

Customer Shopping Behavior Analysis

1. Project Overview

This project examines customer purchasing patterns using transactional data from 3,900 orders across multiple product categories. The objective is to reveal insights into spending habits, customer segmentation, product preferences, and subscription trends to support informed business decision-making.

2. Dataset Summary

- **Total Records:** 3,900
 - **Total Features:** 18
 - **Key Attributes Include:**
 - Customer demographics: age, gender, location, subscription status
 - Transaction details: product purchased, category, amount spent, season, size, color
 - Behavioral indicators: discount usage, promo code use, previous purchases, buying frequency, review rating, shipping type
 - **Missing Values:** 37 entries in *review_rating*
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3. Exploratory Data Analysis (Python)

The analysis began with data cleansing and preparation using Python:

- **Data Import:** Loaded the dataset using pandas.
- **Initial Assessment:** Utilized df.info() and df.describe() to understand structure and statistical properties.

Customer ID	Age	Gender	Item Purchased	Category	Purchase Amount (USD)	Location	Size	Color	Season	Review Rating	Subscription Status	Shipping Type	
0	1	55	Male	Blouse	Clothing	53	Kentucky	L	Gray	Winter	3.1	Yes	Express
1	2	19	Male	Sweater	Clothing	64	Maine	L	Maroon	Winter	3.1	Yes	Express
2	3	50	Male	Jeans	Clothing	73	Massachusetts	S	Maroon	Spring	3.1	Yes	Free Shipping
3	4	21	Male	Sandals	Footwear	90	Rhode Island	M	Maroon	Spring	3.5	Yes	Next Day Air
4	5	45	Male	Blouse	Clothing	49	Oregon	M	Turquoise	Spring	2.7	Yes	Free Shipping

Discount Applied	Promo Code Used	Previous Purchases	Payment Method	Frequency of Purchases
Yes	Yes	14	Venmo	Fortnightly
Yes	Yes	2	Cash	Fortnightly
Yes	Yes	23	Credit Card	Weekly
Yes	Yes	49	PayPal	Weekly
Yes	Yes	31	PayPal	Annually

- **Handling Missing Data:** Filled missing review ratings using category-wise median ratings.
 - **Standardization:** Converted column names into snake_case for improved consistency.
 - **Feature Engineering:**
 - Added an *age_group* variable by categorizing age ranges.
 - Derived *purchase_frequency_days* from purchase timestamps.
 - **Quality Checks:** Assessed redundancy between *discount_applied* and *promo_code_used*; removed *promo_code_used*.
 - **Database Integration:** Uploaded the cleaned dataset into PostgreSQL for SQL-driven analytics.
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4. SQL-Based Business Analysis

Using MySQL, the following business questions were explored:

1. **Revenue by Gender:** Compared total sales generated by male and female customers.

	gender	revenue
▶	Male	\$ 157.89k
	Female	\$ 75.19k

2. **High-Spending Discount Users:** Identified customers who availed discounts yet exceeded the average spending threshold.

	customer_id	purchase_amount
▶	2	64
	3	73
	4	90
	7	85
	9	97
	12	68
	13	72
	16	81
	20	90
	22	62
	24	88

3. **Top 5 Products by Rating:** Ranked products based on average customer reviews.

	item_purchased	Average_product_rating
▶	Gloves	3.86
	Sandals	3.84
	Boots	3.82
	Hat	3.8
	Handbag	3.78

4. **Shipping Type Comparison:** Analyzed differences in average purchase amounts between various shipping types.

	shipping_type	amount
▶	Express	\$ 60.48
	Free Shipping	\$ 60.41
	Next Day Air	\$ 58.63
	Standard	\$ 58.46
	2-Day Shipping	\$ 60.73
	Store Pickup	\$ 59.89

5. **Subscriber vs. Non-Subscriber Behavior:** Compared spending patterns and revenue contribution.

	subscription_status	Total_customers	average_spending	total_revenue
▶	Yes	1053	59.49	62645
	No	2847	59.87	170436

6. **Discount-Heavy Products:** Identified products most frequently bought with discounts.

	item_purchased	discount_rate
▶	Hat	50.00 %
	Sneakers	49.66 %
	Coat	49.07 %
	Sweater	48.17 %
	Pants	47.37 %

7. **Customer Segmentation:** Classified customers as New, Returning, or Loyal based on purchase history.

	customer_segment	Number_of_customers
▶	Loyal	3116
	Returning	701
	New	83

8. **Top 3 Products per Category:** Determined best-selling items within each category.

	item_rank	category	item_purchased	total_orders
▶	1	Accessories	Jewelry	171
	2	Accessories	Sunglasses	161
	3	Accessories	Belt	161
	1	Clothing	Blouse	171
	2	Clothing	Pants	171
	3	Clothing	Shirt	169
	1	Footwear	Sandals	160
	2	Footwear	Shoes	150
	3	Footwear	Sneakers	145
	1	Outerwear	Jacket	163
	2	Outerwear	Coat	161

9. **Repeat Purchase & Subscription Trends:** Checked if customers with more than five purchases are more likely to subscribe.

