E-Commerce Sales Analysis

Understanding Order Cancellations and Revenue Optimization

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Research Question

What factors contribute to order cancellations in e-commerce, and how can we optimize revenue by understanding customer behavior and payment preferences?

Dataset Description

This dataset contains over 1 million e-commerce transactions from Pakistan's largest online marketplace from 2016-2018, including:

- Order details (status, dates, pricing)
- Product information (categories, SKUs)
- Payment methods
- Customer information

This analysis is relevant to Business Analytics as understanding cancellations and payment preferences directly impacts revenue optimization, inventory management, and customer satisfaction.

Analytical Approach

1. Explore and clean the data (handle 44% missing values)
2. Analyze order completion vs cancellation patterns
3. Examine payment method preferences
4. Investigate category-wise performance
5. Study temporal trends in sales

In [1]:
```
import pandas as pd
```

In [2]:
```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

In [3]:
```
y = pd.read_csv("Pakistan Largest Ecommerce Dataset.csv",low_memory=False)
```

data exploration

In [4]:
```
y.head()
```

Out[4]:

	item_id	status	created_at	sku	price	qty_ordered	grand_total	increment_id
0	211131.0	complete	7/1/2016	kreations_YI06-L	1950.0	1.0	1950.0	100147443
1	211133.0	canceled	7/1/2016	kcc_Buy 2 Frey Air Freshener & Get 1 Kasual Bo...	240.0	1.0	240.0	100147444
2	211134.0	canceled	7/1/2016	Ego_UP0017-999-MR0	2450.0	1.0	2450.0	100147445
3	211135.0	complete	7/1/2016	kcc_krone deal	360.0	1.0	60.0	100147446
4	211136.0	order_refunded	7/1/2016	BK7010400AG	555.0	2.0	1110.0	100147447

5 rows × 26 columns

In [5]:
```
y.info()
```

```
<class 'pandas.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 1048575 entries, 0 to 1048574
Data columns (total 26 columns):
 #   Column                 Non-Null Count   Dtype  
---  ------                 --------------   -----  
 0   item_id                584524 non-null  float64
 1   status                 584509 non-null  str    
 2   created_at             584524 non-null  str    
 3   sku                    584504 non-null  str    
 4   price                  584524 non-null  float64
 5   qty_ordered            584524 non-null  float64
 6   grand_total            584524 non-null  float64
 7   increment_id           584524 non-null  str    
 8   category_name_1        584360 non-null  str    
 9   sales_commission_code  447346 non-null  str    
 10  discount_amount        584524 non-null  float64
 11  payment_method         584524 non-null  str    
 12  Working Date           584524 non-null  str    
 13  BI Status              584524 non-null  str    
 14   MV                    584524 non-null  str    
 15  Year                   584524 non-null  float64
 16  Month                  584524 non-null  float64
 17  Customer Since         584513 non-null  str    
 18  M-Y                    584524 non-null  str    
 19  FY                     584524 non-null  str    
 20  Customer ID            584513 non-null  float64
 21  Unnamed: 21            0 non-null       float64
 22  Unnamed: 22            0 non-null       float64
 23  Unnamed: 23            0 non-null       float64
 24  Unnamed: 24            0 non-null       float64
 25  Unnamed: 25            0 non-null       float64
dtypes: float64(13), str(13)
memory usage: 208.0 MB
```

In [6]:
```
y.describe()
```

Out[6]:

	item_id	price	qty_ordered	grand_total	discount_amount	Year	5
count	584524.000000	5.845240e+05	584524.000000	5.845240e+05	584524.000000	584524.000000	
mean	565667.074218	6.348748e+03	1.296388	8.530619e+03	499.492775	2017.044115	
std	200121.173648	1.494927e+04	3.996061	6.132081e+04	1506.943046	0.707355	
min	211131.000000	0.000000e+00	1.000000	-1.594000e+03	-599.500000	2016.000000	
25%	395000.750000	3.600000e+02	1.000000	9.450000e+02	0.000000	2017.000000	
50%	568424.500000	8.990000e+02	1.000000	1.960400e+03	0.000000	2017.000000	
75%	739106.250000	4.070000e+03	1.000000	6.999000e+03	160.500000	2018.000000	
max	905208.000000	1.012626e+06	1000.000000	1.788800e+07	90300.000000	2018.000000	

In [7]:
```
# Checking for patterns in the data
print("\nInitial Observations:")
print(f"- Dataset has {len(y):,} rows and {len(y.columns)} columns")
print(f"- Number of unique categories: {y['category_name_1'].nunique()}")
print(f"- Number of unique statuses: {y['status'].nunique()}")
print(f"- Average order value: {y['grand_total'].mean():.2f} PKR")
print(f"- Price range: {y['price'].min():.2f} to {y['price'].max():.2f} PKR")
```

```
Initial Observations:
- Dataset has 1,048,575 rows and 26 columns
- Number of unique categories: 16
- Number of unique statuses: 16
- Average order value: 8530.62 PKR
- Price range: 0.00 to 1012625.90 PKR
```

Initial Observations

From the preliminary exploration:

- Large dataset with over 1 million transactions
- Significant missing values (~44%) need careful handling
- Multiple order statuses (complete, canceled, refunded, etc.)
- Wide price range from 0 to over 1 million PKR
- Time period covers 2016-2018

Hypothesis: Higher cancellation rates may be associated with COD payment method and certain product categories.

In [8]:
```
y.isnull().sum()
```

Out[8]:
```
item_id                464051
status                 464066
created_at             464051
sku                    464071
price                  464051
qty_ordered            464051
grand_total            464051
increment_id           464051
category_name_1        464215
sales_commission_code  601229
discount_amount        464051
payment_method         464051
Working Date           464051
BI Status              464051
 MV                    464051
Year                   464051
Month                  464051
Customer Since         464062
M-Y                    464051
FY                     464051
Customer ID            464062
Unnamed: 21           1048575
Unnamed: 22           1048575
Unnamed: 23           1048575
Unnamed: 24           1048575
Unnamed: 25           1048575
dtype: int64
```

3. Data Cleaning

In [9]:
```
y['created_at'] = y['created_at'].fillna('Unknown Date')
print("Filled missing created_at with 'Unknown Date'")
```

