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**Bikes Corp, '16 vs '17**  
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### **Sales Channels and Product Mix**

In 2017, Bikes Corp's sales were primarily driven by phone (56%) and web (37%) channels. Road bikes dominated the product mix at 66%, while Mountain Bikes also contributed significantly to sales and profitability. Jillian and José emerged as top sales performers.

### **Market Performance and Growth**

Bikes Corp experienced a \$7.4 million sales growth from 2016 to 2017, with strong performances in Germany, France, Sweden, and Belgium. The company's gross margin percentage improved from 34.1% to 34.7%, resulting in a \$1.9 million gross margin improvement. Price adjustments, changes in sales volume, and product mix were key factors in this growth.

### **Customer Insights and City-Level Analysis**

The top 35% of cities contributed the majority of Bikes Corp's sales and gross margin. Customer channels showed varying degrees of overlap, with the Phone channel having the largest customer base but minimal crossover. The UK and France remained stable markets, while most cities, particularly in Germany, showed positive growth.

### **Future Strategies and Opportunities**

From 2013 to 2017, Bikes Corp experienced a 2.5% sales CAGR in a thriving bike market. To drive future growth and improve financial health, the company should focus on increasing sales, managing costs, and developing targeted strategies for different customer cohorts and sales periods. Analyzing top-performing salespersons and capitalizing on high-growth opportunities will be crucial for enhancing overall performance and sustainability.

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**At a glance:** In 2017, Bikes Corp's sales were driven by phone sales (56%) and web sales (37%), with road bikes dominating at 66%, and top salespeople Shu and José contributing 19% and 17% respectively. The company saw a \$7.4 million sales growth from 2016 to 2017, with price adjustments and changes in sales volume and product mix as key factors, along with an improved gross margin percentage from 34.1% to 34.7%. Road bikes sold through the phone channel, strong performances in Germany, France, Sweden, and Belgium, and growth in units sold across all categories and channels contributed to the \$1.9 million gross margin improvement. Pages 7 to 14.

**Sales breakdown:** Bikes Corp's sales are driven primarily by phone and web channels, with phone sales dominating in most countries except Italy, where web sales lead. Road Bikes and Mountain Bikes are the most popular and profitable categories, while smaller markets, when combined, contribute significantly to overall sales and profitability. Jillian and José are top sales performers, and Mountain Frames offer higher margins than complete bikes in some channels. Pages 16 to 23.

**Data insights:** Bikes Corp's 2017 performance varied across markets, with most cities showing positive growth, particularly in Germany, while the UK and France remained stable. The product mix included high-growth items, price-sensitive products, and stable categories like Road Bikes, which dominated sales and profitability. The top 35% of cities contributed the majority of sales and gross margin, and customer channels showed varying degrees of overlap, with the Phone channel having the largest customer base but minimal crossover. Pages 25 to 33.

**Trends:** Bikes Corp experienced overall growth from 2013 to 2017, with a 2.5% sales CAGR and a thriving bike market, but faces challenges in customer retention and cohort performance. To improve financial health and drive future growth, the company should focus on increasing sales, managing costs, and developing targeted strategies for different customer cohorts and sales periods. By analyzing top-performing salespersons and capitalizing on high-growth opportunities, Bikes Corp can enhance its overall performance and sustainability. Pages 35 to 43.

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Bikes Corp's sales in 2017 were primarily driven by phone sales at 56%, followed by web sales at 37%, with walk-in sales contributing only 8%. Road bikes dominated the sales mix at 66%. Top-performing salespeople were Shu and José, contributing 19% and 17% respectively. The UK, France, and Germany were the leading countries, each accounting for around 10-11% of sales (p.8). Phone sales also generated the highest gross margin at 55%, followed by web sales at 38%, and walk-in sales at 7%. The gross margin mix was similar to the sales mix, with road bikes contributing 67% and José and Shu each delivering 18% (p.9).

From 2016 to 2017, Bikes Corp's sales grew by \$7.4 million, with price adjustments contributing \$3.9 million and changes in sales volume and product mix adding \$3.5 million (p.10). The gross margin percentage also improved from 34.1% to 34.7%, indicating effective cost management, pricing optimization, or a shift towards higher-margin products (p.11).

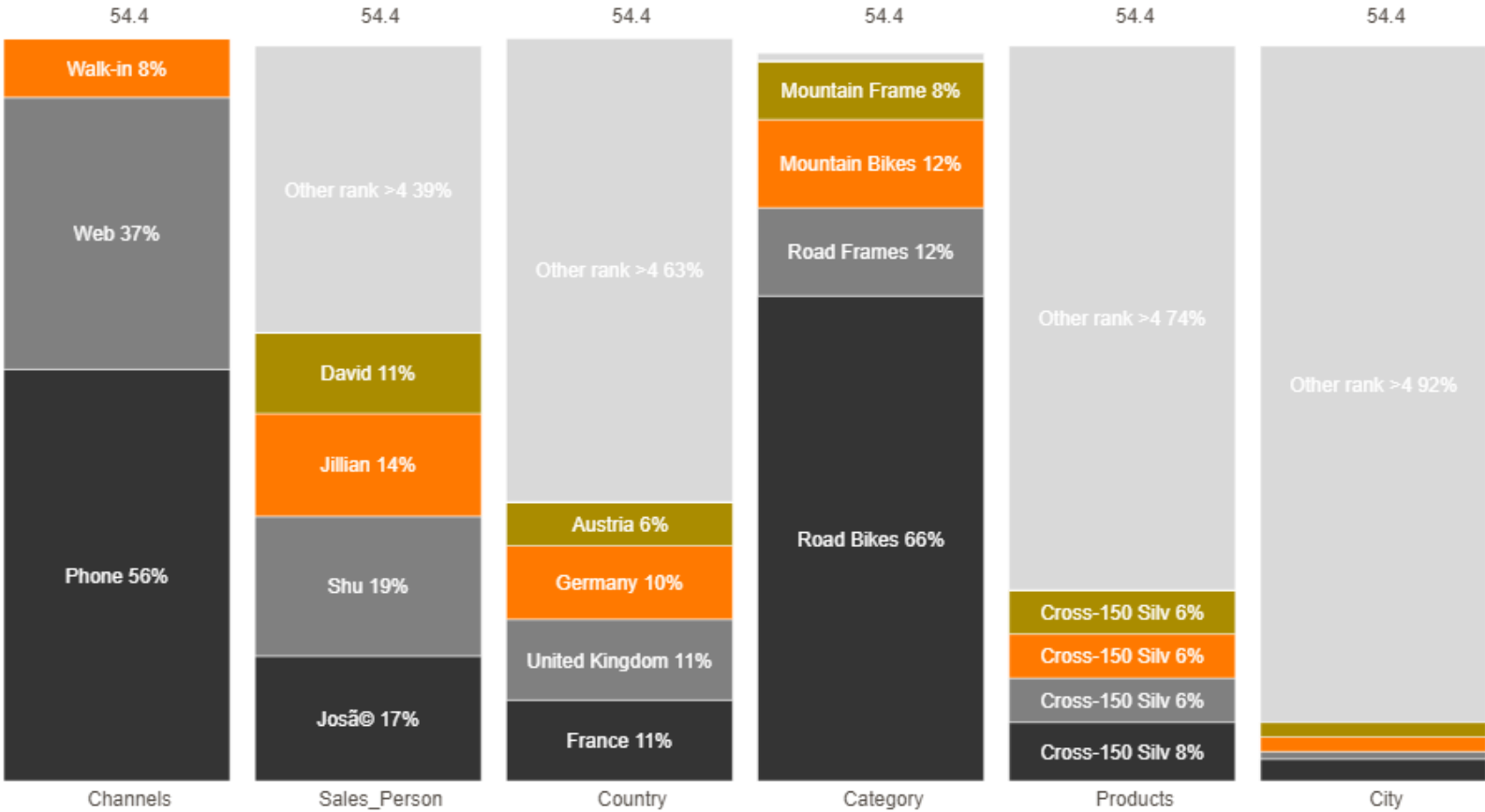
Road bikes sold through the phone channel, along with strong performances in Germany, France, Sweden, and Belgium, were key drivers of the \$1.9 million gross margin improvement from 2016 to 2017 (p.12). The web channel showed the highest gross margin growth at 22%, followed by road bikes at 21%. Jillian and Pamela achieved 24% increases in gross margin, while Germany had the largest country-wise growth at 37%. Angers and Toulouse also showed notable city-level growth at 28% and 22% respectively (p.13).

Bikes Corp experienced growth in units sold across all categories and channels from 2016 to 2017. The phone channel had the highest growth, particularly in the "Other rank >3" category, which increased by 25%. Web and walk-in channels also showed moderate growth in all categories, indicating healthy demand and effective sales strategies (p.14).



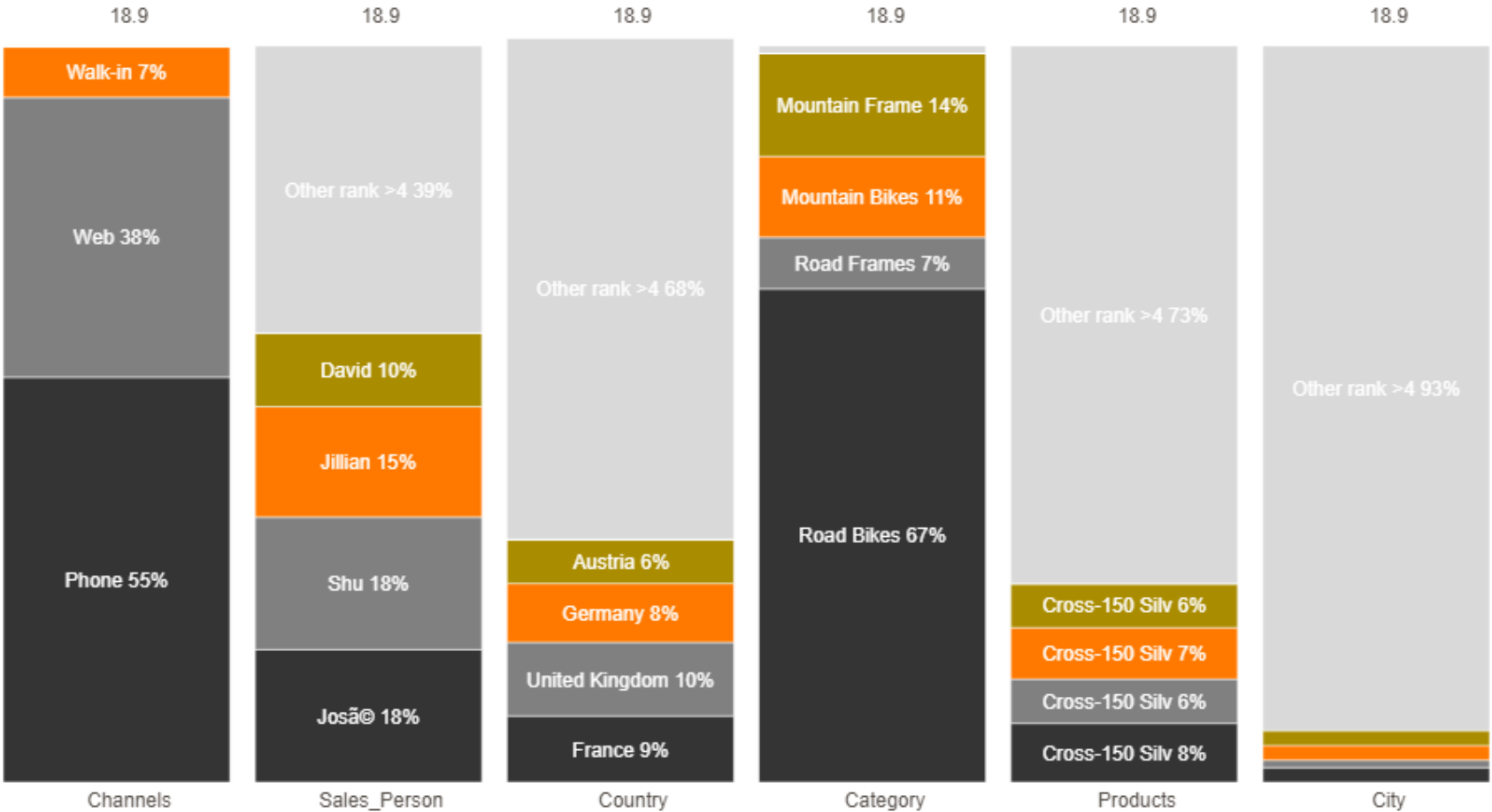
Phone sales drove 56% of Bikes Corp's sales in 2017, with web sales at 37% and walk-in sales at just 8%. Road bikes dominated at 66% of sales. Top salespeople were Shu at 19% and José at 17%. France, the UK, and Germany were the leading countries at 11%, 11%, and 10% respectively.

Bikes Corp  
Sales in mUSD by dimension  
'17

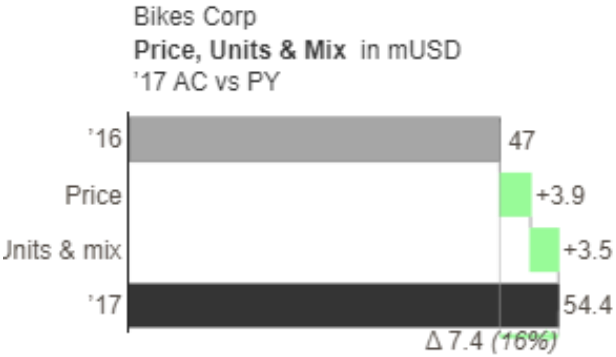


Phone sales generated 55% of Bikes Corp's gross margin in 2017, web sales 38%, and walk-in sales 7%. Road bikes made up 67% of the gross margin. José and Shu were the top sales contributors at 18% each. The UK led country-wise at 10%, followed by France at 9%.

