

# Starbucks: Brewing Success with Business Intelligence Tools

Leveraging Data Analytics for Unparalleled Customer Experience and Market Leadership

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# From Coffee Shop to Data Powerhouse

Founded in Seattle in 1971, Starbucks has evolved from a single coffee shop to a global phenomenon with over 39,000 stores worldwide. This growth has been strategically supported by their early adoption and continuous evolution in data analytics.

# Business Intelligence at Starbucks

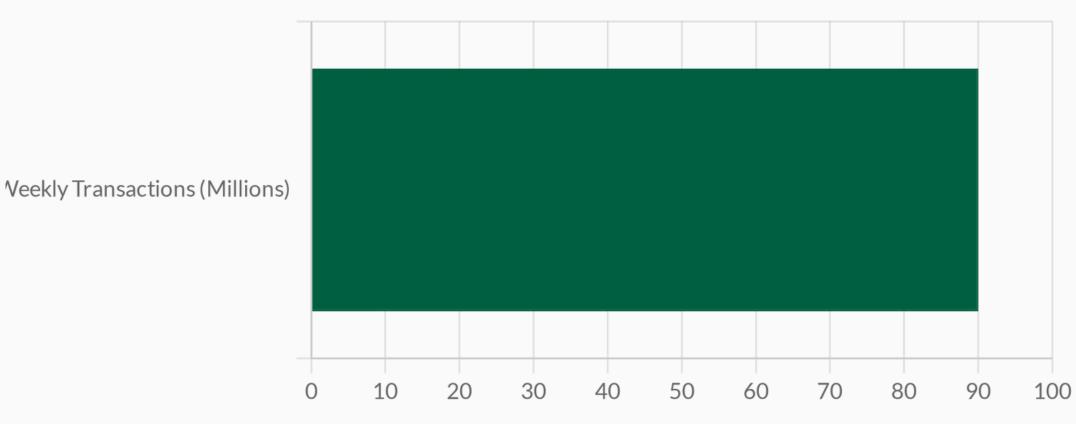
Starbucks leverages Business Intelligence (BI) to:

- Drive marketing and sales decisions
- Enhance customer experience through personalization
- Optimize operations and supply chain
- Inform strategic expansion and product development

# Key BI Tools in Focus

- Mobile App & Rewards Program (Data Collection)
- Digital Flywheel (Cloud-based AI Engine)
- My Starbucks Barista (AI Assistant)

#### **Starbucks Weekly Transaction Volume**







# Core Data Engine: Starbucks Mobile App & Rewards



# The Primary Data Collection Platform

The Starbucks mobile app and Rewards program serve as the company's most powerful business intelligence tools, collecting vast amounts of customer data that drives personalization and business decisions.

# Key Features as BI Tools

- Mobile ordering and payment system
- Loyalty rewards tracking
- Location-based services
- Personalized offers and recommendations
- Customer feedback collection

#### **Data Collection Points**

- Purchase history (products, frequency, spend)
- Location data (store visits, geographic patterns)
- Time patterns (day of week, time of day)
- Promotion response (offer redemption rates)

#### **Growth of Starbucks Rewards Program**







# Personalization in Action: The Digital Flywheel (AI Engine)



# The Cloud-Based AI Engine

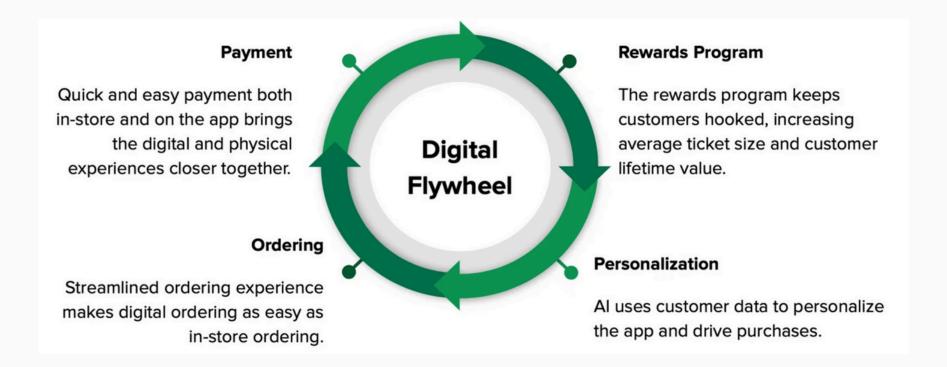
The Digital Flywheel is Starbucks' proprietary cloud-based artificial intelligence engine that powers personalization across all customer touchpoints. It merges digital and physical customer interactions around four key pillars: rewards, personalization, payment, and ordering.