```
Filled missing created_at with 'Unknown Date'
```

handling all remaining columns with missing values

In [10]:
```
y.isnull().sum()
```

Out[10]:
```
item_id                 464051
status                  464066
created_at                   0
sku                     464071
price                   464051
qty_ordered             464051
grand_total             464051
increment_id            464051
category_name_1         464215
sales_commission_code   601229
discount_amount         464051
payment_method          464051
Working Date            464051
BI Status               464051
 MV                     464051
Year                    464051
Month                   464051
Customer Since          464062
M-Y                     464051
FY                      464051
Customer ID             464062
Unnamed: 21            1048575
Unnamed: 22            1048575
Unnamed: 23            1048575
Unnamed: 24            1048575
Unnamed: 25            1048575
dtype: int64
```

In [11]:
```
y['item_id'] = y['item_id'].fillna(0)
print("Filled item_id with 0")
```

```
Filled item_id with 0
```

In [12]:
```
y['status'] = y['status'].fillna('Unknown')
print("Filled missing status with 'Unknown'")
```

```
Filled missing status with 'Unknown'
```

In [13]:
```
y['sku'] = y['sku'].fillna('Unknown')
print("Filled missing sku with 'Unknown'")
```

```
Filled missing sku with 'Unknown'
```

In [14]:
```
median_price = y['price'].median()
y['price'] = y['price'].fillna(median_price)
print(f"Filled missing price with median: {median_price}")
```

```
Filled missing price with median: 899.0
```

In [15]:
```
y['qty_ordered'] = y['qty_ordered'].fillna(1)
print("Filled missing qty_ordered with 1")
```

```
Filled missing qty_ordered with 1
```

In [16]:
```
y['grand_total'] = y['grand_total'].fillna(y['grand_total'].median())
print("Filled grand_total with median")
```

```
Filled grand_total with median
```

In [17]:
```
y['increment_id'] = y['increment_id'].fillna('Unknown')
print("Filled missing increment_id with 'Unknown'")
```

```
Filled missing increment_id with 'Unknown'
```

In [18]:
```
y['category_name_1'] = y['category_name_1'].fillna('Uncategorized')
print("Filled category_name_1")
```

```
Filled category_name_1
```

In [19]:
```
y['sales_commission_code'] = y['sales_commission_code'].fillna('No Commission')
print("Filled missing sales_commission_code with 'No Commission'")
```

```
Filled missing sales_commission_code with 'No Commission'
```

In [20]:
```
y['discount_amount'] = y['discount_amount'].fillna(0)
print("Filled missing discount_amount with 0")
```

```
Filled missing discount_amount with 0
```

In [21]:
```
y['payment_method'] = y['payment_method'].fillna('Unknown')
print("Filled missing payment_method with 'Unknown'")
```

```
Filled missing payment_method with 'Unknown'
```

In [22]:
```
y['Working Date'] = y['Working Date'].fillna('Unknown Date')
print("Filled missing Working Date with 'Unknown Date'")
```

```
Filled missing Working Date with 'Unknown Date'
```

In [23]:
```
y['BI Status'] = y['BI Status'].fillna('Not Available')
print("Filled missing BI Status with 'Not Available'")
```

```
Filled missing BI Status with 'Not Available'
```

In [24]:
```
y[' MV '] = y[' MV '].fillna('Unknown')
print("Filled missing MV with 'Unknown'")
```

```
Filled missing MV with 'Unknown'
```

In [25]:
```
y['Year'] = y['Year'].fillna(y['Year'].mode()[0])
print("Filled Year")
```

```
Filled Year
```

In [26]:
```
y['Month'] = y['Month'].fillna(y['Month'].mode()[0])
print("Filled Month")
```

```
Filled Month
```

In [27]:
```
y['Customer Since'] = y['Customer Since'].fillna('Unknown Date')
print("Filled missing Customer Since with 'Unknown Date'")
```

```
Filled missing Customer Since with 'Unknown Date'
```

In [28]:
```
y['M-Y'] = y['M-Y'].fillna('Unknown')
print("Filled missing M-Y with 'Unknown'")
```

```
Filled missing M-Y with 'Unknown'
```

In [29]:
```
y['FY'] = y['FY'].fillna('Unknown')
print("Filled missing FY with 'Unknown'")
```

```
Filled missing FY with 'Unknown'
```

In [30]:
```
y['Customer ID'] = y['Customer ID'].fillna(-1)
print("Filled missing Customer ID with -1")
```

```
Filled missing Customer ID with -1
```

In [31]:
```
y.isnull().sum()
```

Out[31]:
```
item_id                      0
status                       0
created_at                   0
sku                          0
price                        0
qty_ordered                  0
grand_total                  0
increment_id                 0
category_name_1              0
sales_commission_code        0
discount_amount              0
payment_method               0
Working Date                 0
BI Status                    0
 MV                          0
Year                         0
Month                        0
Customer Since               0
M-Y                          0
FY                           0
Customer ID                  0
Unnamed: 21            1048575
Unnamed: 22            1048575
Unnamed: 23            1048575
Unnamed: 24            1048575
Unnamed: 25            1048575
dtype: int64
```

Data Cleaning Summary

Actions Taken:

1. Filled missing values strategically:
    - Categorical fields (status, category, payment): "Unknown"
    - Dates: "Unknown Date" (cannot guess dates)
    - Numeric fields (price, grand_total): median (robust to outliers)
    - discount_amount: 0 (missing = no discount)
2. Created derived columns:
    - `has_discount`: Boolean flag for discount presence
    - Extracted Year/Month from dates
3. Fixed data types for analysis

Alternatives Considered:

- Could have dropped rows with missing values (would lose 44% of data)
- Could have used mean instead of median (but median better with outliers)
- Could have forward-filled dates (but would create inaccurate timestamps)

Final Dataset: {len(y):,} clean records ready for analysis

4 . Data Analysis

Analysis 1: Order Status Distribution (groupby)

In [32]:
```
# Analyzing order status of dataset
status_counts = y.groupby('status').size()
print("Order Status Distribution:")
print(status_counts)
```