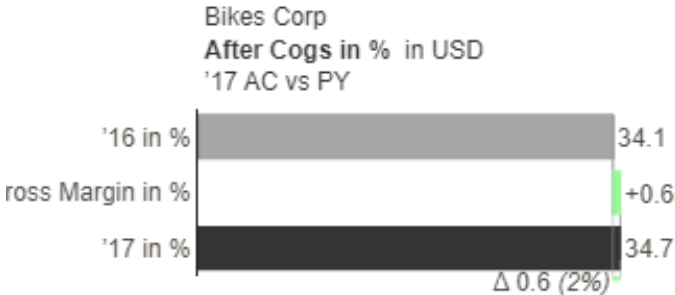
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**Gross Margin** in mUSD by dimension  
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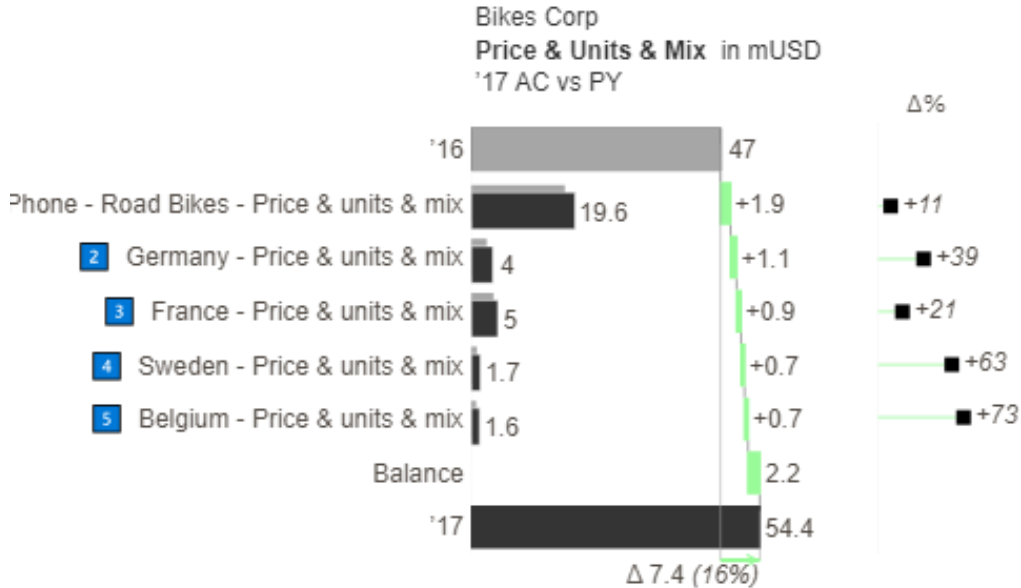
Bikes Corp's sales grew by \$7.4 million from 2016 to 2017. Price adjustments contributed \$3.9 million, while changes in sales volume and product mix added another \$3.5 million. This balanced growth reflects effective pricing, sales, and marketing strategies.



Bikes Corp's gross margin percentage increased from 34.1% in 2016 to 34.7% in 2017, a positive variance of 0.6 percentage points. This suggests effective cost management, optimized pricing, or a shift towards higher-margin products.

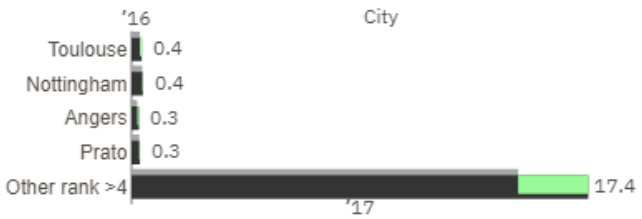
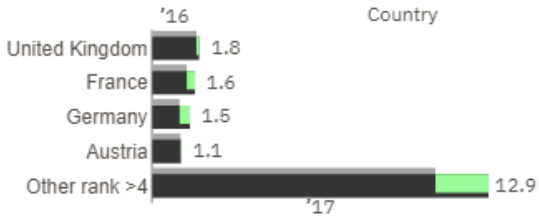
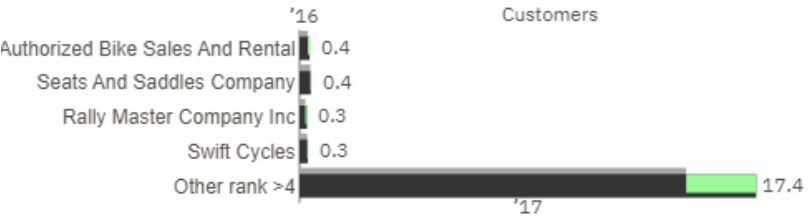
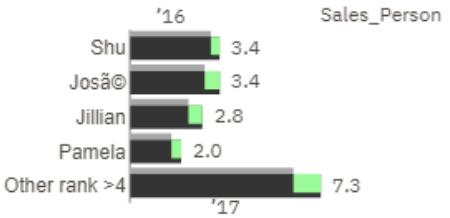
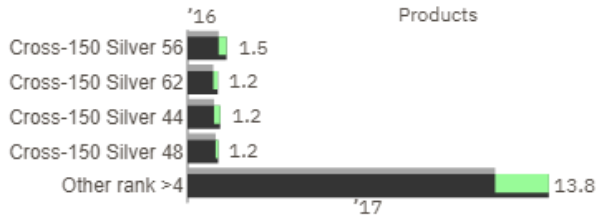
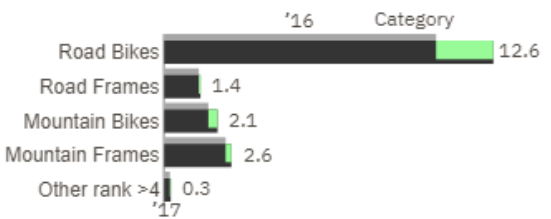
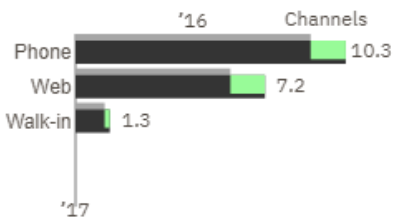


Road bikes sold through the phone channel added nearly \$1.9 million to Bikes Corp's gross margin from 2016 to 2017. Germany, France, Sweden, and Belgium also showed strong positive variances, collectively contributing over \$2.6 million. These countries and the phone sales channel were key drivers of the company's gross margin improvement.



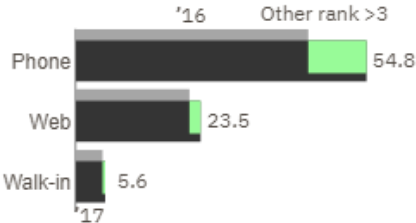
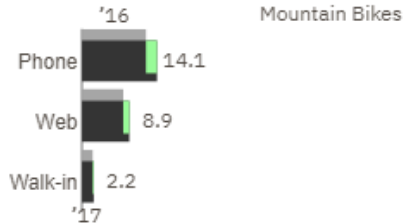
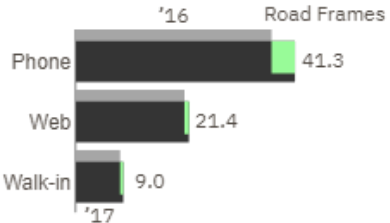
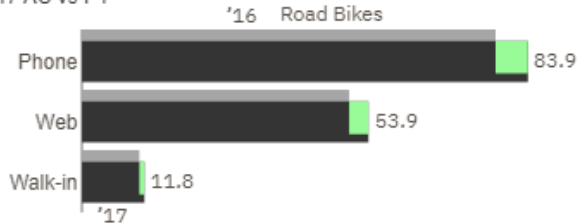
Bikes Corp's gross margins grew healthily from 2016 to 2017. The web channel grew 22%, the highest among all channels. Road bikes led category growth at 21%. Jillian and Pamela achieved 24% increases each, standing out among sales personnel. Germany showed the largest country-wise growth at 37%. Angers and Toulouse had notable city-level increases of 28% and 22% respectively. The data points to strong potential for further expansion in specific channels, categories, products, and regions.

Bikes Corp  
Gross Margin in mUSD by dimension  
'17 AC vs PY



Bikes Corp saw growth in units sold across all categories and channels from 2016 to 2017. The phone channel had the highest growth, especially in the "Other rank >3" category, which jumped 25%. Web and walk-in channels also showed moderate growth in all categories. The strong performance points to healthy demand and effective sales strategies, with the phone channel and "Other rank >3" category as potential areas to further develop.

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Units in k Category by Channels  
'17 AC vs PY



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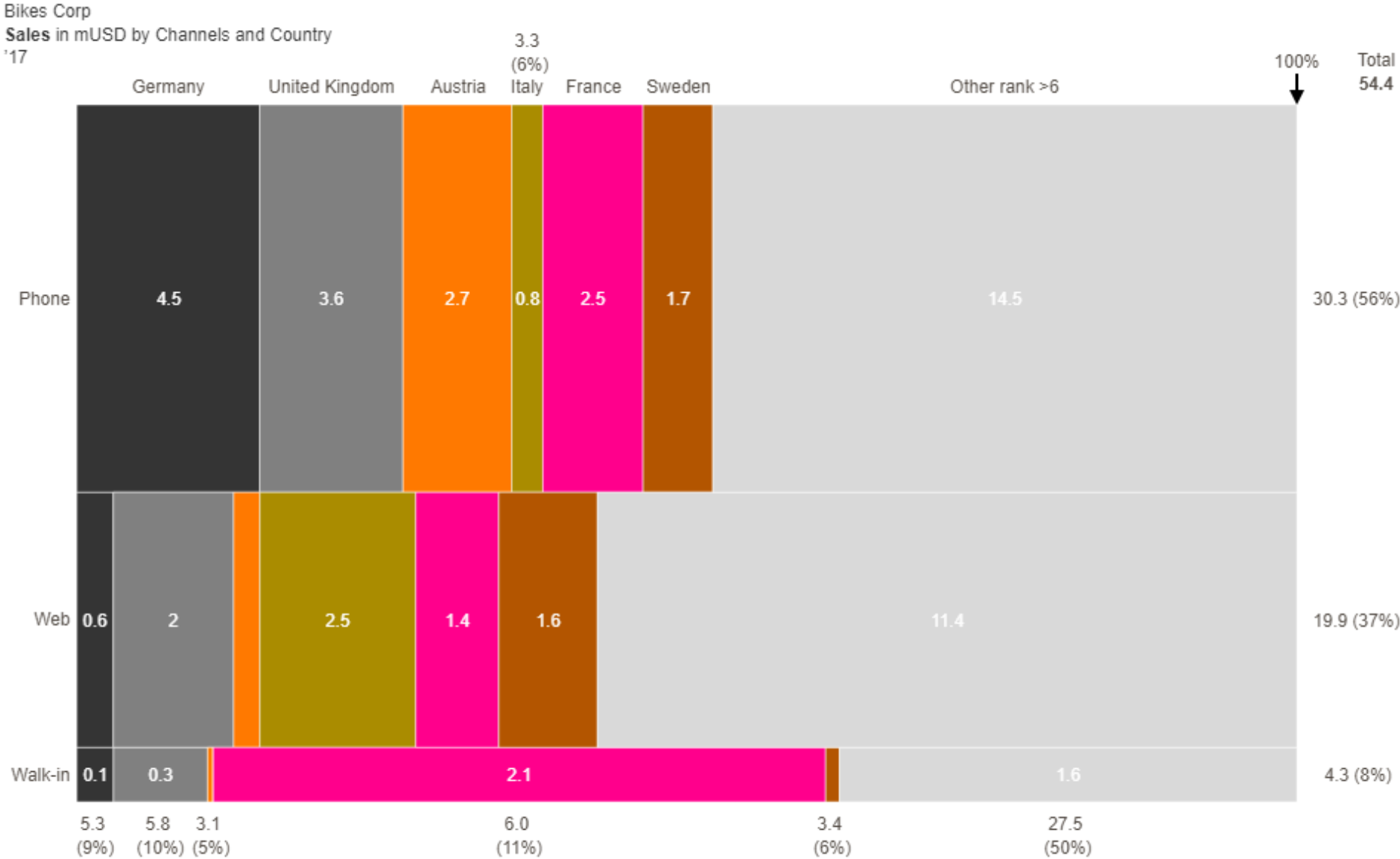
Bikes Corp's sales are primarily driven by phone and web channels across most countries, with phone sales dominating in Germany (86%), the UK (61%), and Austria (86%). However, Italy stands out with 77% of sales from the web channel, indicating a unique market preference or effective web strategy (p.17). Walk-in sales are generally lower, with France being an exception at 36% (p.17). The phone and web channels are the main sales avenues across all product categories, with the phone channel performing particularly well in 'Other rank >3' countries (p.18). 'Other rank >6' countries represent Bikes Corp's largest market, suggesting a broad international presence (p.18).

Jillian and José are top sales performers across channels in 2017, although Jillian's performance drops in the walk-in channel (p.19). David's performance is mixed, growing in phone and walk-in channels but declining in web sales (p.19). Road Bikes and Mountain Bikes are the most popular categories, with Road Bikes generating the highest gross margins, especially in phone and web channels (p.18, p.20). Interestingly, Mountain Frames have higher gross margins than Mountain Bikes, particularly in phone sales (p.20).

The UK, Germany, and France have the highest gross margins, indicating their scale of operations significantly contributes to overall profitability (p.22). The 'Other rank > 10' category has substantial total sales and a higher gross margin percentage than larger individual countries, suggesting smaller markets, when combined, contribute significantly to Bikes Corp's profitability (p.22). The 'Other rank > 3' category has exceptionally high gross margin percentages, indicating that niche or less common products may offer higher profitability compared to mainstream categories (p.23).