#### How It Works as a BI Tool

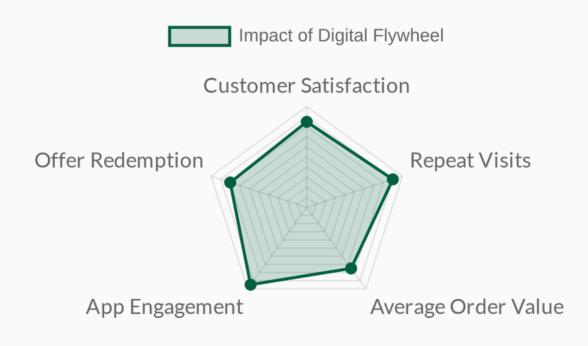
The Digital Flywheel analyzes customer data from the mobile app and in-store purchases to create a comprehensive profile of each customer's preferences and behaviors. This AI engine then predicts what customers might want before they even know it themselves.

#### **AI-Driven Recommendation Factors**

- Current weather conditions
- Time of day
- 🛗 Weekday vs. weekend
- Store location



#### **Business Impact of Digital Flywheel (% Improvement)**









### Virtual Barista: AI-Powered Ordering

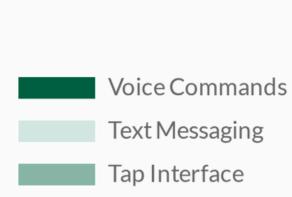
My Starbucks Barista is an advanced AI tool integrated into the Starbucks mobile app that allows customers to place orders using voice commands or text messaging. This virtual assistant leverages natural language processing to understand and process complex coffee orders with numerous customization options.

#### **Business Intelligence Applications**

- Collects data on ordering patterns and preferences to inform product development
- Identifies trending customizations that could become new menu items
- Tracks ordering times to optimize staffing and inventory management
- Analyzes regional language patterns to improve localization efforts

#### Virtual Barista Interaction Methods (%)











# Atlas: The Location Intelligence Tool

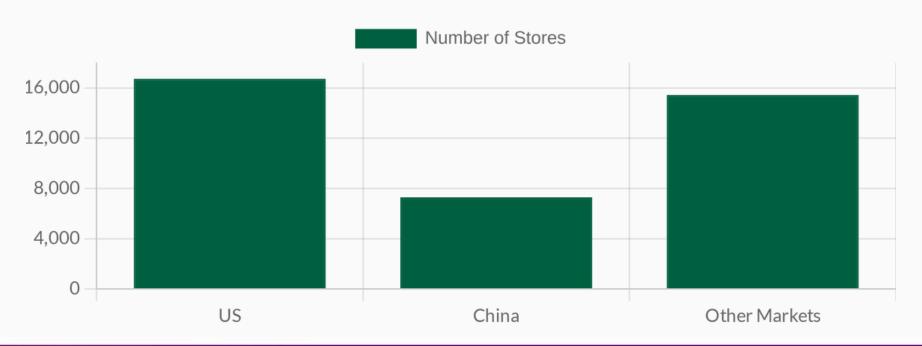
Starbucks uses Atlas, a mapping and business intelligence tool developed by Esri, to make data-driven decisions about new store locations. This strategic approach ensures optimal placement for maximum profitability and minimal cannibalization of existing stores.