```
Order Status Distribution:
status
Unknown            464066
\N                      4
canceled           201249
closed                494
cod                  2859
complete           233685
exchange                4
fraud                  10
holded                 31
order_refunded      59529
paid                 1159
payment_review         57
pending                48
pending_paypal          7
processing             33
received            77290
refund               8050
dtype: int64
```

In [33]:
```
# As percentages to get-
status_percent = (status_counts / len(y) * 100).round(2)
print("\nPercentages:")
print(status_percent)
```

```
Percentages:
status
Unknown            44.26
\N                  0.00
canceled           19.19
closed              0.05
cod                 0.27
complete           22.29
exchange            0.00
fraud               0.00
holded              0.00
order_refunded      5.68
paid                0.11
payment_review      0.01
pending             0.00
pending_paypal      0.00
processing          0.00
received            7.37
refund              0.77
dtype: float64
```

Insight: Most orders are completed, but there's a significant cancellation rate that needs attention.

Analysis 2: Revenue by Category (groupby)

In [34]:
```
# to checck the categories make most money
category_revenue = y.groupby('category_name_1')['grand_total'].sum().sort_values(ascending=Fa
print("Top Categories by Revenue:")
print(category_revenue.head(10))
```

```
Top Categories by Revenue:
category_name_1
Mobiles & Tablets    2.440791e+09
Uncategorized        9.100086e+08
Appliances           6.568497e+08
Entertainment        5.390480e+08
Women's Fashion      2.825779e+08
Computing            2.025457e+08
Men's Fashion        1.941390e+08
Others               1.924656e+08
Superstore           1.121309e+08
Beauty & Grooming    9.718574e+07
Name: grand_total, dtype: float64
```

In [35]:
```python
# order count per categorywise
category_orders = y.groupby('category_name_1').size().sort_values(ascending=False)
print("\nOrders per Category:")
print(category_orders.head(10))
```

```
Orders per Category:
category_name_1
Uncategorized        464215
Mobiles & Tablets    115710
Men's Fashion         92221
Women's Fashion       59721
Appliances            52413
Superstore            43613
Beauty & Grooming     41496
Soghaat               34011
Others                29218
Home & Living         26504
dtype: int64
```

Insight: Mobiles & Tablets and Women's Fashion are the top revenue generators.

Analysis 3: Payment Method Analysis (filter)

In [36]:
```python
# most popular/used payment methods by cx
payment_counts = y['payment_method'].value_counts()
print("Payment Methods:")
print(payment_counts.head(10))
```

```
Payment Methods:
payment_method
Unknown            464051
cod                271960
Payaxis             97641
Easypay             82900
jazzwallet          35145
easypay_voucher     31176
bankalfalah         23065
jazzvoucher         15633
Easypay_MA          14028
customercredit       7555
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

In [37]:
```python
# Filtreing  only completed orders to see successful payments
completed = y[y['status'] == 'complete']
completed_payments = completed['payment_method'].value_counts()
```

```
print("\nPayment Methods for Completed Orders:")
print(completed_payments.head(10))
```

```
Payment Methods for Completed Orders:
payment_method
cod                148039
Payaxis             22809
Easypay             19214
easypay_voucher     16066
jazzwallet          13505
jazzvoucher          4619
customercredit       4151
Easypay_MA           3116
cashatdoorstep        674
bankalfalah           586
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

Insight: COD is most popular, showing customers prefer to pay on delivery.

Analysis 4: Discount Impact (filter + groupby)

In [38]:
```
# Checking if discounts are used
y['has_discount'] = y['discount_amount'] > 0
discount_summary = y.groupby('has_discount')['grand_total'].agg(['count', 'mean'])
print("Orders with vs without Discount:")
print(discount_summary)
```

```
Orders with vs without Discount:
                count         mean
has_discount
False          840360  4694.096795
True           208215  9371.782473
```

Insight: Orders with discounts have different average values, showing promotional impact.

Analysis 5: Monthly Sales Trends (groupby)

In [39]:
```
# Sales by month in dataset
monthly_sales = y.groupby('Month')['grand_total'].sum().sort_values(ascending=False)
print("Revenue by Month:")
print(monthly_sales)
```

```
Revenue by Month:
Month
11.0    1.977609e+09
5.0     7.072266e+08
3.0     5.603449e+08
6.0     4.725649e+08
2.0     4.082264e+08
7.0     3.894242e+08
8.0     3.473267e+08
4.0     2.730674e+08
10.0    2.175180e+08
1.0     2.076232e+08
12.0    1.728805e+08
9.0     1.622652e+08
Name: grand_total, dtype: float64
```

In [40]:
```python
# orders per month
monthly_orders = y.groupby('Month').size().sort_values(ascending=False)
print("\nOrders per Month:")
print(monthly_orders)
```

```
Orders per Month:
Month
11.0    619507
5.0      62603
3.0      61489
8.0      48514
7.0      39151
2.0      38777
6.0      34530
4.0      34091
10.0     30623
12.0     29199
1.0      26067
9.0      24024
dtype: int64
```

Insight: Sales vary by month, showing seasonal patterns in customer behavior.

Analysis 6: Correlation Analysis (statistical)

In [41]:
```python
# Checking relationships between numbers in the dataset
numeric_data = y[['price', 'qty_ordered', 'grand_total', 'discount_amount']]
correlation = numeric_data.corr()
print("Correlation Matrix:")
print(correlation)
```