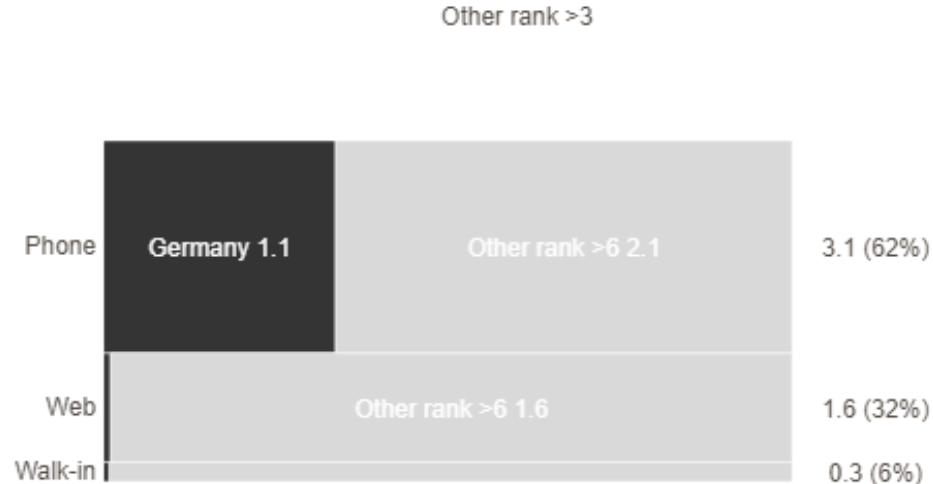
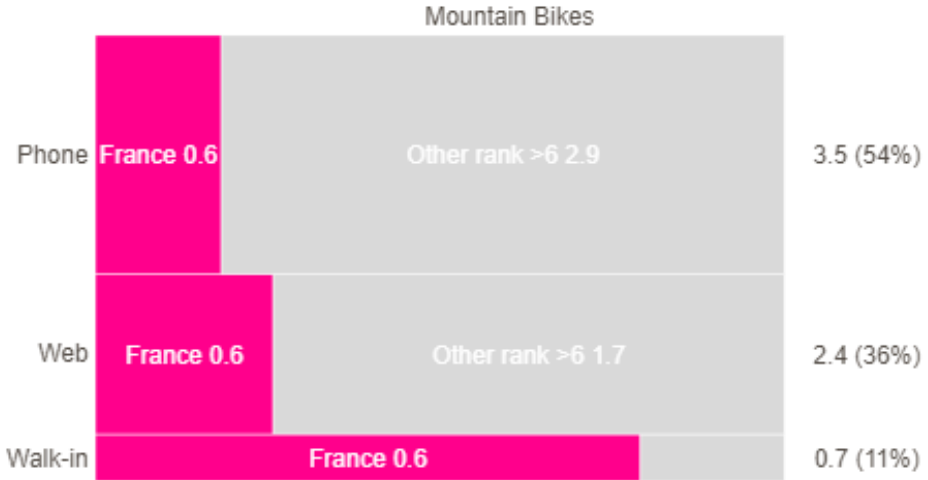
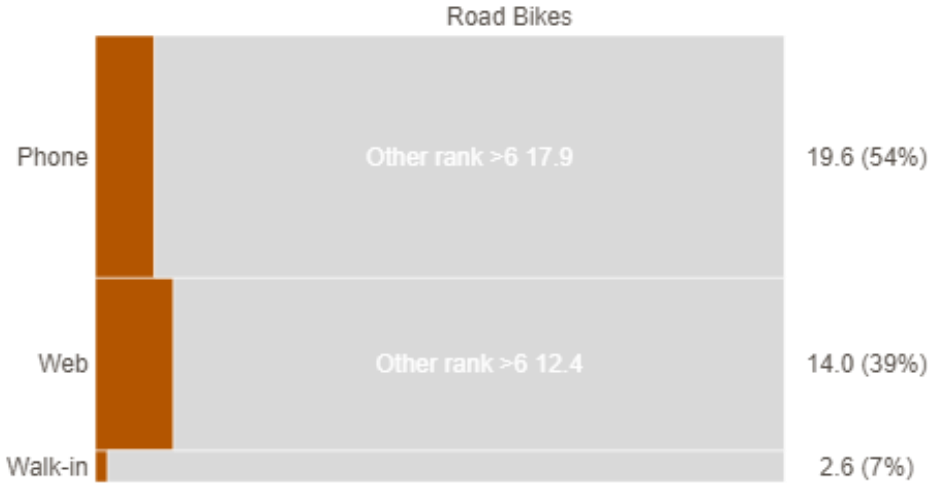
Sweden leads in Road Bikes sales and gross margin, France tops the Mountain Bikes category, and Italy dominates the 'Other rank > 3' category (p.23). The combined 'Other rank > 10' data across categories shows that smaller markets represent a significant opportunity when aggregated (p.23). Phone and web sales remain the clear preference across most categories and countries, with walk-in sales generally lagging behind, except for Road Bikes in France (p.21). Mountain Frames and Road Bikes consistently have high gross margins in all countries, indicating strong demand (p.21).

Phone sales dominate in most countries, especially Germany (86%), the UK (61%), and Austria (86%). But web sales are particularly strong in Italy at 77%, suggesting a unique market preference or effective web strategy there. Walk-in sales are much lower everywhere, although France is an exception with 36% of its sales from walk-ins.



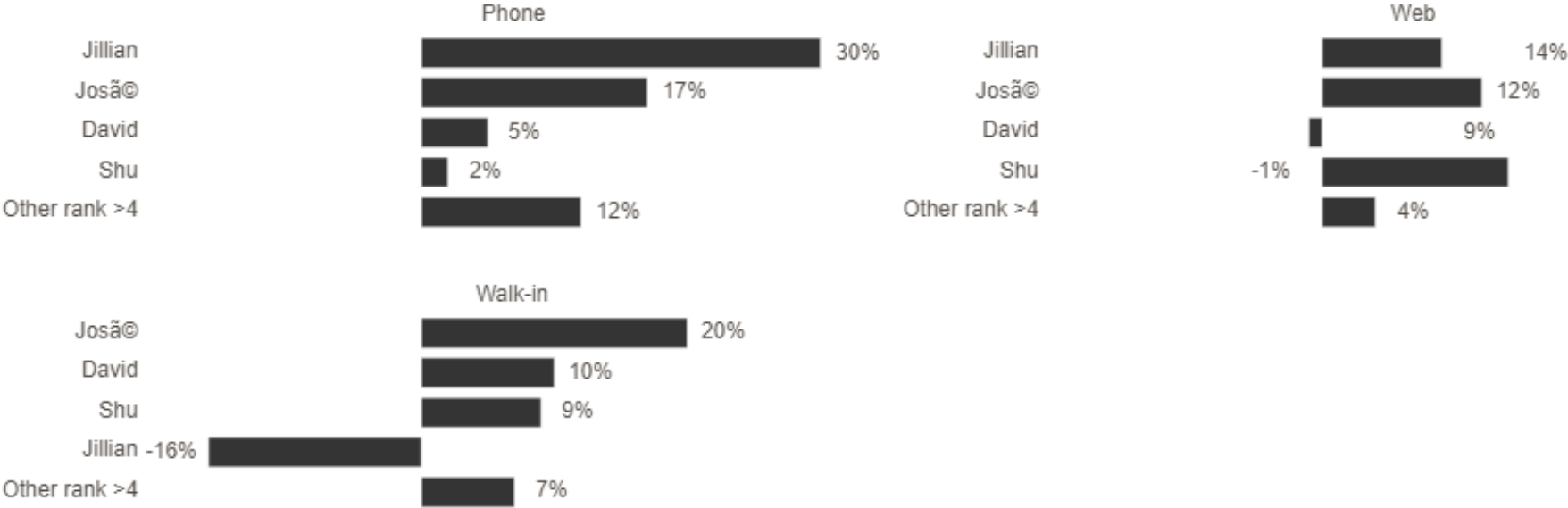
The Phone and Web channels are Bikes Corp's primary sales avenues across all product categories. The Phone channel shows a particularly strong performance in 'Other rank >3' countries. 'Other rank >6' countries are Bikes Corp's largest market across all categories, suggesting a broad international presence outside of the specifically listed European countries. Road Bikes are the most popular category, followed by Mountain Bikes, indicating strong customer preference for these bicycle types.

Bikes Corp  
Sales in mUSD by Category, Channels and Country  
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Jillian and José are top performers across Bikes Corp's sales channels in 2017, though Jillian's performance drops significantly in the Walk-in channel. David's performance is mixed, growing in Phone and Walk-in channels but declining in Web. Positive growth rates in the 'Other rank >4' category suggest a depth of talent within the sales team that could be further leveraged.

Bikes Corp  
Units Growth Rate by Channels and Sales\_Person  
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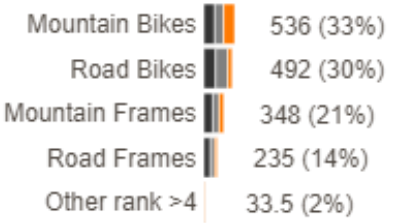
Phone and web channels are the preferred purchasing methods across all categories, with phone sales consistently outperforming other channels. Road Bikes significantly outperform all other categories in gross margin, especially in phone and web channels, making it a key revenue driver for Bikes Corp. Despite being related categories, Mountain Frames generate higher gross margins than Mountain Bikes, particularly in phone sales.



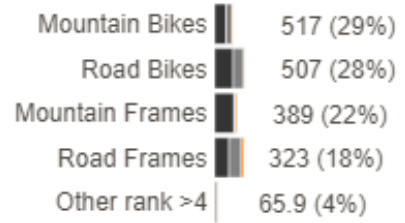
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**Gross Margin** in kUSD by Country, Category and Channels  
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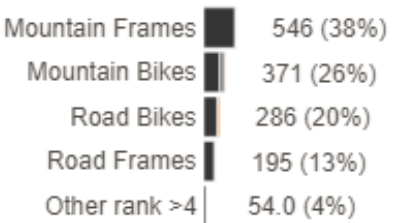
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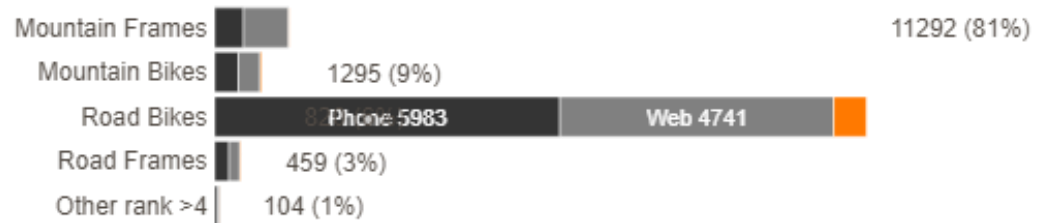
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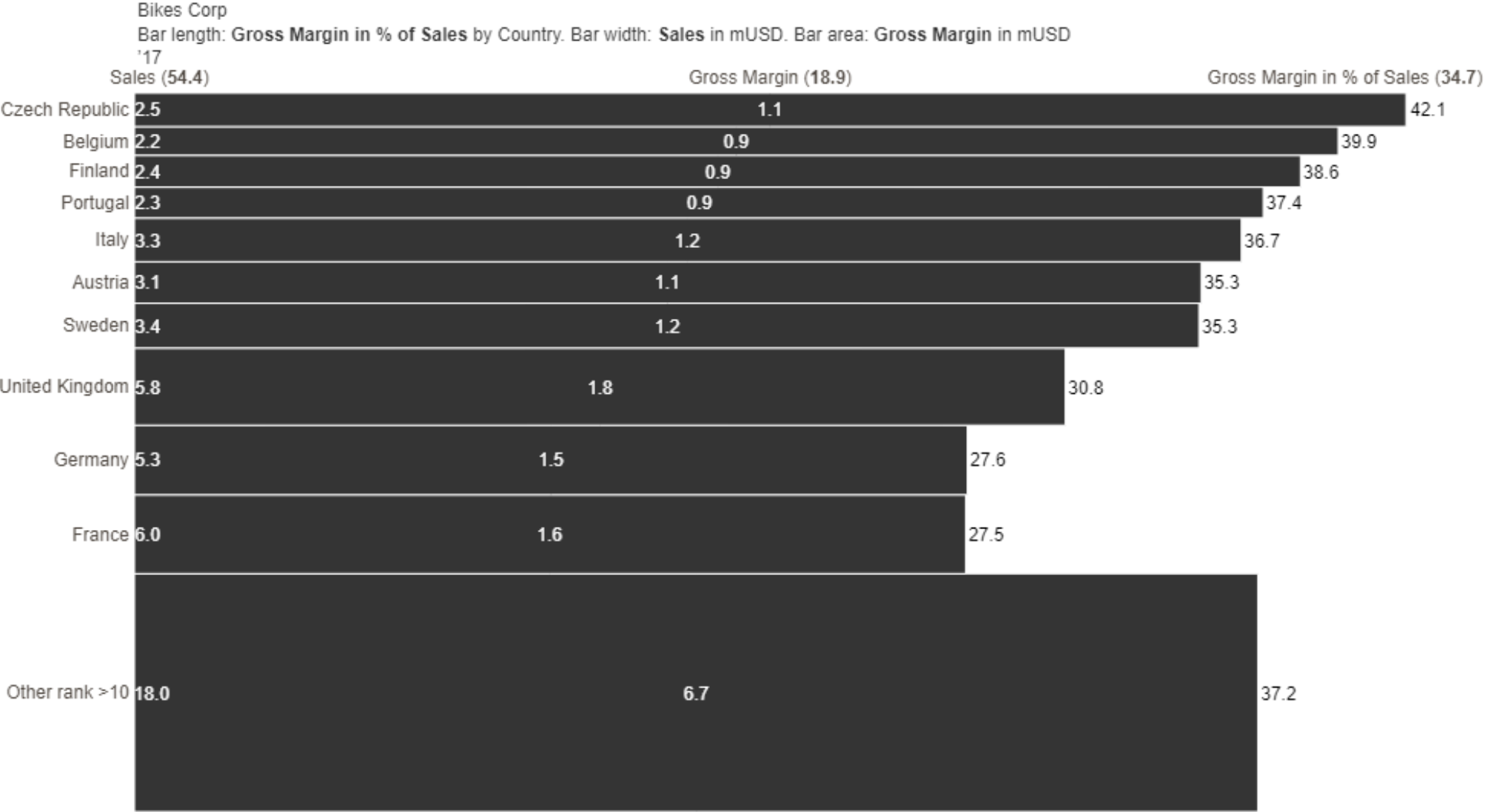
Germany



Other rank >3



The UK, Germany, and France have the highest gross margins, showing their scale of operations significantly contributes to overall profitability. The 'Other rank > 10' category has substantial total sales and a gross margin percentage higher than the larger individual countries, suggesting smaller markets, when combined, contribute significantly to Bikes Corp's profitability and might be operating more efficiently or at higher price points.