#### How Starbucks Uses Atlas

- Evaluates potential locations based on multiple data points
- Predicts impact on existing stores if a new one opens nearby
- Forecasts revenue and profits for proposed locations
- Optimizes store density in high-traffic areas
- Identifies underserved markets with growth potential



#### Starbucks Global Store Distribution (Q3 2024)









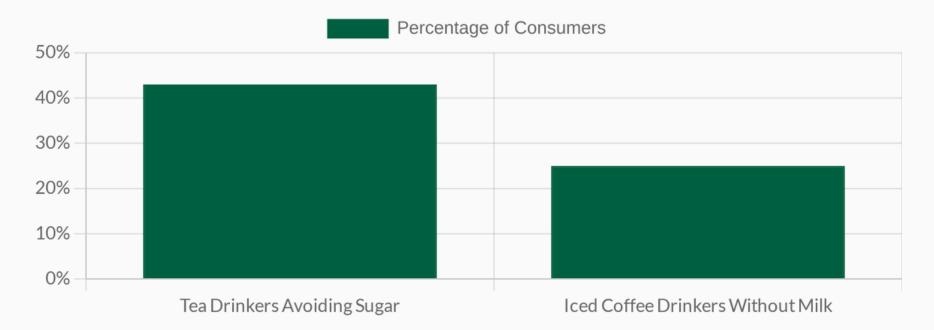
# BI-Powered Product Development

Starbucks leverages business intelligence tools to analyze customer preferences and market trends, informing strategic decisions about product development and menu innovation.

### Data-Driven Innovation Strategies

- Grocery Store Expansion: Analysis of in-store purchase data combined with industry reports on at-home consumption to determine optimal retail products.
- Regional Menu Customization: Analytics to understand local taste preferences, enabling customized menu items that cater to specific geographic markets.
- iii Limited-Time Offers: Data signals determine optimal timing and locations for special promotions and seasonal items based on historical performance.

#### **Consumer Preferences Driving Product Innovation**







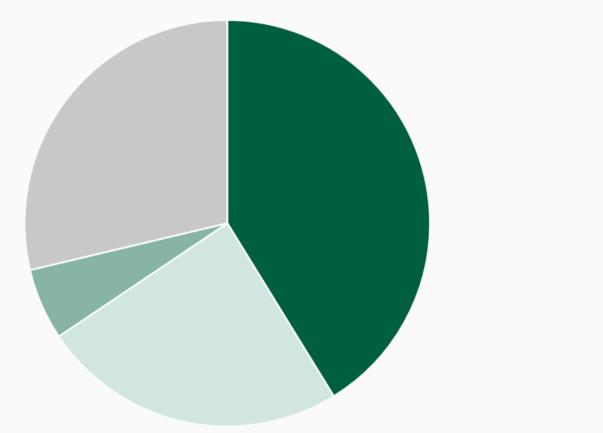


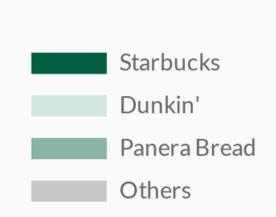
#### The Unified Commerce Platform as a BI Tool

Starbucks' Unified Commerce Platform integrates digital and physical customer experiences, connecting all customer touchpoints with inventory and point-of-sale systems to create a seamless experience that competitors struggle to match.

- Centralized Data Repository: Consolidates customer data from all channels (in-store, mobile, web, drive-thru) for comprehensive analytics.
- Real-time Synchronization: Updates inventory, pricing, and promotions across all channels instantly based on data insights.
- Predictive Analytics: Forecasts demand patterns and customer behavior to optimize operations and marketing.













# Operational Benefits of BI Tools

Beyond enhancing customer experience, Starbucks' business intelligence tools deliver significant operational benefits that drive efficiency, reduce costs, and support strategic growth initiatives.

- Supply Chain Optimization: Predictive analytics enable just-in-time inventory management, reducing waste and storage costs while ensuring product availability.
- Labor Optimization: Data-driven staffing models ensure appropriate coverage during peak hours while minimizing labor costs during slower periods.
- Store Performance Analysis: Detailed metrics allow for comparison across locations, identifying best practices and improvement opportunities.

#### Operational Improvements from BI Implementation (%)







# Thank you.