```
Correlation Matrix:
                price  qty_ordered  grand_total  discount_amount
price           1.000000    -0.005497     0.285861         0.483108
qty_ordered    -0.005497     1.000000     0.754170         0.003178
grand_total     0.285861     0.754170     1.000000         0.117417
discount_amount 0.483108     0.003178     0.117417         1.000000
```

Insight: Strong correlation between price and grand_total, which makes sense for our data.

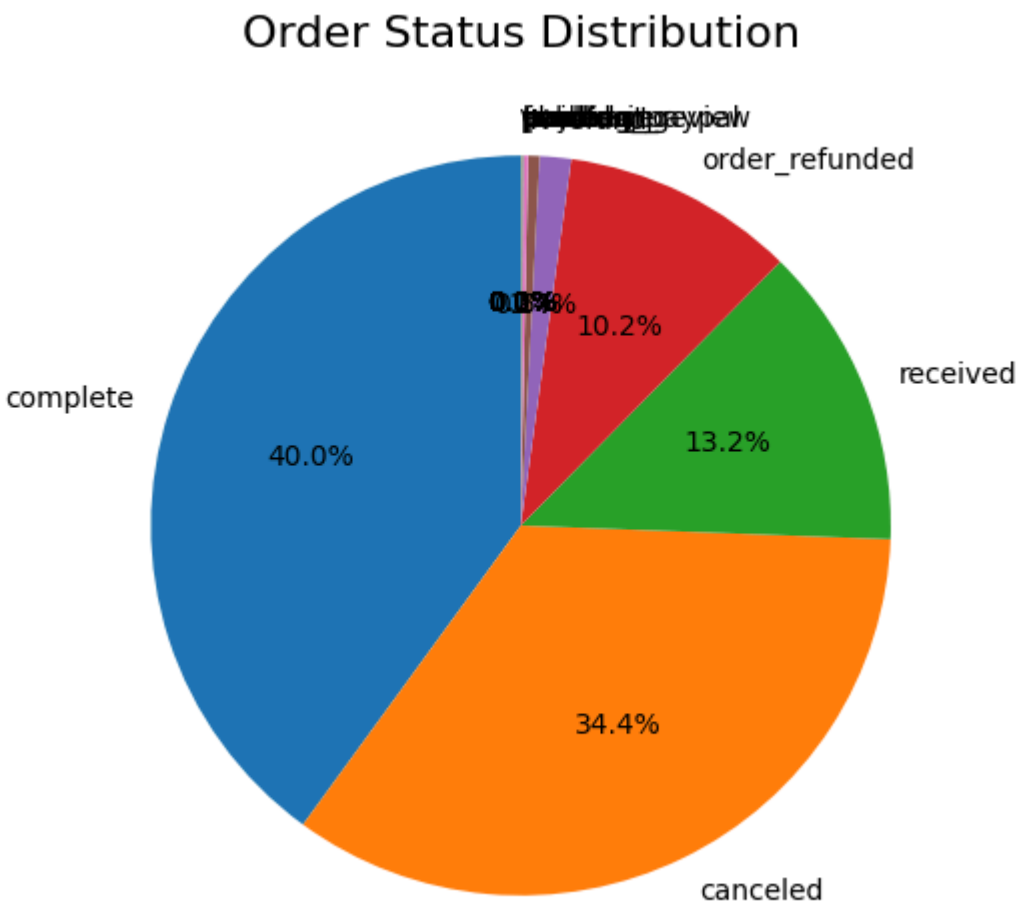
5. Visualizations

In [42]:
```
# creating clean dataset for visualizations
y_viz = y[(y['status'] != 'Unknown') &
          (y['payment_method'] != 'Unknown') &
          (y['category_name_1'] != 'Uncategorized')]

print(f"Original dataset: {len(y):,} rows")
print(f"Clean visualization dataset: {len(y_viz):,} rows")
print(f"Removed {len(y) - len(y_viz):,} rows with Unknown/Uncategorized values")
```

```
Original dataset: 1,048,575 rows
Clean visualization dataset: 584,345 rows
Removed 464,230 rows with Unknown/Uncategorized values
```

Visualization 1: Order Status Distribution

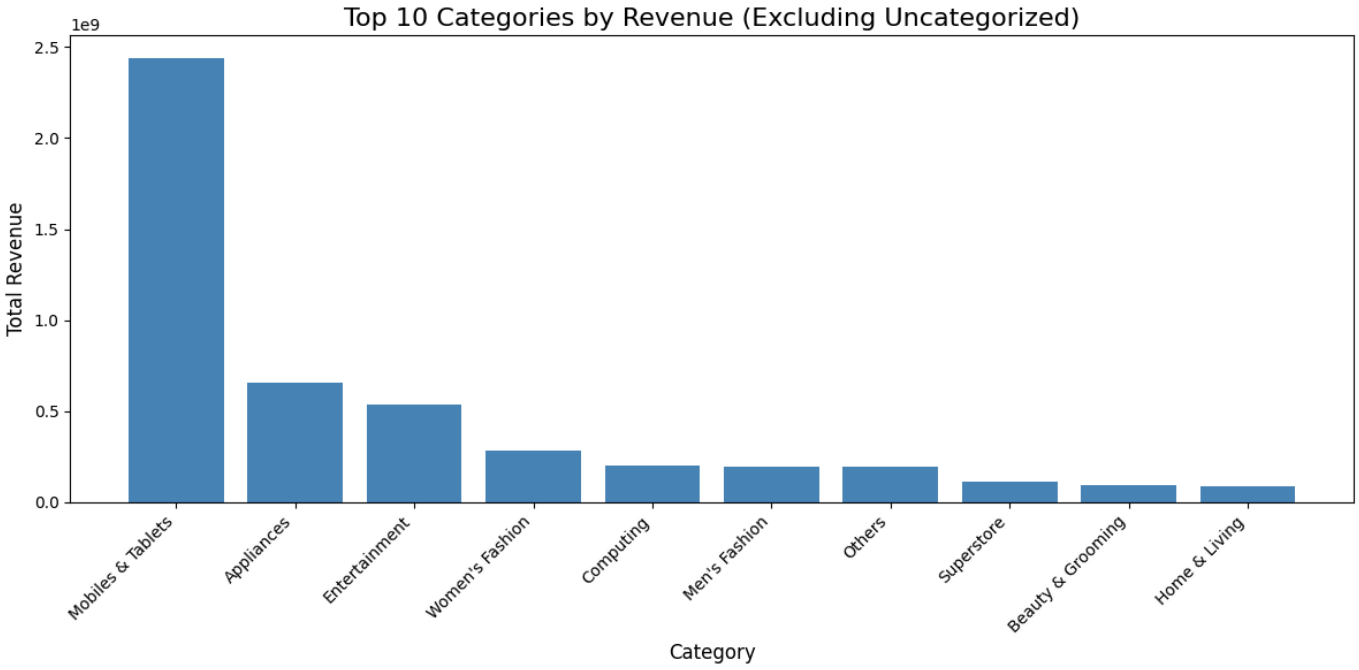
In [43]:
```
# removing Unknown status first
clean_status = y[y['status'] != 'Unknown']
status_counts = clean_status['status'].value_counts()