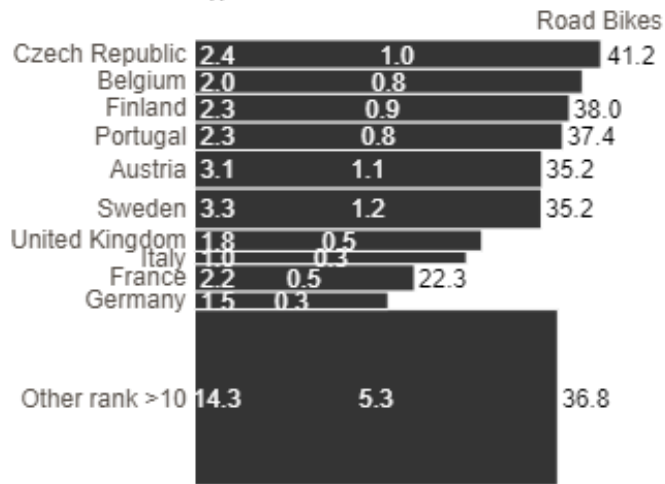


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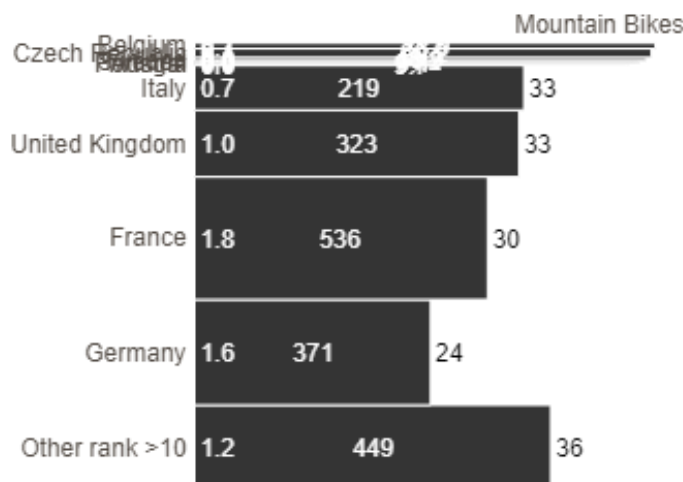
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Bar length: Gross Margin in % of Sales by Category and Country. Bar width: Sales in mUSD. Bar area: Gross Margin in kUSD

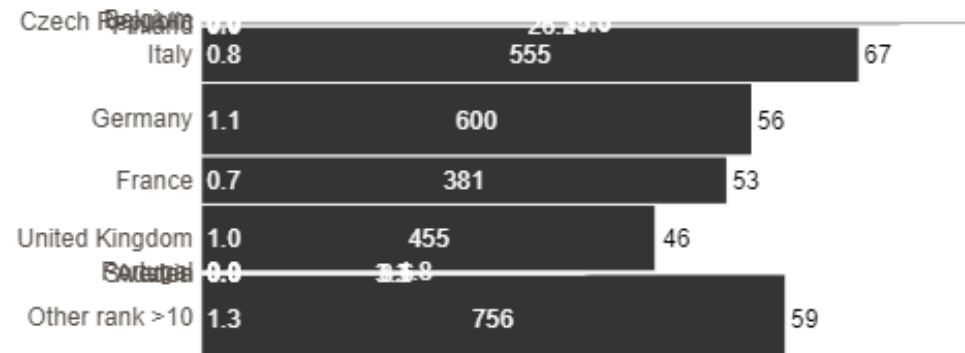
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Road Frames



Other rank >3





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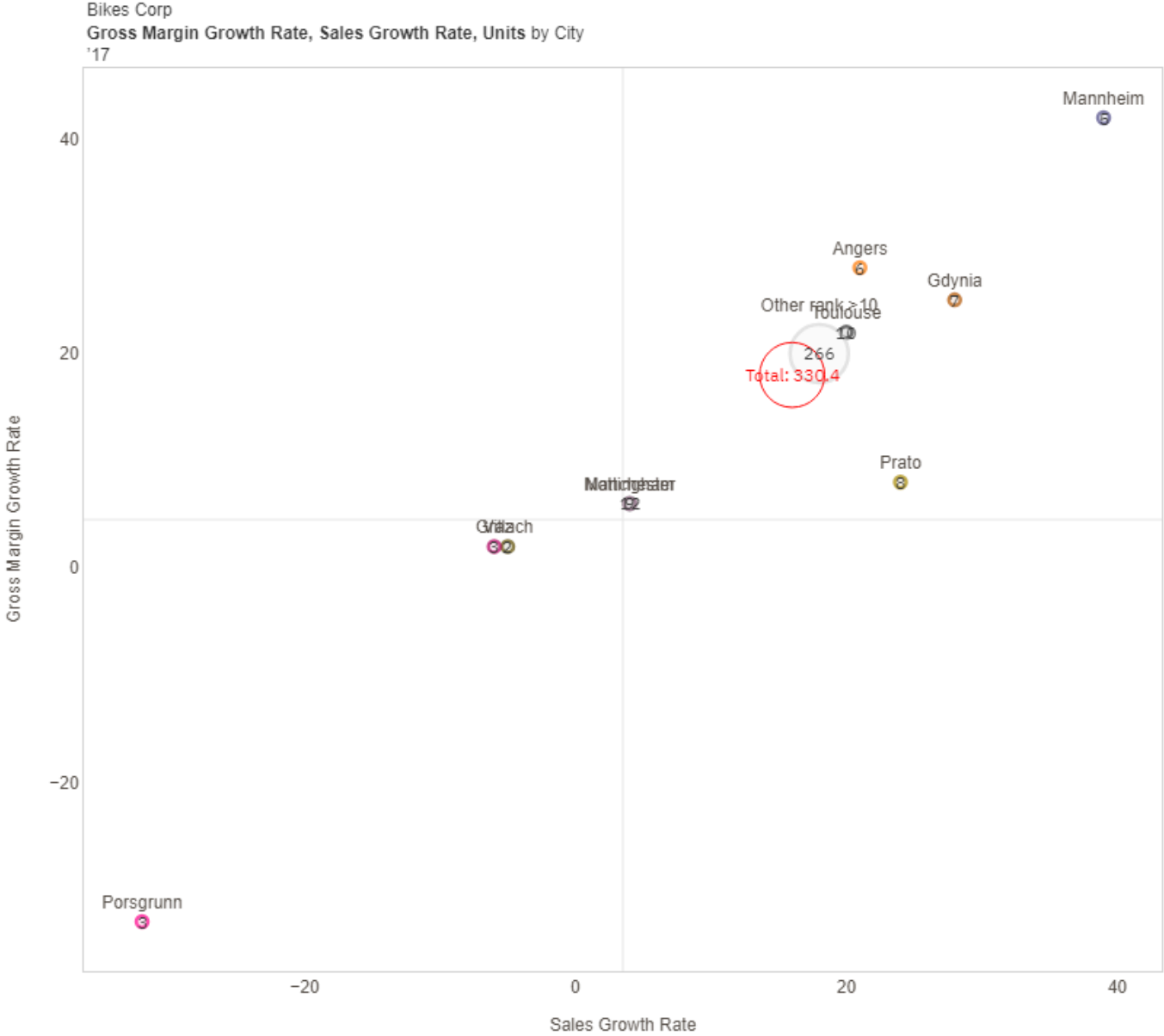
Bikes Corp's 2017 performance varied across markets, with most cities showing positive growth in sales and margins. High-growth cities like Toulouse, Prato, Gdynia, and Angers present opportunities, while Porsgrunn faces challenges. Smaller cities also contributed significantly to overall performance when combined (p.26). Germany, particularly the "Other rank >10" category, stands out as a strong and expanding market, while the UK and France show stable growth. The "Other rank >3" category reveals a complex landscape, calling for strategic adjustments in underperforming areas (p.27).

Product performance shows a mix of high-growth items, price-sensitive products, and many with minimal changes. The "Hydration Pack - 70 Oz" is a high-demand product, while "Bottle Cage - Off-road Frames" and "Sport-100 Helmet Green" have strong unit growth without significant price changes. However, "Cycling Vest L" and "Front Derailleur" face potential price elasticity issues (p.28). Product categories vary in stability and dynamism, with Road Bikes and Road Frames being stable, Mountain Bikes having some price variability, and the 'Other' category being the most dynamic (p.29).

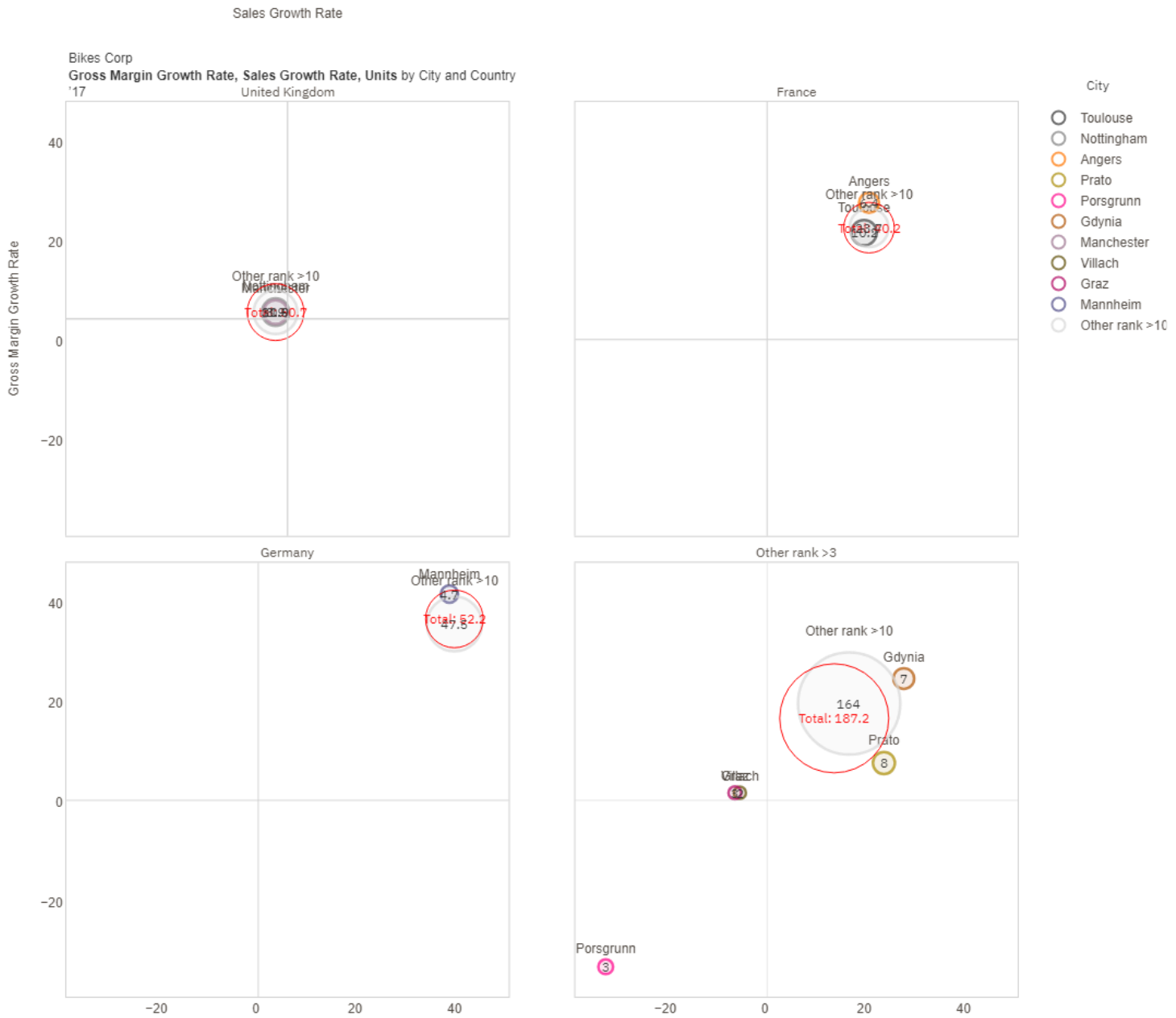
Road Bikes dominate sales and profitability, while Mountain Frames have the highest gross margin percentage. The product distribution is balanced, except for Road Bikes, and the Other Rank >4 category presents an optimization opportunity (p.30). Markets show a complex interplay between sales volume, gross margin efficiency, and customer distribution, with the "Other Rank >4" category leading in sales, gross margin, and units. Sweden stands out with the highest gross margin percentage, suggesting tailoring strategies to each market's characteristics (p.31).