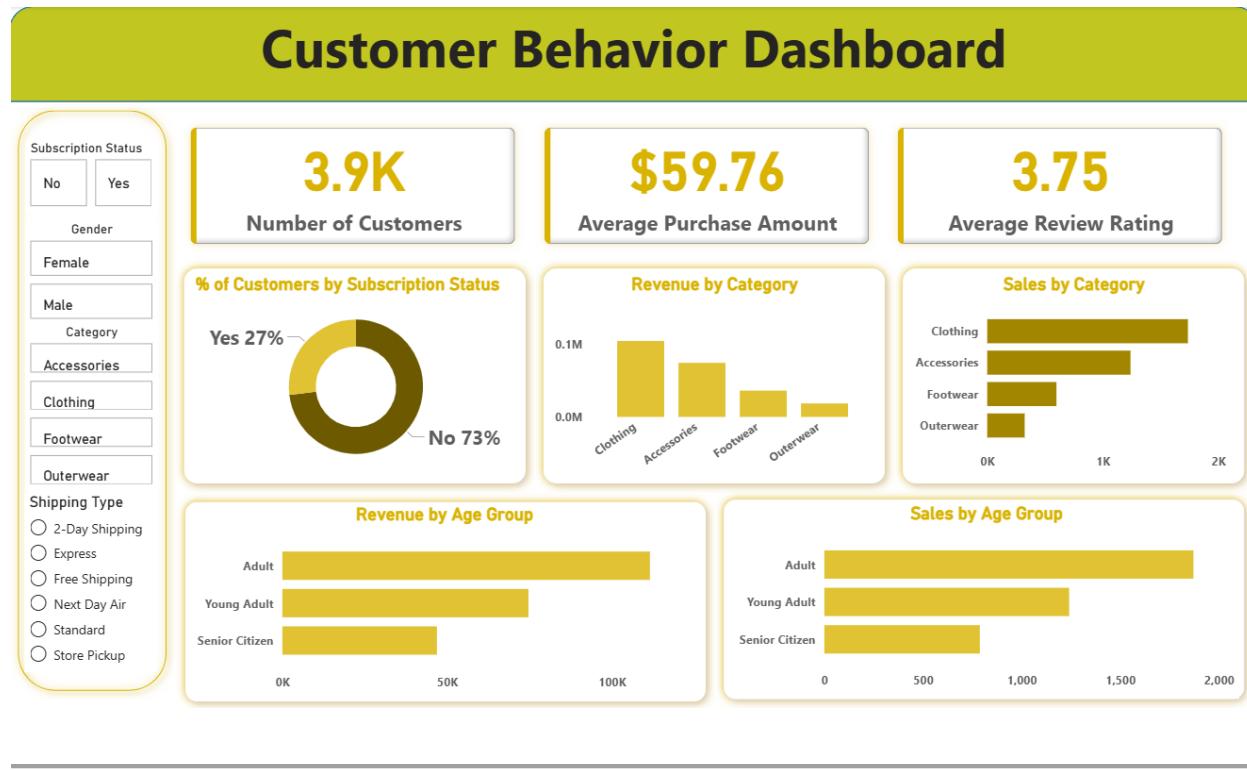
	subscription_status	repeat_buyers
▶	Yes	958
	No	2518

10. **Revenue by Age Group:** Calculated the contribution of each age segment to total revenue.

	age_group	revenue
▶	Adult	\$ 111.53k
	Young Adult	\$ 74.66k
	Senior Citizen	\$ 46.89k

5. Power BI Dashboard

An interactive Power BI dashboard was developed to visually showcase trends, comparisons, and customer behavior insights, enabling faster decision-making.



6. Business Recommendations

- Increase Subscription Adoption:** Highlight exclusive subscriber benefits to drive conversions.
- Strengthen Loyalty Initiatives:** Incentivize frequent buyers to transition into the Loyal segment.
- Optimize Discount Strategy:** Reassess discount campaigns to balance sales growth with profitability.
- Enhance Product Marketing:** Promote high-rated and best-selling items more prominently.
- Targeted Campaigns:** Focus marketing efforts on age groups and customer sets that deliver higher revenue, especially express-shipping customers.