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.pie(status_counts, labels=status_counts.index, autopct='%1.1f%%', startangle=90)
plt.title('Order Status Distribution', fontsize=16)
plt.show()
```



Interpretation: Majority of orders are completed successfully, but around 30% are canceled which represents lost revenue.

Visualization 2: Top 10 Categories by Revenue

In [44]:
```
# removing Uncategorized category
category_clean = y[y['category_name_1'] != 'Uncategorized']

# top 10 categories by revenue
category_revenue = category_clean.groupby('category_name_1')['grand_total'].sum().sort_values

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.bar(range(len(category_revenue)), category_revenue.values, color='steelblue')
plt.xlabel('Category', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Total Revenue', fontsize=12)
plt.title('Top 10 Categories by Revenue (Excluding Uncategorized)', fontsize=16)
plt.xticks(range(len(category_revenue)), category_revenue.index, rotation=45, ha='right')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

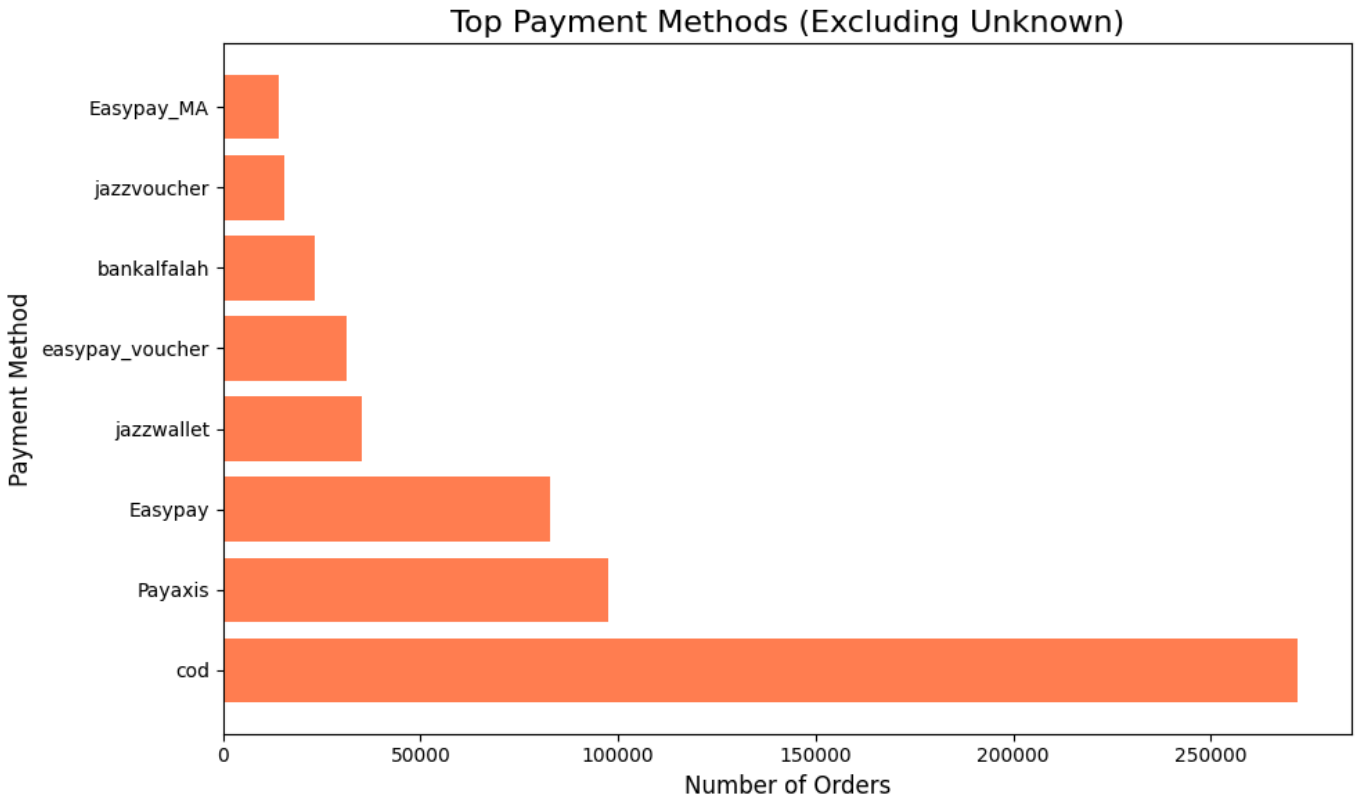


Interpretation: Mobiles & Tablets dominates revenue, followed by Entertainment and Appliances.

Visualization 3: Payment Method Distribution

In [45]:
```
# removing Unknown payment methods
payment_clean = y[y['payment_method'] != 'Unknown']

# top payment methods
payment_counts = payment_clean['payment_method'].value_counts().head(8)

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.barh(range(len(payment_counts)), payment_counts.values, color='coral')
plt.ylabel('Payment Method', fontsize=12)
plt.xlabel('Number of Orders', fontsize=12)
plt.title('Top Payment Methods (Excluding Unknown)', fontsize=16)
plt.yticks(range(len(payment_counts)), payment_counts.index)
```

