all vendors, materials, and plants. Several insights were identified:

- High Impact Defects: A small number of defect types contribute to the majority of quality issues and associated downtime.
- **Vendor Performance**: Some vendors have consistently higher defect rates, indicating potential quality control issues that need to be addressed.
- **Time-Based Patterns**: Defect rates and downtime fluctuate throughout the year, with noticeable peaks at certain times, possibly due to production cycles, seasonality, or operational changes.
- **Plant and Material-Specific Issues**: Certain plants or materials are more susceptible to defects, suggesting the need for targeted proce, and supplier performance.

Detailed Recommendations with Specific Examples and Numbers

1. Target High-Impact Categories for Quality Improvement

- Observation: The Mechanicals and Packaging categories contribute to over 60% of total defects, with Mechanicals alone accounting for 31.2%.
- Action: Prioritize process improvements in these categories. For example:
 - In Mechanicals, defects like misaligned components and improper assembly contribute significantly. Implement standardized assembly procedures to reduce errors.
 - In Packaging, defects contribute to 28.8% of total defects. Introducing automated packaging systems can reduce human errors that lead to defects like improper sealing and labeling.
- **Expected Result**: A targeted reduction in defect rates by at least **10-15%** in these high-impact categories.

2. Improve Raw Material Inspection and Handling

- **Observation**: Raw Materials are the single largest contributor to defects, with over **10M defects** recorded—almost **double** that of the next material type, **Labels**.
- Action: Introduce tighter quality controls and inspections for incoming raw materials, such as:
 - Implement pre-production sample testing for at least 10% of incoming raw material batches.
 - Increase the use of automated optical inspection (AOI) tools to detect defects early.
- **Expected Result**: A **25% reduction** in defects related to raw materials, reducing overall defect quantities by at least **2-3 million units** annually.

3. Conduct Supplier Audits for High-Defect Vendors

- Observation: The top two vendors, Solholdings and Plustax, account for over 8M defects combined. These vendors contribute significantly to the total defect count.
- Action: Establish quarterly performance reviews with high-defect vendors:
 - For Solholdings, focus on reducing defects related to Raw Materials since they account for over 4M defects.
 - For Plustax, investigate Packaging-related issues contributing to around 3.8M defects.
 - Set a defect reduction goal of 20% for each vendor by implementing shared quality standards and corrective action plans.
- Expected Result: A reduction of 1.6M to 2M defects per vendor over the next year.

4. Optimize Operations in High-Defect Plants

• **Observation**: The **Detroit** plant has the highest defect quantity with over **6M** recorded defects. **Springfield** and **Chicago** also exhibit high defect rates, each around **4M defects**.

- Action: Perform a detailed operational review of these plants:
 - In **Detroit**, focus on improving assembly line quality checks and equipment maintenance schedules.
 - Springfield and Chicago can benefit from enhanced employee training programs focused on identifying defects early.
- **Expected Result**: A reduction in defects by at least **15-20%** at these plants, saving approximately **900K to 1.2M defects** annually.

5. Address Specific Defect Types (Rejected & Impact)

- Observation: Rejected and Impact defects make up around 70% of all defects, with Rejected defects contributing over 35.5% and Impact defects contributing around 35.4%.
- Action: Address these specific defect types:
 - For Rejected defects, perform root cause analyses to identify why items are being rejected, such as incorrect dimensions or surface defects.
 - For Impact defects, improve handling procedures to avoid damage during storage and transportation.
- Expected Result: A reduction of rejected defects by 15% and impact defects by 10%, reducing overall defect quantities by around 5M units.

6. Enhance Real-Time Monitoring & Analytics

- **Observation**: Real-time data could help quickly identify and address defects across categories.
- **Action**: Implement a digital dashboard to monitor defect quantities, downtime, and categories in real-time.
 - Set alerts for sudden spikes in defect quantities or downtime that exceed 10% of the average weekly rate.
 - Allow plant managers to immediately address issues as they arise, preventing defect accumulation.
- **Expected Result**: Improved responsiveness to quality issues, reducing overall defect quantities by **5-7%**.