In 2017, the top 35% of cities contributed 79% of total sales and 78% of total gross margin, with the distribution of gross margin roughly proportionate to sales distribution (p.32). Customer channels had varying overlap, with Walk-in and Web customers complementing each other, while the Phone channel had the biggest customer base but minimal crossover with other channels (p.33).

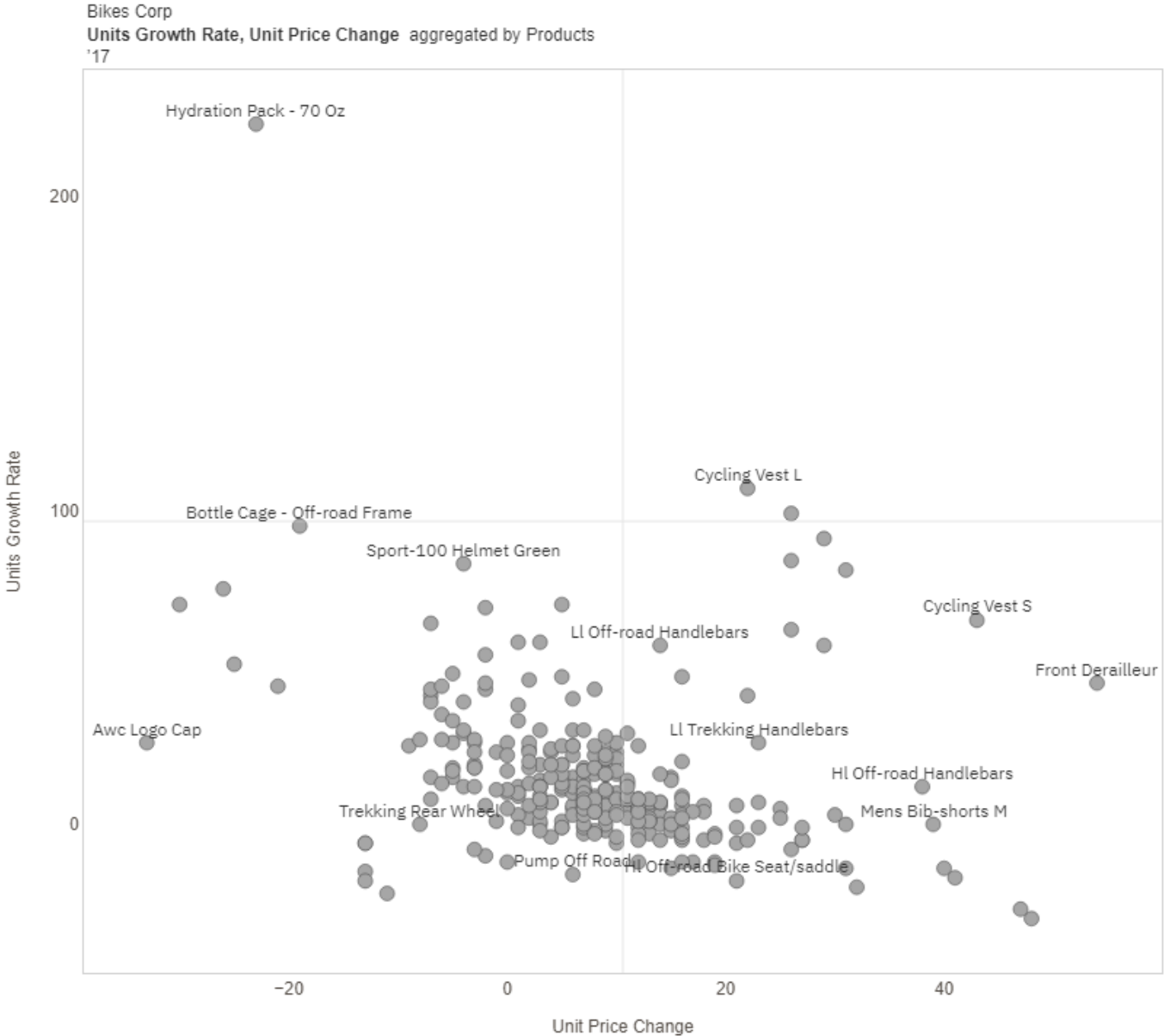
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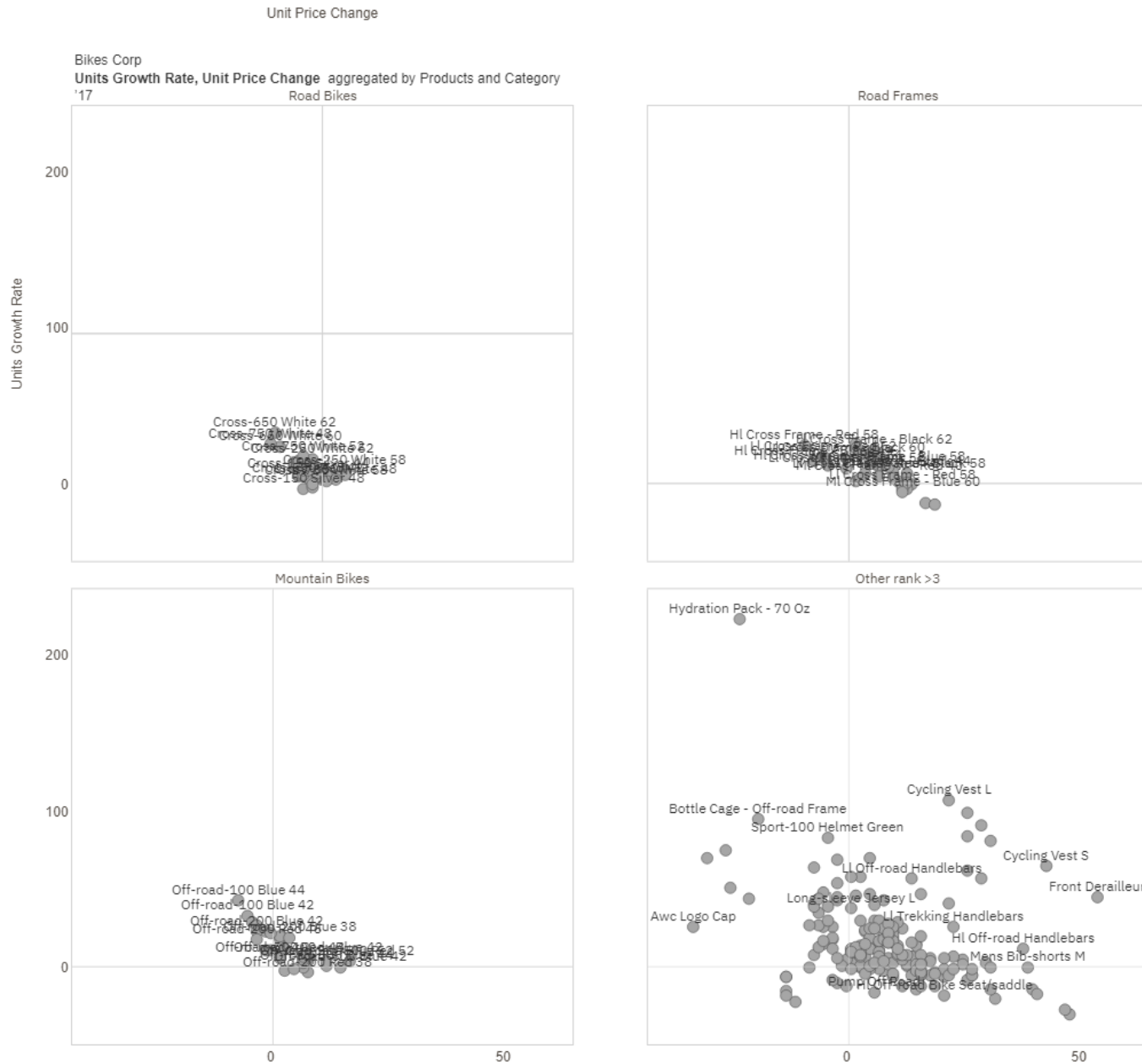
Germany, particularly the "Other rank >10" category, stands out as a strong and expanding market for Bikes Corp, with the highest units sold and robust growth rates. The UK and France show stable growth, with significant contributions from smaller cities. The "Other rank >3" category reveals a complex landscape, with high growth in some cities and notable declines in others, calling for strategic adjustments in underperforming areas.



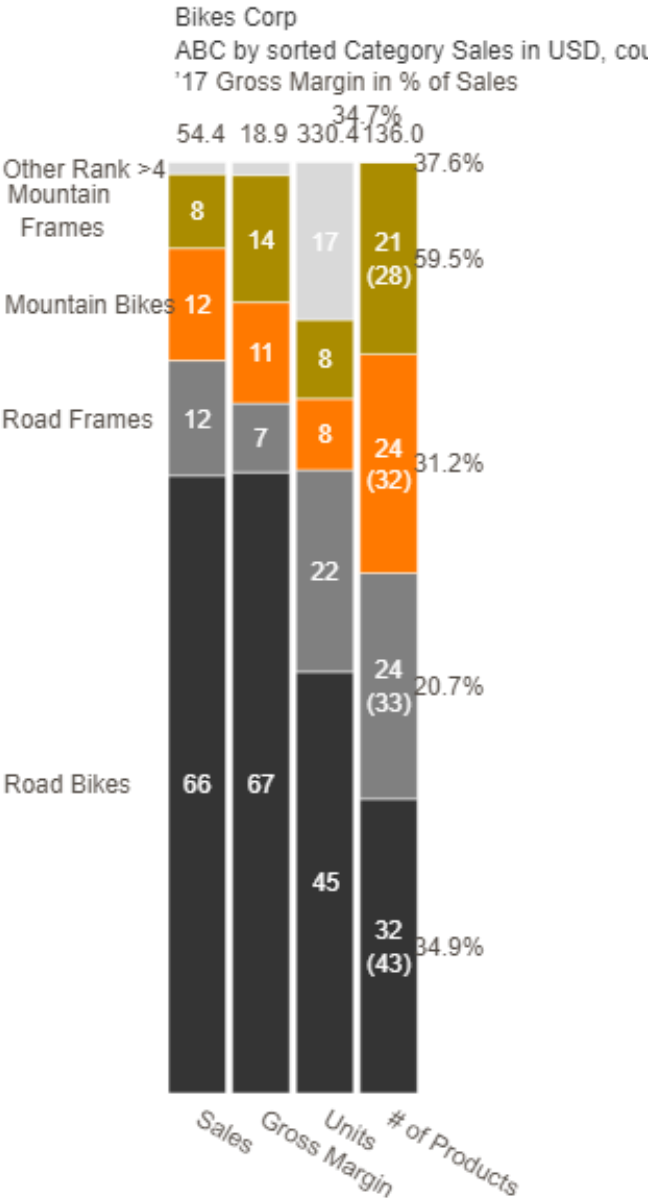
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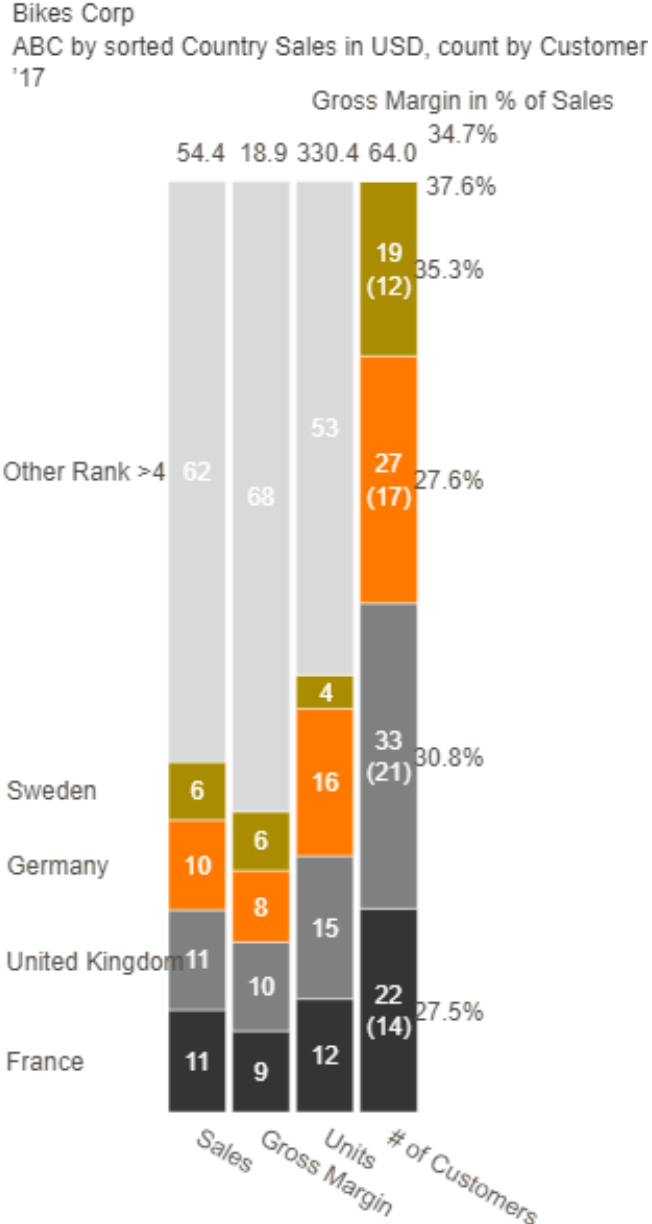
Bikes Corp's product categories vary in stability and dynamism. Road Bikes and Road Frames have low variability in unit growth and price changes, so they're stable. Mountain Bikes have some price variability but no corresponding jump in unit growth. The 'Other' category is the most dynamic, with high unit growth and price changes, hinting at potential volatility.



