Cyclistic:

Converting Casual Riders Into Full Members



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The following project was made as a final capstone project for the Google Data Analytics Professional Certificate

Company:

Cyclistic, a fictional Chicago-based bike-share

Goal:

Study 12 months of ridership data to analyze key trends and design marketing strategies aimed at converting Casual Riders into Full Members

Process:

Data Cleaning: Joined and processed 12 months of ridership data, ensuring **accuracy** and **consistency**.

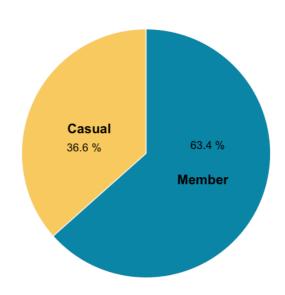
EDA: Explored filters and created supporting calculation columns to identify **patterns**, **correlations**, **and behavioural drivers**

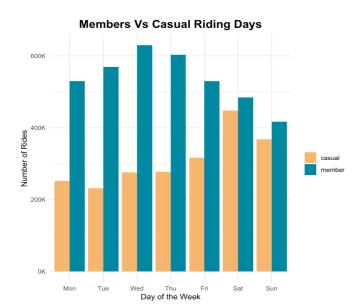
Visualization Created contextual **visualizations** to **communicate** insights effectively and clearly

Distribution of Casual Riders vs Members

The first step was to establish the breakdown of users over the past 12 months.

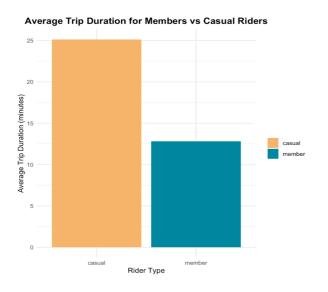
We can see that Full Members are responsible for the majority (63.4%) of total rides taken.





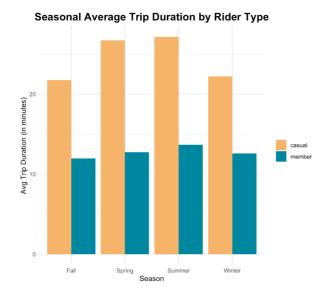
Full Members dominate weekday riding, but ride less on weekends.

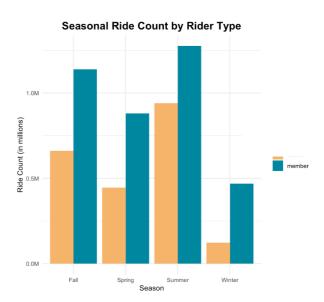
In contrast, Casual Riders exhibit a sharp uptick on weekends, suggesting that while Full Members seem to rely on the bikeshare service for their daily commute, Casual Riders may view the service as more of an off-day leisure activity.



Interestingly, though Casual
Riders take less trips overall, their
trips are nearly twice as long as
those of Full Members, which is in
line with the notion that Casual
Riders prioritize longer, leisurely
trips rather than shorter, frequent
commutes

It's also worth noting that Casual Riders are likely paying a higher per-minute cost, highlighting an immediate cost-savings benefit of converting to full membership.





Casual Riders consistently ride for longer durations year-round.

However, Casual Riders' usage of the service drops significantly during the hard Chicago winter, when leisure riding may be less feasible.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS



Higher Spend:

Full Members account for the majority of rides, but Casual Riders' trip durations are nearly twice as long, likely incurring higher per minute costs. A Cost Analysis should be conducted.



Longer Rides:

Casual Riders likely prioritize longer, leisurely rides, while Full Members use service more for shorter, frequent commutes. Distance or route limitations might prevent Casual Riders from daily use.



Marketing > Target Weekends:

Casual Riders ride more during weekends.

Data Limitations: Geographic data was unfortunately excluded due to too many inconsistencies. Also, more context surrounding pricing would be beneficial to analysis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cost Analysis:

Assess **profitability** of retaining **Casual Riders** as-is vs. converting them to **Full Members**. If conversion is still highest priority, consider

Cost Savings Messaging:

Highlight cost savings from upgrading to **Full Membership** fixed rates vs. per-minute charges

Weekend Promos:

Run digital ads and/or promotions specifically on weekends during peak usage.

New Membership Tier:

Test a "*Weekender*" membership plan. Conduct A/B testing to assess demand and conversion potential

Gamification:

Create **community-driven incentive model** and reward **distance travelled** or specific route completion, leaning into the riding behaviours of **Casual Riders**