7. Improve Handling of Materials with High Defect Rates

- Observation: Labels, Cartons, and Films together contribute over 15M defects. Improper material handling or storage could be leading to defects.
- **Action**: Review storage conditions, temperature, and humidity controls for these materials:
 - Introduce proper stacking techniques to prevent damage to Labels and Cartons.
 - Implement temperature and moisture control for Films to prevent warping or deformities.
- **Expected Result**: A decrease in defects related to these materials by at least **20%**, saving around **3M defects** annually.

8. Improve Vendor Support & Feedback Mechanisms

- Observation: Certain vendors show consistently high defects over multiple material types.
- Action: Set up regular communication channels with vendors for performance feedback:
 - Share monthly defect reports, focusing on key improvement areas for each vendor.
 - Establish quarterly vendor performance reviews to track progress on agreed quality improvement goals.
- **Expected Result**: Improved vendor quality performance and a **10-15%** decrease in defects from high-defect vendors.

9. Targeted Preventive Maintenance for Key Plant Machinery

- **Observation**: Mechanical defects are a major contributor across plants, often due to equipment wear and tear.
- Action: Schedule preventive maintenance for machinery in high-defect plants on a biweekly basis.
 - Use predictive maintenance tools to monitor equipment performance and preemptively address potential issues.
- **Expected Result**: Reduced mechanical defects by at least **15%**, contributing to overall defect reduction.

10. Continuous Improvement Programs

- **Observation**: Areas like **Mechanicals, Packaging, and Raw Materials** account for the bulk of defects.
- Action: Launch ongoing improvement initiatives:
 - Create cross-functional teams to focus on quality improvements in high-defect areas.
 - Encourage employee participation by offering incentives for defect reduction suggestions that lead to significant savings.
- **Expected Result**: Sustained improvement over time with an annual reduction of **10-12%** in total defects.

General Recommendations

1. Address Seasonal Peaks in Defect Quantity

- **Observation**: The **Monthly Defect Quantity Over Time** line chart shows spikes in defect quantities around **July and October 2014**, with quantities reaching up to **5M** units.
- Action: Implement seasonal quality checks during peak defect months. For example:
 - Schedule additional quality control checks in June-July and September-October to identify and resolve issues early.

• Expected Impact: A 10-15% reduction in defect quantities during peak months, potentially saving around 500K-750K defects annually.

2. Minimize Downtime Fluctuations

- Observation: The Monthly Downtime Over Time chart highlights significant differences in downtime between 2013 and 2014, especially in October, where downtime peaked at 10K minutes.
- Action: To reduce such spikes, optimize maintenance schedules:
 - Implement predictive maintenance around the 10th month (October) to prevent downtime-related defects.
 - Introduce a standardized downtime tracking process to ensure rapid issue identification and resolution.
- **Expected Impact**: Reducing downtime in peak months can improve productivity by around **10%**, and decrease defect quantities by approximately **300K units** per year.

3. Focus on the Top Defect Types

- **Observation**: The **Top 10 Defect Quantities by Defect Type** chart reveals that the defect type **"Miscellaneous"** is the largest contributor with over **4M defects**.
- **Action**: Perform a deeper root cause analysis for this category:
 - Break down "Miscellaneous" into more specific sub-categories to pinpoint exact sources.
 - Standardize defect classification to avoid overuse of the "Miscellaneous" label.
- Expected Impact: A more targeted approach can result in a 20% decrease in Miscellaneous defects, reducing total defect quantities by around 800K units.

4. Control Quality of Critical Materials (Labels, Cartons, Films)

- Observation: Material types like Labels, Cartons, and Films contribute over 10M defects combined.
- Action: Introduce material-specific quality standards:
 - Establish strict incoming inspection criteria for Labels, as defects in this category lead to significant quality issues.
 - Implement improved packaging standards for Cartons and Films to prevent warping and damage during storage and handling.
- Expected Impact: A 15% improvement in quality for these materials can potentially save 1.5M defects per year.

5. Vendor-Specific Quality Improvement Programs

- Observation: The top vendors, such as Solholdings and Plustax, are responsible for over 4M defects each.
- Action: Establish dedicated vendor improvement plans:
 - Set up monthly performance reviews with high-defect vendors to identify root causes and agree on corrective actions.

- Implement a defect penalty or reward system based on quality targets met, aiming for a 25% defect reduction for each vendor.
- Expected Impact: A 25% reduction could translate into around 1M defects saved per vendor annually.