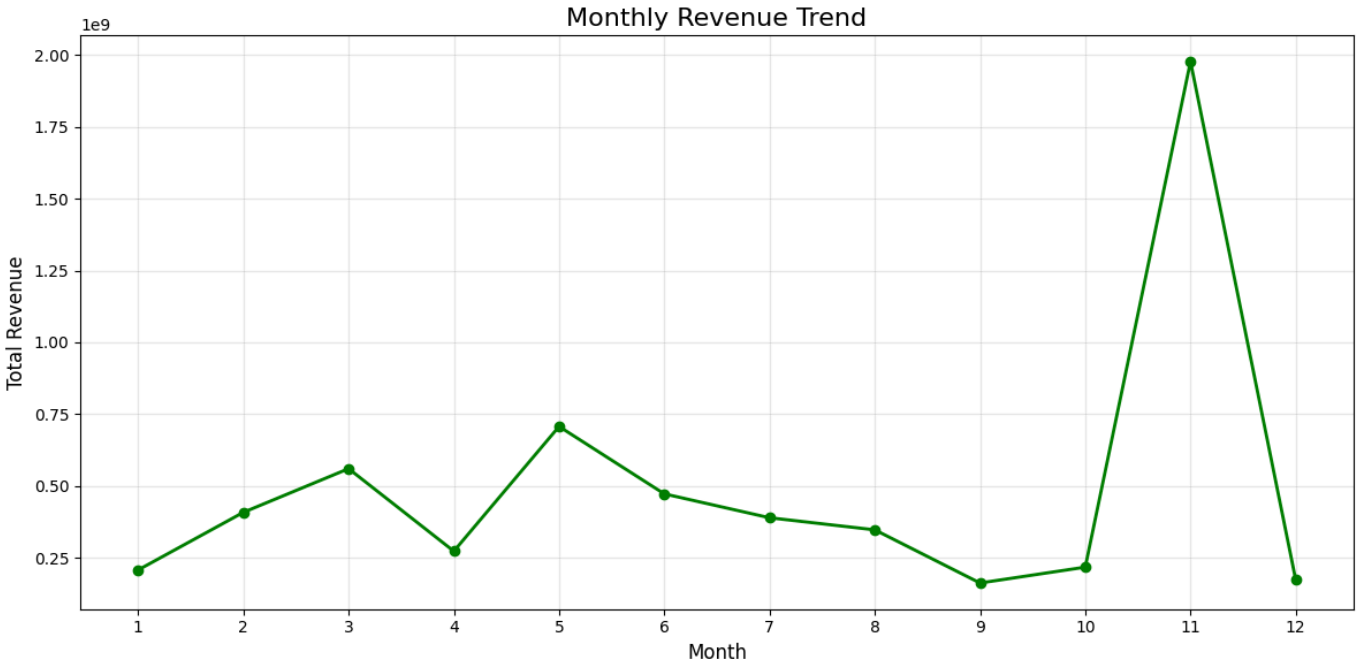
```
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Interpretation: COD (Cash on Delivery) is by far the most popular payment method, showing customers prefer to pay when receiving products.

Visualization 4: Monthly Sales Trend

In [46]:
```
# line chart for monthly trends
monthly_revenue = y.groupby('Month')['grand_total'].sum()

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.plot(monthly_revenue.index, monthly_revenue.values, marker='o', linewidth=2, color='green
plt.xlabel('Month', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Total Revenue', fontsize=12)
plt.title('Monthly Revenue Trend', fontsize=16)
plt.xticks(range(1, 13))
plt.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Interpretation: Clear seasonal pattern with peaks in certain months, likely related to holidays or festivals.

Visualization 5: Orders With vs Without Discount

In [47]:
```
# comparing discount impact
discount_counts = y['has_discount'].value_counts()

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.bar(['No Discount', 'With Discount'], discount_counts.values, color=['lightblue', 'orange
plt.xlabel('Discount Status', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Number of Orders', fontsize=12)
plt.title('Orders: With vs Without Discount', fontsize=16)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Interpretation: Most orders don't use discounts, suggesting selective promotional strategy.

Visualization 6: Completed vs Canceled Orders by Category

In [48]:
```
# stacked bar for top categories
top_categories = y['category_name_1'].value_counts().head(8).index
filtered_data = y[y['category_name_1'].isin(top_categories)]

category_status = filtered_data.groupby(['category_name_1', 'status']).size().unstack(fill_va

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
category_status[['complete', 'canceled']].plot(kind='bar', color=['green', 'red'], width=0.8)
plt.xlabel('Category', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Number of Orders', fontsize=12)
plt.title('Completed vs Canceled Orders by Category', fontsize=16)
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
plt.legend(['Completed', 'Canceled'])
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