Road Bikes dominate Bikes Corp's sales and profitability. However, Mountain Frames have the highest gross margin percentage, suggesting a valuable niche market. The product distribution is balanced across categories, except for Road Bikes. The Other Rank >4 category accounts for a significant portion of units sold, presenting an optimization opportunity.

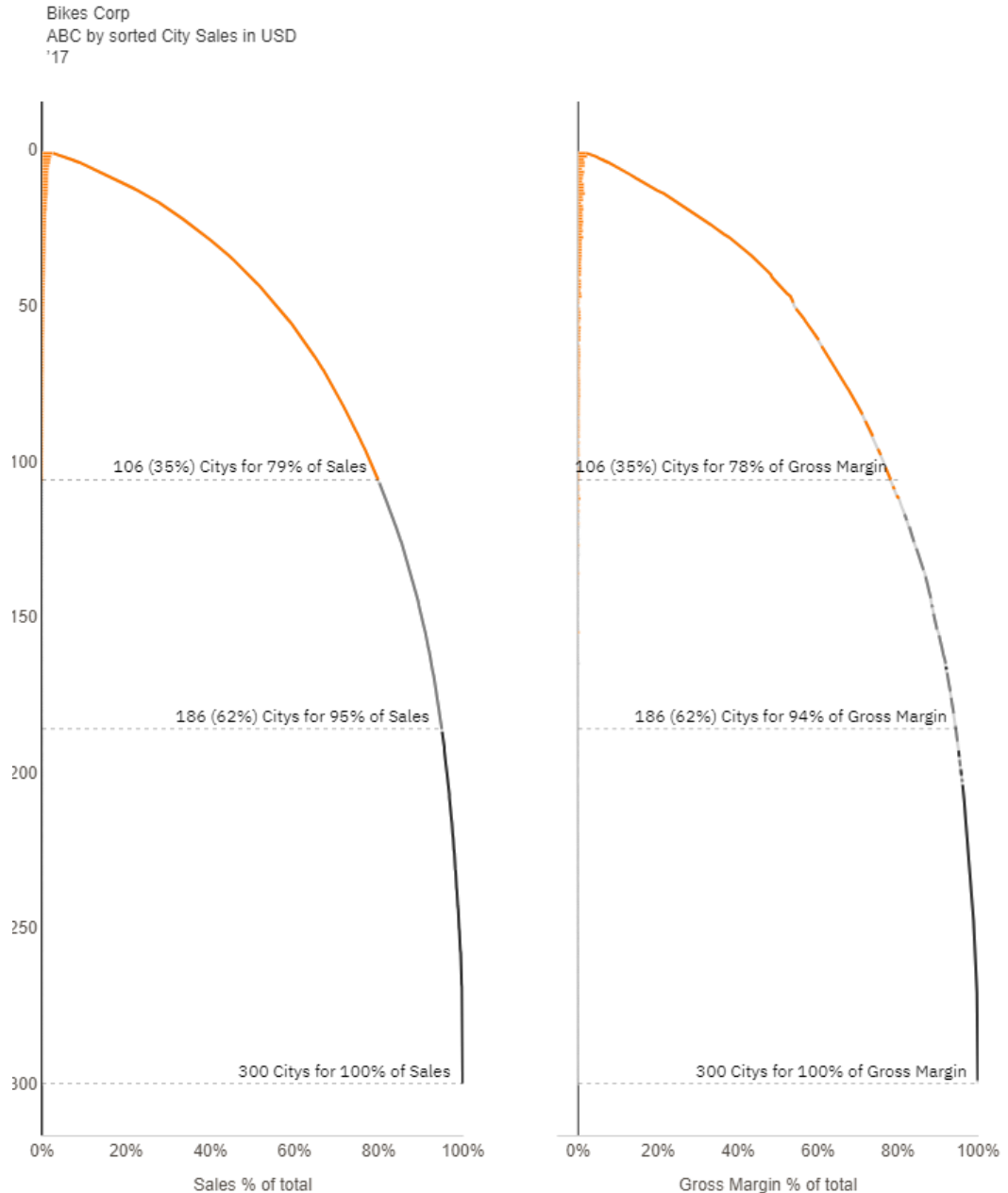


Bikes Corp's markets show a complex interplay between sales volume, gross margin efficiency, and customer distribution. The aggregated "Other Rank >4" category significantly leads in sales, gross margin, and units, highlighting the importance of smaller markets. Sweden stands out with the highest gross margin percentage, indicating an efficient market for converting sales to gross margin. Tailoring strategies to each market's characteristics is suggested, balancing focus between volume and efficiency.

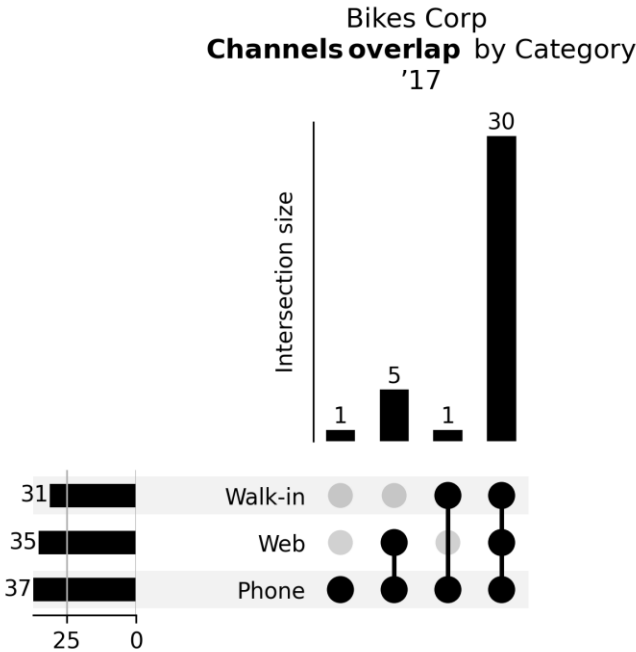




In 2017, Bikes Corp's top 35% of cities contributed 79% of total sales and 78% of total gross margin. The distribution of gross margin was roughly proportionate to sales distribution, without significant disparities or negative gross margins among cities with similar sales levels.



Bikes Corp's customer channels in 2017 had varying overlap. The most shared elements were between Walk-in and Web customers, suggesting they complement each other. The Phone channel had the biggest customer base but minimal crossover with other channels, indicating a more distinct group. Walk-in and Phone had a moderate overlap, much smaller than Walk-in and Web but still notable.



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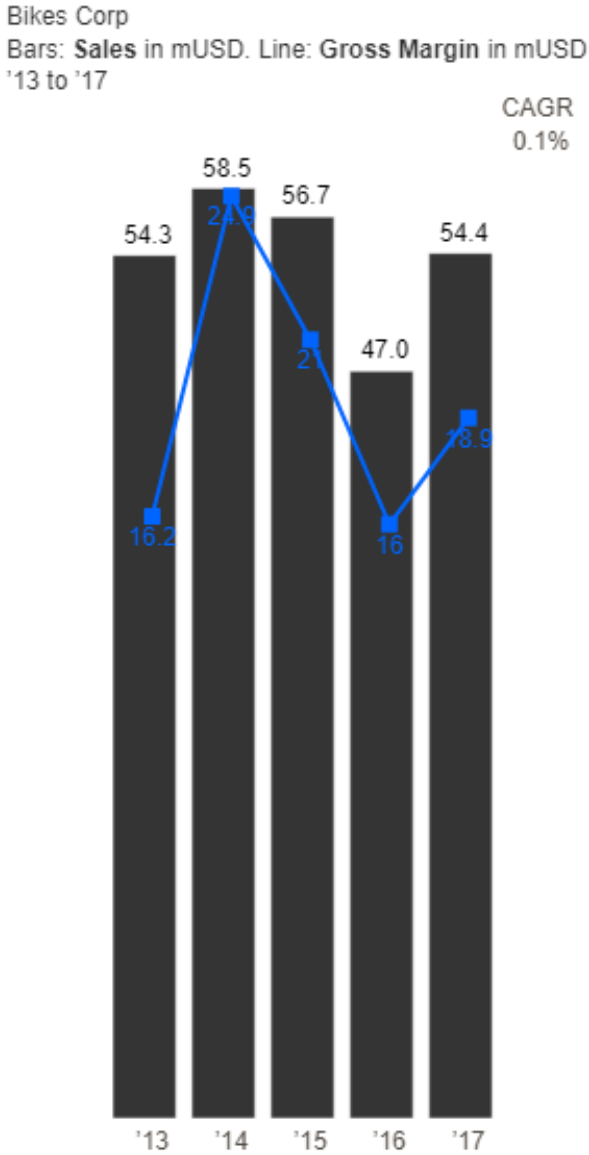
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The company experienced overall growth from 2013 to 2017, with a sales CAGR of 2.5% despite fluctuations (p.40). The bike market showed a healthy 19.2% units CAGR, with the "Other (rank >4)" category leading at 20.2%, indicating emerging trends (p.41). Bikes Corp's sales grew 16% in 2017 compared to 2016, with monthly variances ranging from 56% growth in October to a 14% decline in December (p.42). The company's sales channels, Phone and "Other rank >1," saw growth of 13% and 19% respectively from 2016 to 2017 (p.43).

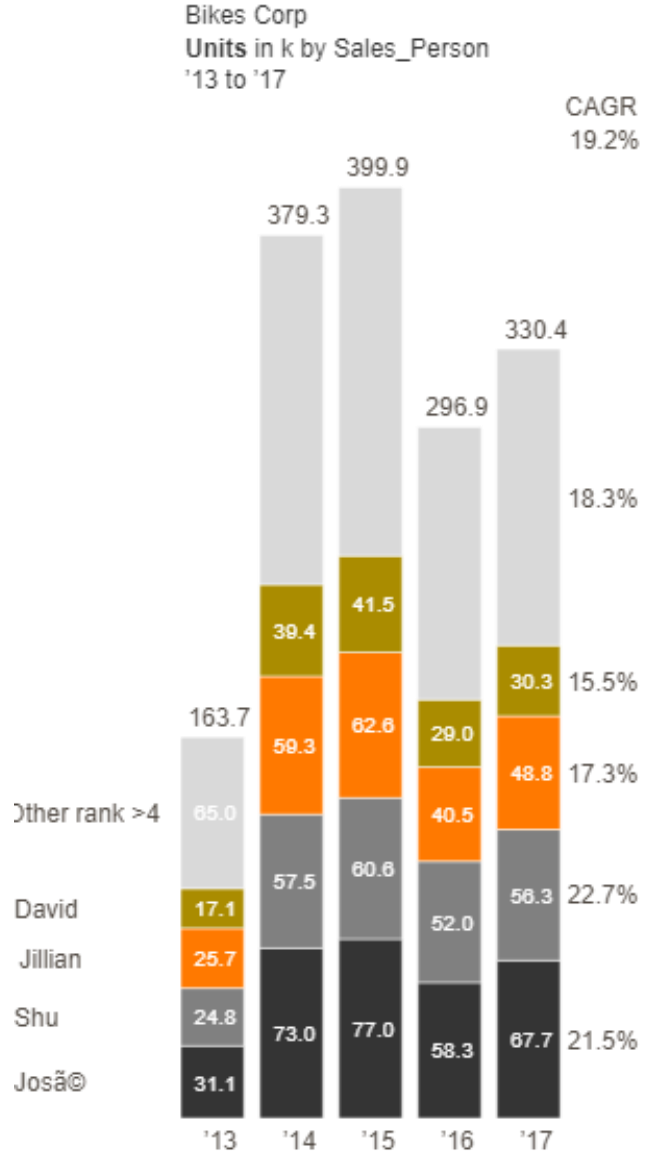
However, the company's growth and financial health face challenges. The 2013 customer cohort shows stagnation with a 0.0% CAGR, while the 2014 cohort presents a valuable opportunity with a 55.3% CAGR (p.38). The company should focus on retaining customers and increasing sales from existing ones to minimize losses and drive growth (p.39). Additionally, analyzing the strategies of top-performing salespersons like Shu (22.7% CAGR) and José could help maximize overall sales growth (p.37).

To improve financial health and sustainability, the company must focus on increasing sales and managing costs (p.36). Targeting the needs of both stagnant and growing customer cohorts, increasing engagement and spending among the 2013 cohort, and attracting and retaining customers in newer cohorts like 2014 will be crucial for future growth (p.38). Capitalizing on high-growth periods and developing targeted strategies for low-performing months will further enhance the company's performance (p.42, p.43).