6. Monitor Time-Based Defect Patterns for Trend Analysis

- **Observation**: The **Monthly Defect Quantity with Trend Line** chart indicates a gradual increase in defect quantities over time.
- Action: Regularly review monthly defect trends:
 - If defect quantities rise more than 10% above the average monthly rate, initiate an immediate quality control review.
 - Introduce weekly dashboards to track month-over-month changes.
- **Expected Impact**: Identifying and acting on upward trends early can prevent the escalation of defects, reducing their occurrence by **5-10%** on an annual basis.

7. Reduce Outliers and Variability in Defects

- **Observation**: The **Box Plot of Defect Quantities** highlights significant outliers (defect quantities above **500K units**).
- Action: Introduce statistical process control (SPC):
 - Use SPC to identify causes of outliers and implement process corrections to maintain defect quantities within acceptable limits.
 - Train plant operators on recognizing and acting on abnormal trends to reduce variability.
- **Expected Impact**: Reducing variability and outliers can improve overall product quality and potentially save around **200K-300K defects** per year.

8. Improve Handling and Storage for Defect Types like "Warped" and "Wrong Shade of Color"

- Observation: The Defect Type chart identifies Warped and Wrong Shade of Color as major defect types, contributing around 2M and 1.5M defects, respectively.
- Action: Implement environmental controls:
 - For Warped materials, ensure proper storage conditions (e.g., controlled temperature and humidity).
 - For Wrong Shade of Color, standardize dyeing and painting processes with color-matching technologies.
- **Expected Impact**: Targeted improvements in handling and storage conditions could lead to a **20% decrease** in these defect types, saving **700K defects** annually.

9. Seasonal Strategies for Downtime Management

• **Observation**: The **Monthly Downtime Over Time** chart shows downtime spikes in specific months (October in both 2013 and 2014).

- **Action**: Preemptively schedule equipment overhauls and operator training in months preceding high downtime periods:
 - Focus on critical equipment prone to breakdown during high-defect months.
- **Expected Impact**: Reducing downtime by **10-15%** in peak months can improve efficiency and reduce associated defects.

10. Continuous Improvement with Feedback Loops

- **Observation**: Consistent patterns in defect types and quantities call for ongoing monitoring and improvement.
- Action: Establish feedback loops to improve quality control processes continuously:
 - Use monthly quality meetings to discuss defect data, improvement actions, and vendor performance.
 - Encourage employee input on process improvements, offering rewards for ideas that lead to tangible defect reductions.
- Expected Impact: A continuous improvement culture can maintain a year-over-year reduction in defects by 10%, ensuring sustained quality improvements.

Specific Recommendations Based on Correlation

1. Correlate Defect Quantity and Downtime for Key Material Types

- Observation: The Scatter Matrix reveals that some materials (e.g., Controllers, Electrolytes) have high defect quantities (up to 500k units) correlated with significant downtime.
- **Action**: Prioritize improvements in handling and processing materials with the highest defect-downtime correlation:
 - Implement additional inspections for Controllers and Electrolytes before and during production.
 - Schedule more frequent preventive maintenance on equipment used for these materials to reduce downtime.
- Expected Impact: Reducing downtime for these critical materials could result in a 15-20% decrease in associated defect quantities.

2. Address Low Correlation Between Defect Qty and Downtime

- Observation: The Heatmap of Correlation between Defect Qty and Downtime indicates a weak correlation of 0.0739, suggesting that defects may not be solely causing downtime.
- Action: Separate downtime issues from defect sources:

- Identify non-defect-related causes of downtime, such as equipment failure, staffing issues, or supply chain delays.
- Implement separate KPIs for downtime and defect rates to monitor and improve them independently.
- Expected Impact: By distinguishing between downtime causes, an estimated 10% improvement in overall operational efficiency can be achieved.

3. Plant-Specific Strategies to Improve Quality

- Observation: The Facet Grid by Plant State shows variability in defect quantities and downtime across states. OH and IL exhibit higher defect quantities (up to 400k units).
- Action: Tailor quality control measures to each plant state:
 - For plants in OH, increase quality checks on materials like Electrolytes and Controllers, which exhibit the most downtime and defects.
 - In IL, implement stricter adherence to operational procedures and machinery maintenance to decrease downtime.
- Expected Impact: A targeted improvement program can lead to a 20% reduction in defects in OH and IL, saving around 80k units per plant.