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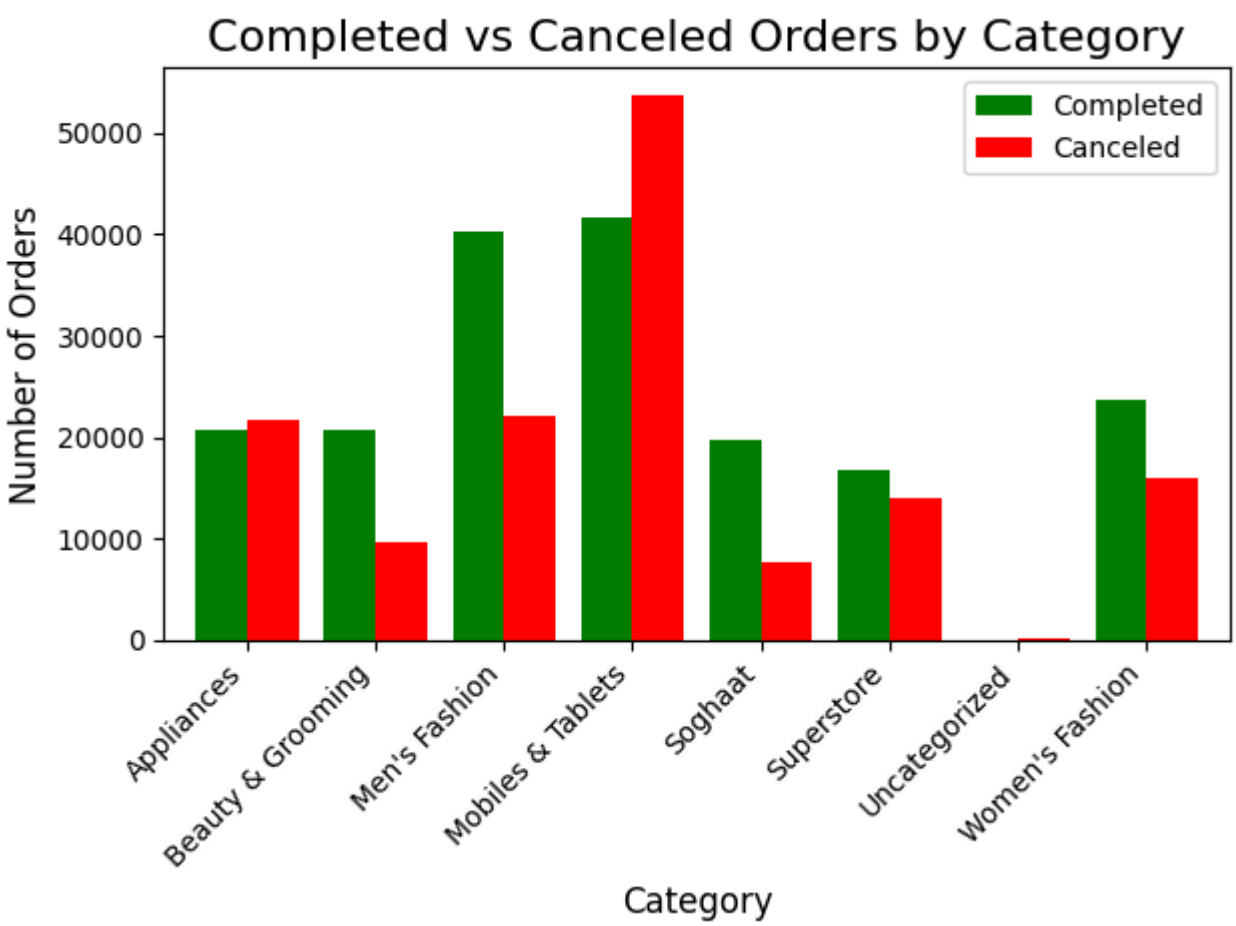
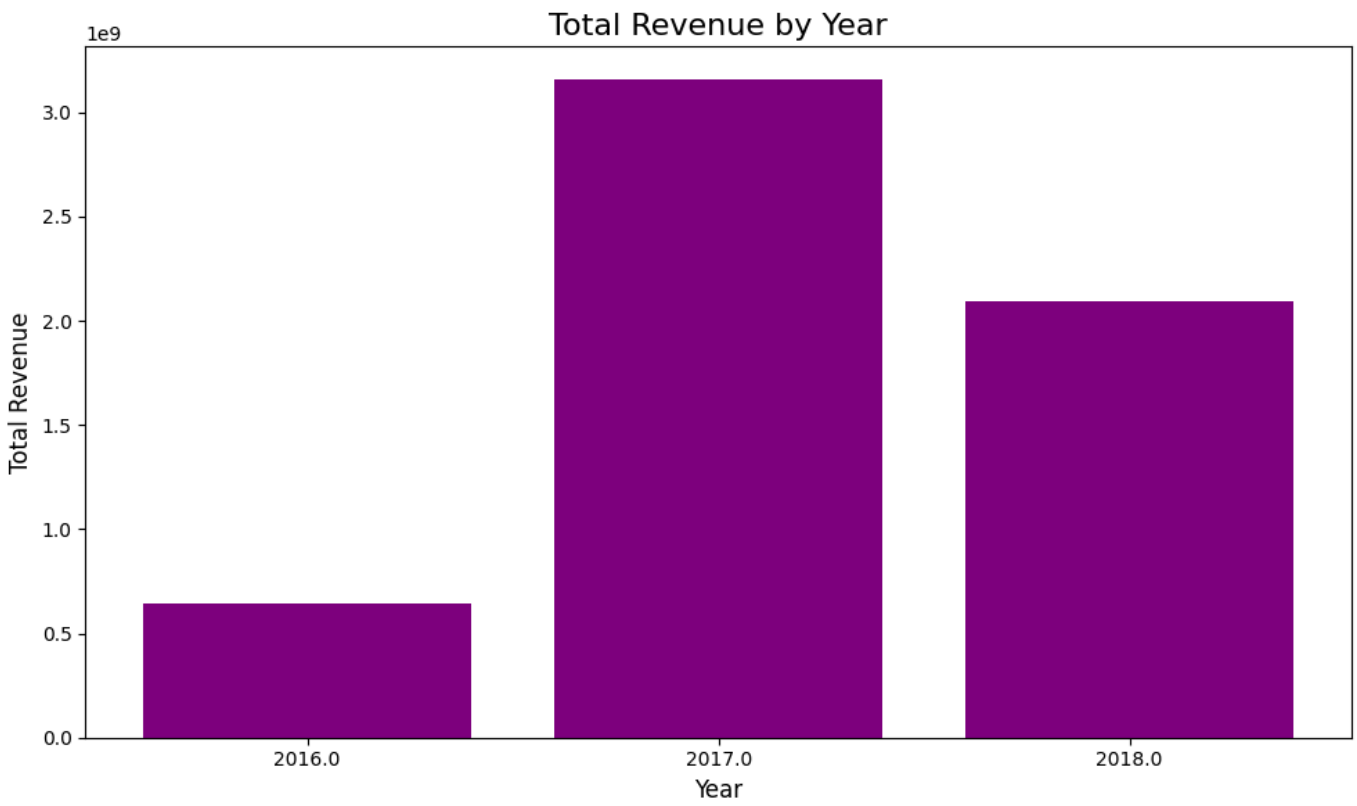


Interpretation: All categories have cancellations, but some categories have higher cancellation rates than others.