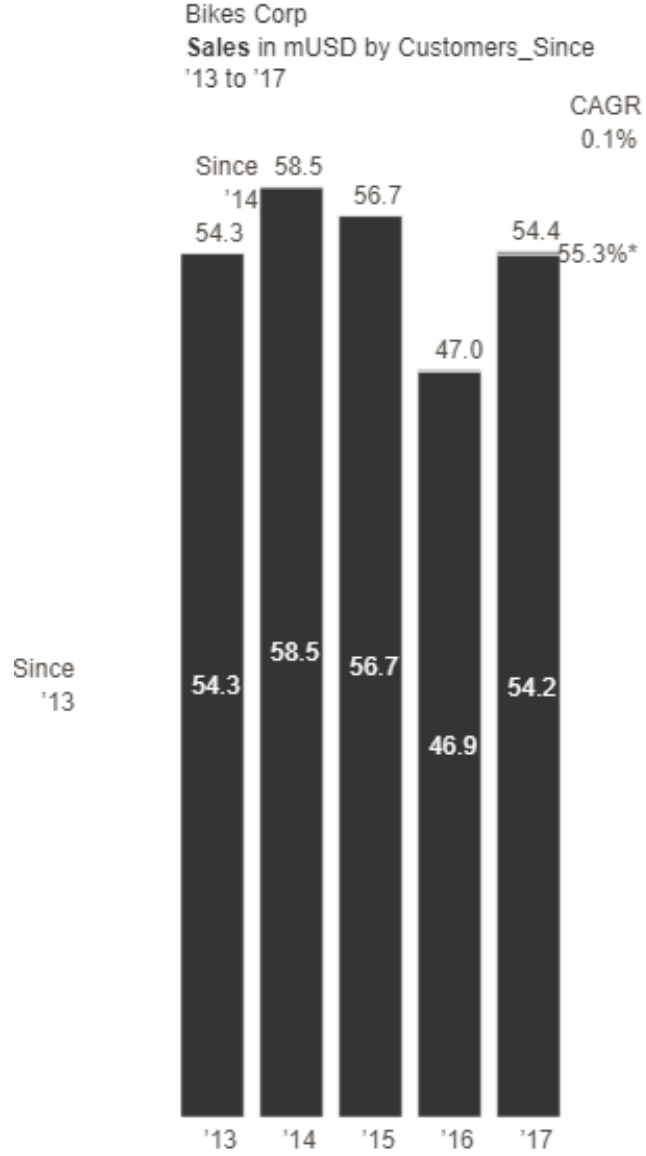
The company grew, then declined, and now shows signs of recovery. In 2014, they had the highest sales and gross margin, setting a future target. But minimal overall growth and fluctuating gross margins mean they need to focus on increasing sales and managing costs to improve financial health and sustainability.



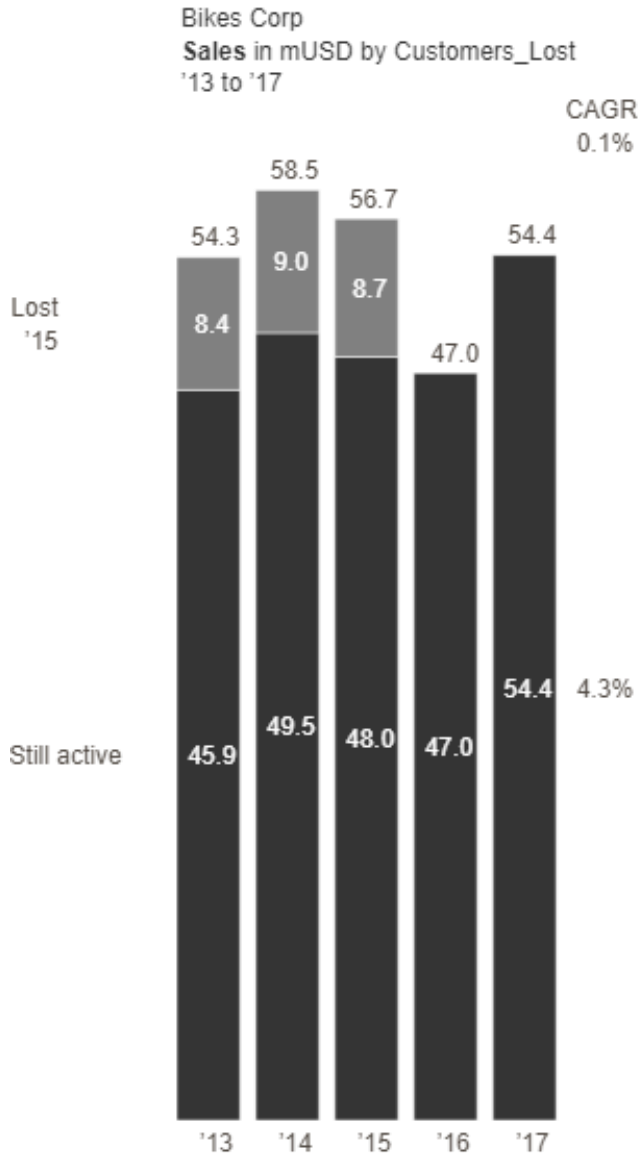
Sales volume grew positively from 2013 to 2017, but performance varied among salespersons. Shu had the highest CAGR at 22.7%, while David lagged at 15.5%. The different CAGRs and yearly sales fluctuations suggest varying market potentials or sales strategy effectiveness for each salesperson. Analyzing the strategies of top performers like Shu and José could help maximize overall sales growth.



The 2013 cohort shows signs of stagnation, with 0.0% CAGR. In contrast, the 2014 cohort presents a valuable growth opportunity, demonstrating a significant 55.3% CAGR. Focus on strategies that address the needs of both cohorts to sustain and enhance sales growth. Increase engagement and spending among the 2013 cohort to maintain a stable revenue base. Attract and retain customers in newer cohorts like 2014 to drive future growth.



The dataset shows a positive sales growth trend, with still active customers delivering a 4.3% CAGR. Lost customer sales decreased until 2015, and the lack of data after suggests improved retention or sales strategies for active customers. The company should focus on retaining customers and increasing sales from existing ones to minimize losses and drive growth.

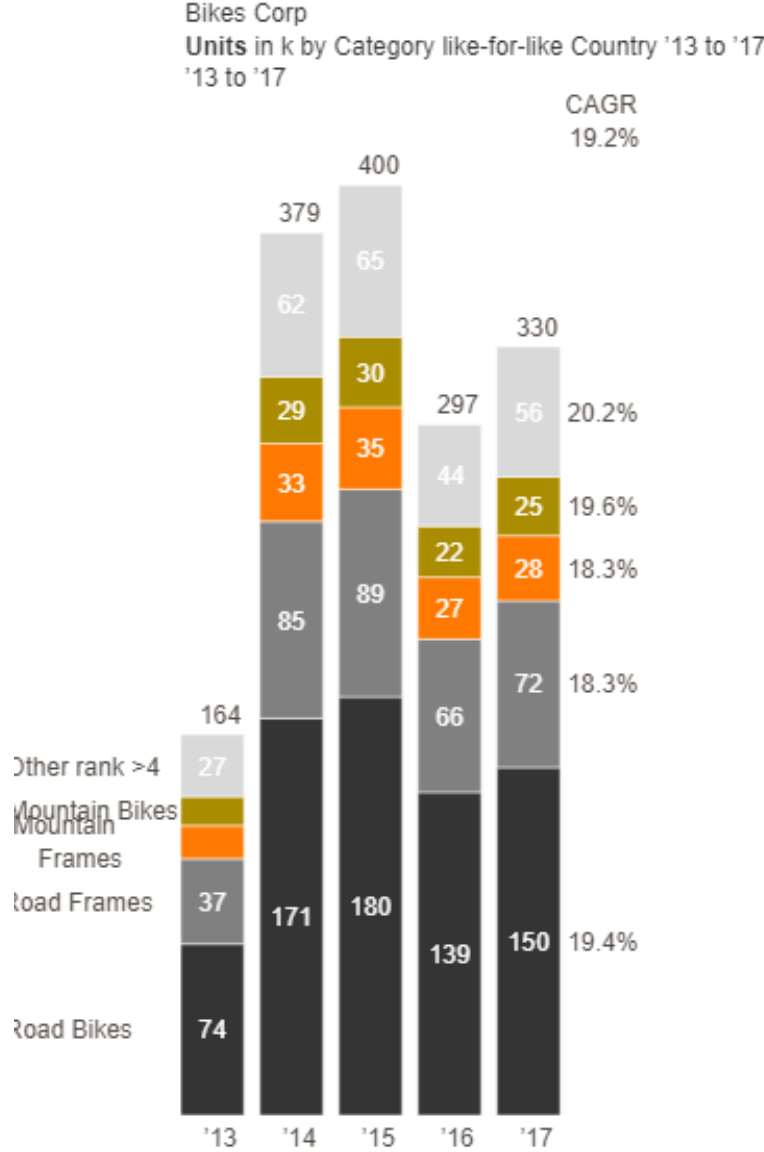




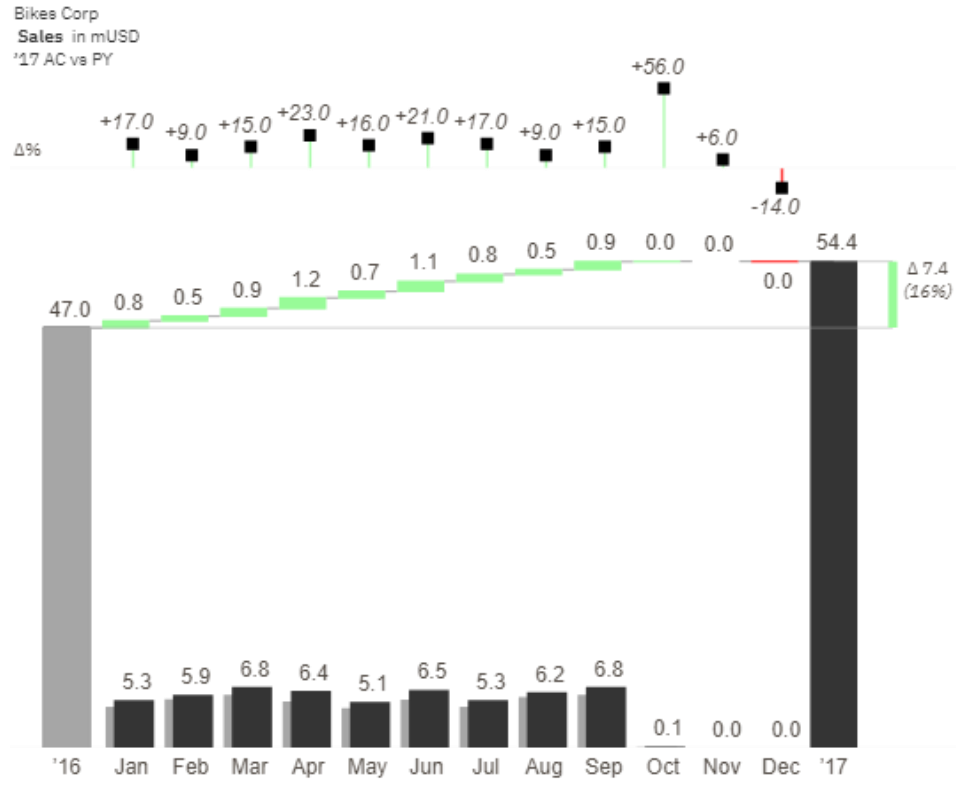
Sales by Sales\_Person peaked in 2014 and 2017, with a decline in 2015 and a more significant decrease in 2016 before recovering to the highest point in 2017. Despite yearly fluctuations, the overall trend was positive, with a CAGR of 2.5% from 2013 to 2017. The sales team's ability to adapt and bounce back in 2017 was particularly impressive.



The bike market showed healthy growth from 2013 to 2017, with an overall units CAGR of 19.2%. The \Other (rank >4)\ category had the highest CAGR at 20.2%, suggesting emerging trends gaining traction. Despite a dip in 2016-2017, the market proved resilient and continued growing.

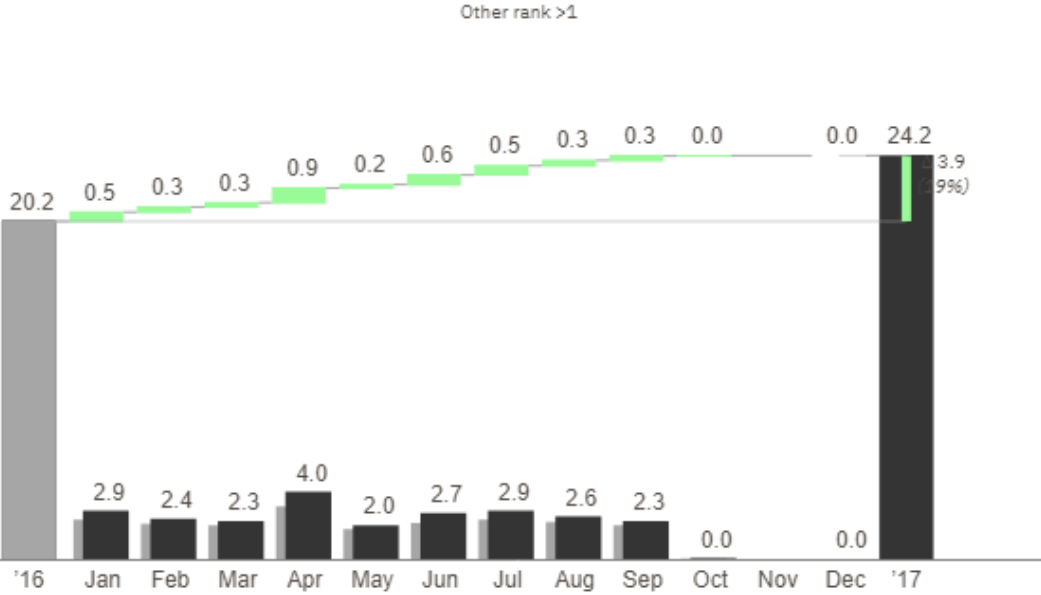
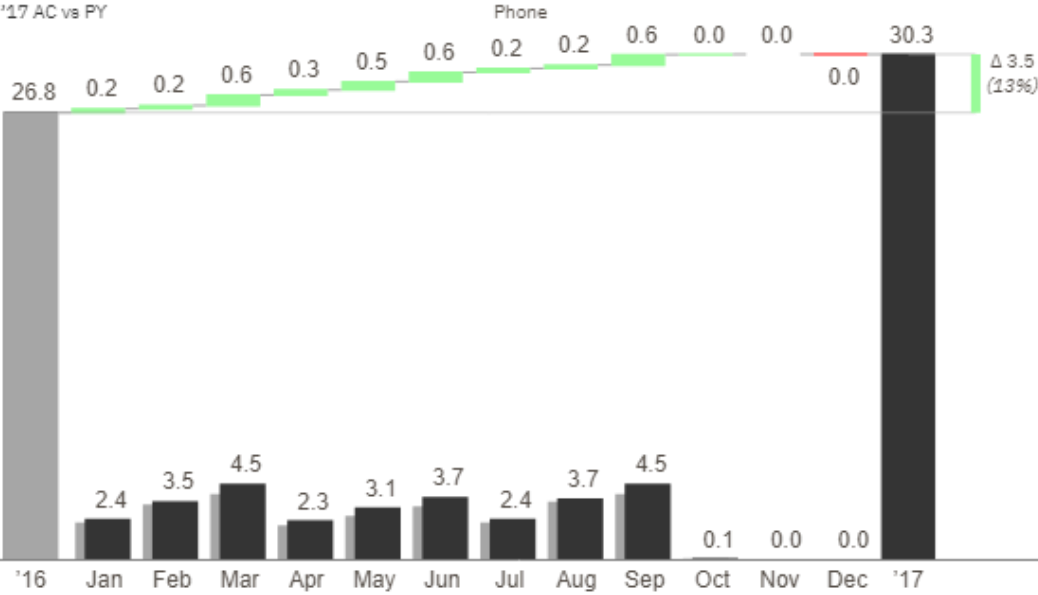