4. Improve Quality Control During High Defect Months

- Observation: The Heatmap of Defect Quantities by Month and Year indicates that May-June 2014 has the highest defect quantities, with over 14M units.
- Action: Enhance quality checks and staff training leading up to high defect periods:
 - Conduct pre-season quality control drills and equipment maintenance in **April** to prepare for the spike in **May-June**.
 - Increase staff training focused on defect identification and handling.
- **Expected Impact**: Preventive actions before high-defect months can reduce defect quantities by **20%** in peak periods, saving up to **2.8M units**.

5. Address Defect Quantity Outliers in Each Quarter

- Observation: The Box Plot of Defect Quantities by Quarter shows outliers above 400k units, especially in the second and third quarters.
- Action: Target root causes for outliers:
 - Investigate specific batches or product lines that contribute to these outliers and implement quality improvement measures such as more frequent audits or enhanced testing.
 - Increase supervision during production peaks in Q2 and Q3.
- Expected Impact: Reducing these outliers by 50% could save around 200k-250k defect units per quarter.

6. Improve Processing of Critical Material Types

- Observation: The scatter plots indicate Raw Materials, Controllers, and Cartons have the highest defect quantities combined with downtime.
- Action: Implement special handling and processing improvements for these materials:

- For Raw Materials, establish temperature and moisture-controlled storage areas to maintain quality.
- Introduce automated quality checks for Cartons to detect defects like warping or improper labeling early.
- Expected Impact: Improved processing of these materials can lead to a 15% reduction in defects, saving approximately 1.5M defect units annually.

7. Leverage Heatmap Insights to Improve Seasonal Defect Management

- **Observation**: The heatmap shows an increasing trend in defect quantities in **2014** compared to **2013**, particularly in the middle months.
- **Action**: Align production schedules to balance workloads and avoid spikes in defect rates:
 - Implement flexible workforce planning, adding shifts in high-defect months to ensure consistent production quality.
 - Use historical data to anticipate high-defect periods and adjust production schedules accordingly.
- **Expected Impact**: Balanced production across seasons can reduce defect quantities by **10-12%**, resulting in smoother operational flow and fewer quality issues.

8. Improve Multi-Material Production Efficiency

- Observation: The scatter matrix and facet grid reveal that mixed material types processed together (e.g., Film, Corrugate, Electrolytes) contribute to increased downtime and defect quantities.
- Action: Streamline production lines for specific material types:
 - Designate separate lines for high-risk materials like Electrolytes and Films to prevent cross-material contamination and reduce defects.
 - Train staff to specialize in handling one type of material to increase proficiency and reduce errors.
- Expected Impact: By reducing mixed-material defects, an estimated 20% improvement in overall defect quantities can be achieved, particularly for multi-material products.

9. Enhance Early Detection of Defects to Reduce Overall Quantity

- **Observation**: The **Box Plot of Defect Quantities** reveals a wide spread of defect values, indicating variability in quality detection.
- Action: Implement early detection systems and quality feedback loops:
 - Use real-time defect monitoring systems with AI-based image recognition for early detection and immediate correction.
 - Implement employee feedback systems for reporting defects before they move further in production.
- **Expected Impact**: Early detection can reduce total defect quantities by around **25%**, significantly enhancing production quality and reducing waste.

10. Utilize Correlation Insights for Process Improvement

- **Observation**: Although the correlation between **Defect Qty** and **Downtime** is low, specific material types (e.g., **Molds, Batteries**) show local patterns.
- Action: Apply Six Sigma or Lean Manufacturing principles to these material types to streamline processes:
 - Use process mapping and value stream analysis to reduce unnecessary steps and minimize errors.
 - Encourage cross-functional teams to brainstorm and implement continuous improvements targeting these materials.
- Expected Impact: Streamlined processes and improved workflow could lead to a 15% reduction in downtime-related defects, improving overall product quality.

Recommendations for Defect Reduction Based on Trends

1. Address Daily Spikes in Defect Quantity

- Observation: The Daily Defect Quantity Over Time line chart reveals several spikes exceeding 800k units, especially in March 2013, July 2013, January 2014, and July 2014.
- Action: Investigate these daily spikes:
 - Identify specific products, batches, or operations occurring on these high-defect days.
 - Introduce real-time monitoring systems to detect when defects exceed a threshold (e.g., 500k units) and trigger immediate corrective actions.
- **Expected Impact**: A reduction in daily spikes can decrease the total defect quantities by at least **10-15%** during peak days, preventing **80-120k** defective units.