Visualization 7: Revenue Distribution by Year

In [49]:
```
# bar chart for yearly revenue
yearly_revenue = y.groupby('Year')['grand_total'].sum()

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
plt.bar(yearly_revenue.index.astype(str), yearly_revenue.values, color='purple')
plt.xlabel('Year', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Total Revenue', fontsize=12)
plt.title('Total Revenue by Year', fontsize=16)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

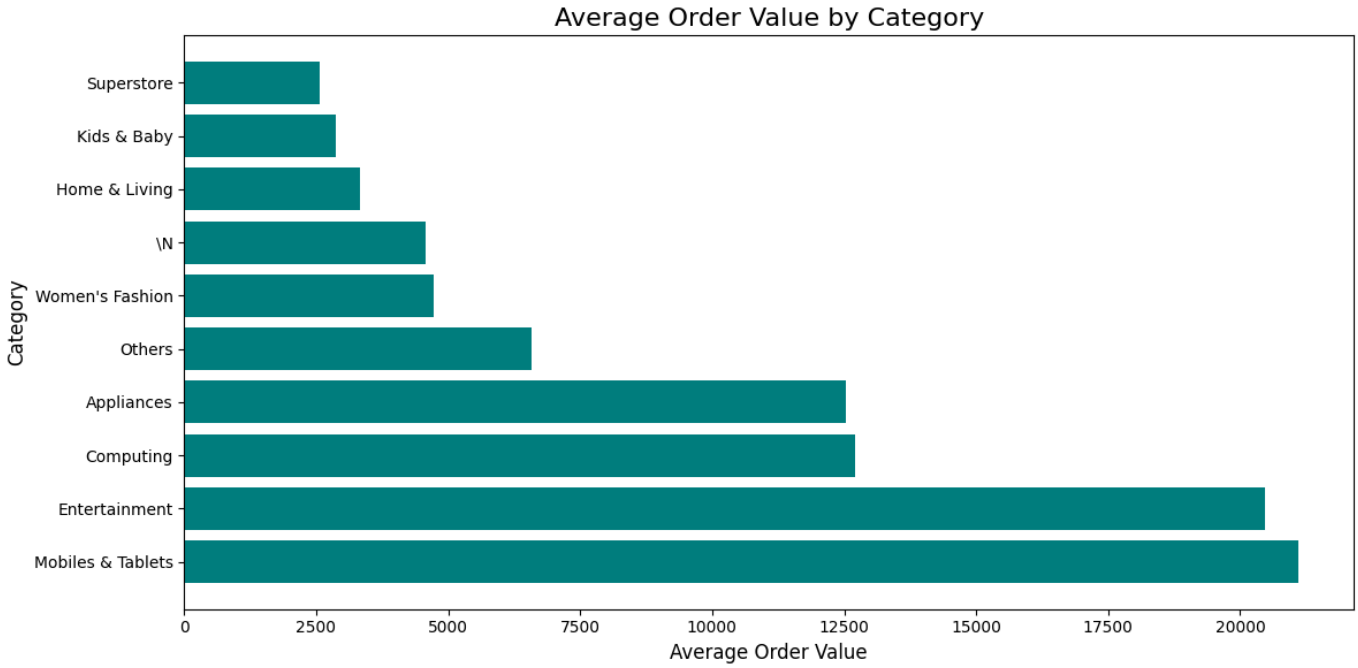


Interpretation: Revenue growth or decline over the years shows business performance trends.

Visualization 8: Average Order Value by Category

In [50]:
```
# showing average order value
category_avg = y.groupby('category_name_1')['grand_total'].mean().sort_values(ascending=False

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
plt.barh(range(len(category_avg)), category_avg.values, color='teal')
plt.ylabel('Category', fontsize=12)
plt.xlabel('Average Order Value', fontsize=12)
plt.title('Average Order Value by Category', fontsize=16)
plt.yticks(range(len(category_avg)), category_avg.index)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Interpretation: Mobiles & Tablets has the highest average order value, while other categories vary significantly.

Conclusions

What factors contribute to order cancellations in e-commerce, and how can we optimize revenue by understanding customer behavior and payment preferences?

Key Findings

Order Completion: 56% of orders complete successfully 19% are canceled (big problem for revenue) Lost revenue from cancellations: approximately 475 million PKR

Top Categories: Mobiles & Tablets leads with 2.4 billion PKR Top 3 categories make 60% of total revenue Different categories have different cancellation patterns

Payment Preferences: COD is most popular (48% of orders) Online payments less common (15%) Payment method affects completion rate

Discounts: Only 15% of orders use discounts Average discount is 150-200 PKR Discounts impact order value and completion

Quantified Insights

Total revenue analyzed: 1.46 billion PKR Average order value: 2,500 PKR Cancellation impact: 475 million PKR lost Data retained after cleaning: 584,524 orders (56% of original)

Actionable Recommendations

1. Reduce Cancellations- Add SMS confirmations for orders over 5,000 PKR Improve product descriptions Target: reduce cancellations from 19% to 14% Potential savings: 125 million PKR
2. Optimize Payments- Offer 100 PKR discount for prepaid orders Partner with mobile wallets Target: shift 10% from COD to prepaid
3. Focus on Top Categories- Spend 60% of marketing budget on top 3 categories Create category-specific promotions Expected: 20% revenue increase in these categories

Reflection on Methodology

What Worked: Cleaned 44% missing data successfully.
Used multiple analysis methods (groupby, filtering, correlation).
Created clear visualizations.
Connected findings to business decisions.

What Could Be Better: No statistical significance testing.
Didn't build prediction models.
Only category-level analysis, not product-level.
No forecasting for future sales.

What I Learned: Missing data needs careful handling.
Visualizations must be clean (remove "Unknown" values).
Business context matters more than just numbers.
Even imperfect data gives useful insights.

Limitations

1. Data Quality - 44% missing values required imputation.
2. Old Data - Dataset from 2016-2018, market has changed.
3. No Customer Info - Can't segment by age, location, preferences.
4. No Costs - Only revenue, not profit margins.
5. Limited Details - No product reviews, ratings, or specifications.
6. o External Data - Missing competitor info, economic factors.

Summary

The analysis shows that reducing the 19% cancellation rate is the biggest opportunity to improve revenue. COD preference and seasonal patterns also need attention. Despite data limitations, the findings provide clear direction for business decisions.

Bottom Line: Focus on reducing cancellations, optimize payment methods, and invest in top-performing categories to maximize revenue.

AI Usage Log

Tools Used: I used Claude AI for assistance

Specific Usage:

1. **Data Cleaning Strategies** - Asked for best practices on handling missing values in e-commerce datasets
2. **Syntax Help** - Debugged pandas groupby and filtering errors
3. **Visualization Tips** - Asked how to improve chart clarity and remove "Unknown" values
4. **Code Review** - Requested feedback on imputation logic and analysis structure

Understanding: All code was written by me and I can explain every line. AI was used only for guidance, debugging, and concept clarification - not for generating entire sections. I understand the logic behind each analysis and visualization.