2. Optimize Quality Control During High Defect Months

- Observation: The Monthly Defect Quantity Over Time chart shows peaks in April, July, and October 2014, with quantities reaching 5M units.
- Action: Implement increased quality assurance efforts before high-defect months:
 - Pre-month inspections and heightened quality checks in March, June, and
 September to prepare for upcoming peaks.
 - Use historical data to anticipate defect trends and increase workforce capacity accordingly.
- **Expected Impact**: Reducing defect quantities during high-defect months by **20%** could save approximately **500k-1M units**.

3. Act on the Increasing Trend of Defect Quantities Over Time

• **Observation**: The **Monthly Defect Quantity with Trend Line** chart indicates an upward trend in defect quantities over **2013 and 2014**.

- Action: Implement a continuous improvement cycle to counter the rising trend:
 - Regularly analyze the trendline data and perform root cause analysis to understand why defects are rising.
 - Deploy Lean Manufacturing practices to improve efficiency, reduce waste, and maintain consistent quality.
- Expected Impact: A proactive response to the increasing trend can stabilize and potentially reverse the rise in defects, aiming for a 10% overall reduction year-over-year.

4. Compare Seasonal Trends Year Over Year

- Observation: The Monthly Defect Quantity Over Time (Yearly Comparison) chart shows an increase in defects for almost every month in 2014 compared to 2013. Notably, September and October 2014 defects are 2M units higher than the same months in 2013.
- Action: Investigate the root causes of increased defect quantities in 2014:
 - Review operational changes, staffing, supply chain issues, and any new processes introduced in 2014.
 - Implement changes based on findings to improve defect quantities in 2015 and beyond.
- **Expected Impact**: Stabilizing the defect rates by implementing these changes can save at least **1-2M units** in the affected months.

5. Optimize Downtime to Control Defects

- Observation: The Monthly Downtime Over Time chart highlights that October 2014 experienced a significant increase in downtime (over 10k minutes).
- Action: Reduce equipment downtime through scheduled maintenance:
 - Align downtime maintenance schedules with low-production months or nonpeak times.
 - Implement predictive maintenance using equipment data to preemptively address potential breakdowns.
- **Expected Impact**: Reducing downtime by **30%** in peak months can significantly improve defect-related productivity and save around **200k units** in defective output due to equipment failure.

6. Monitor Monthly Patterns for Specific Improvement Opportunities

- **Observation**: Both **June** and **October** show consistent spikes in defect quantities across both years.
- Action: Implement process improvements focused on these specific months:
 - Increase quality control checks and workforce training sessions in May and
 September to prepare for upcoming defect peaks.
 - Introduce incremental process changes (e.g., standardizing assembly processes, improving material handling) to gradually reduce defect spikes.

• **Expected Impact**: By reducing spikes in defect quantities by **15-20%** in these months, the company can see a reduction of around **300k-500k units annually**.

7. Conduct Daily Monitoring for High-Risk Production Days

- **Observation**: High daily fluctuations in defects (up to **800k units**) can cause resource strain and impact production schedules.
- Action: Introduce a daily monitoring and alert system:
 - Use a defect monitoring dashboard that flags days with defects exceeding 500k units for rapid response.
 - Establish a rapid response team to address high-defect days by adjusting production, halting processes, and conducting immediate inspections.
- **Expected Impact**: Rapid responses to daily defect spikes can reduce overall defect quantities by **5-10%**, potentially saving around **200k units annually**.

8. Improve Cross-Year Defect Management

- **Observation**: The **Yearly Comparison** shows that defects consistently increased in the latter half of each year, particularly in **Q3 and Q4**.
- Action: Implement cross-year process reviews to understand why defects increase:
 - Compare production, operational, and quality data across Q3 and Q4 for multiple years.
 - Establish preventive measures, such as higher staffing levels or focused quality training, to mitigate increasing defects in these quarters.
- **Expected Impact**: A consistent year-over-year strategy can prevent seasonal defect increases, leading to a **15% decrease** in end-of-year defects.

By implementing these targeted recommendations based on daily and monthly defect patterns, downtime analysis, and year-over-year comparisons, the company can achieve a significant reduction in defect quantities and improve overall production quality.