Bikes Corp's sales grew 16% in 2017 vs 2016, with monthly variances. April had the highest absolute sales, while October saw the highest growth at 56%, albeit on a lower base. December was the only month with a decline, down 14%, suggesting specific factors influence certain months. The variance in monthly growth rates, from 56% in October to -14% in December, highlights opportunities for targeted strategies to boost low-performing months and capitalize on high-growth periods.



Bikes Corp saw healthy growth in both its Phone and 'Other rank >1' sales channels from 2016 to 2017. The 'Other rank >1' channel grew by 19%, outpacing the Phone channel's 13% increase. March, April, and September were particularly strong months for both channels, while December saw a decline, possibly due to seasonal factors or challenges. The higher growth rate in the 'Other rank >1' channel points to substantial potential beyond phone sales.

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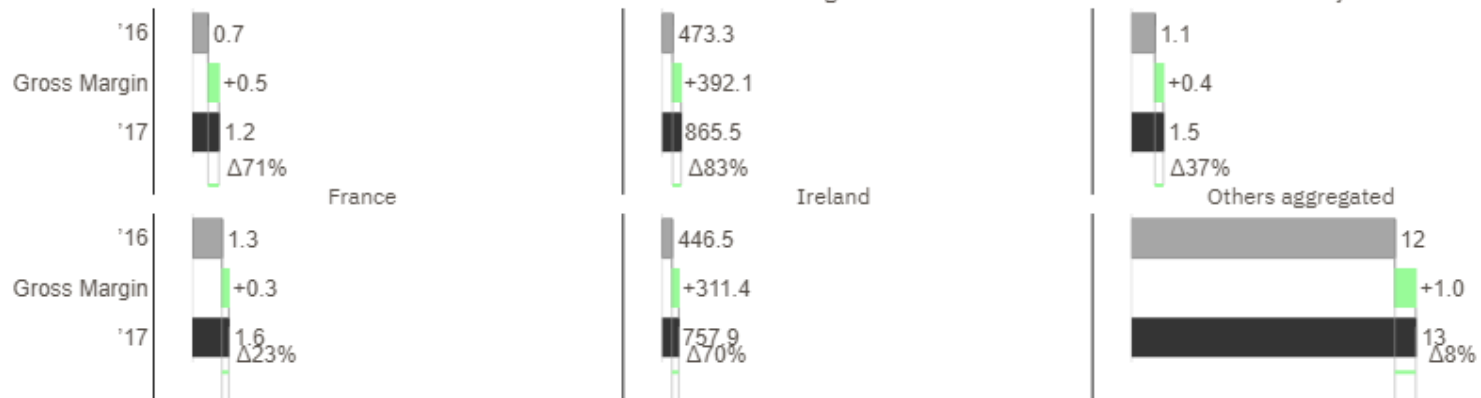
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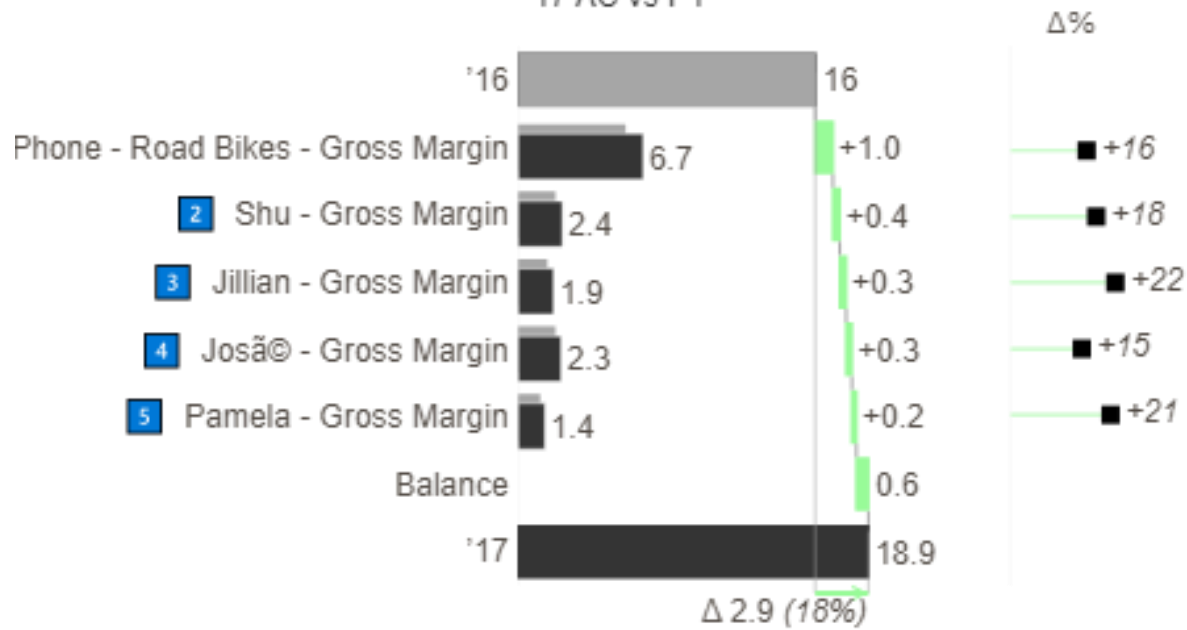


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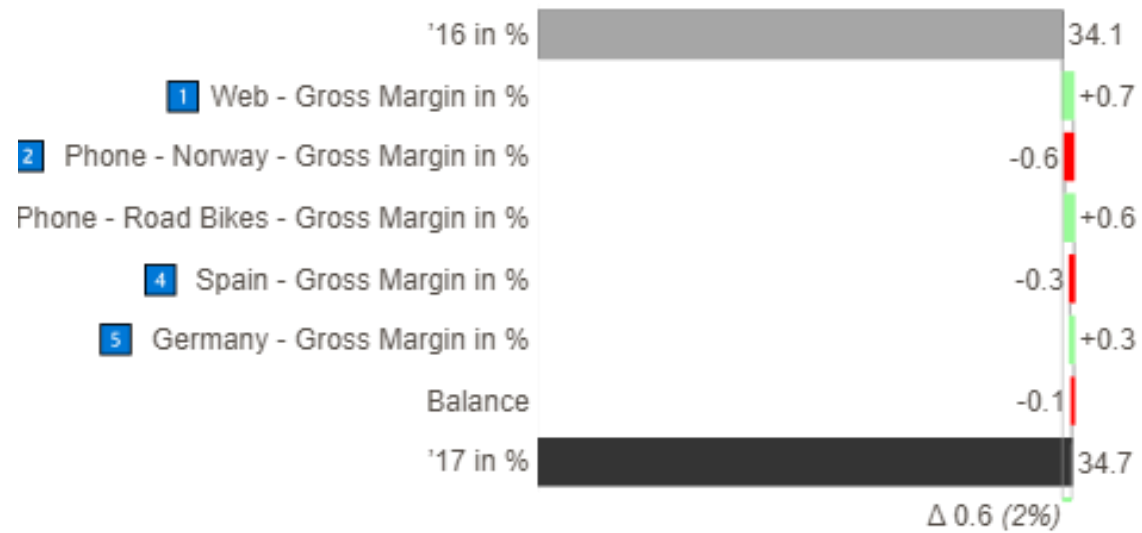




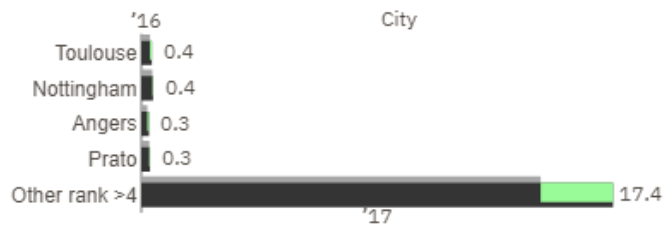
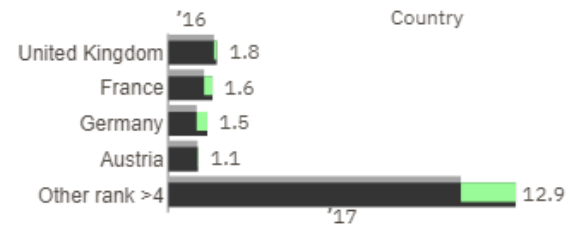
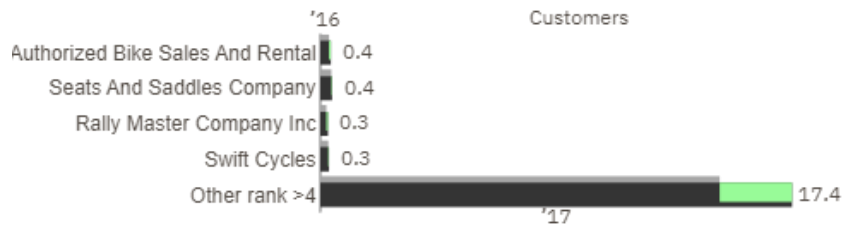
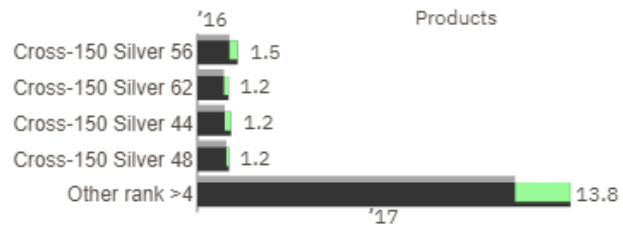
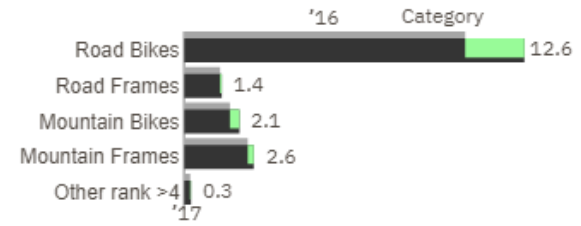
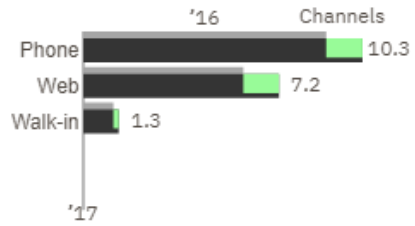
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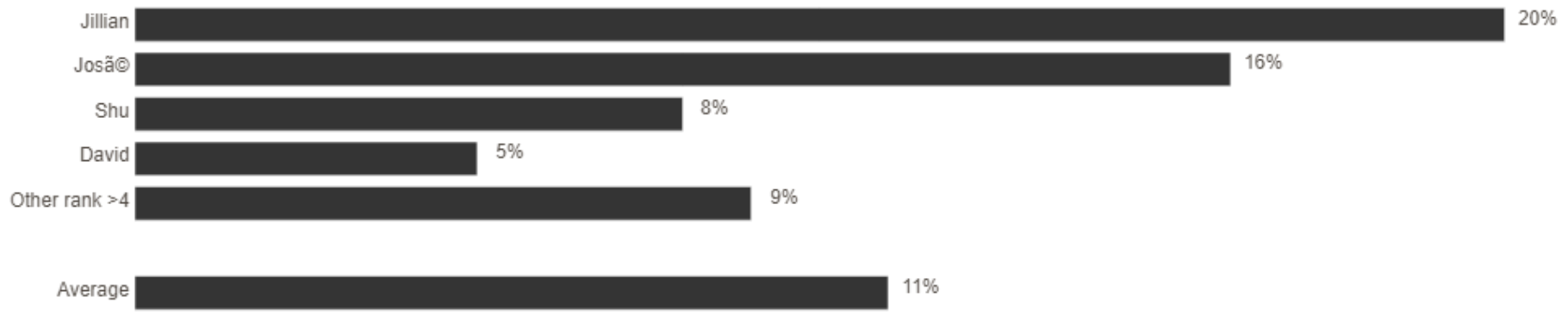
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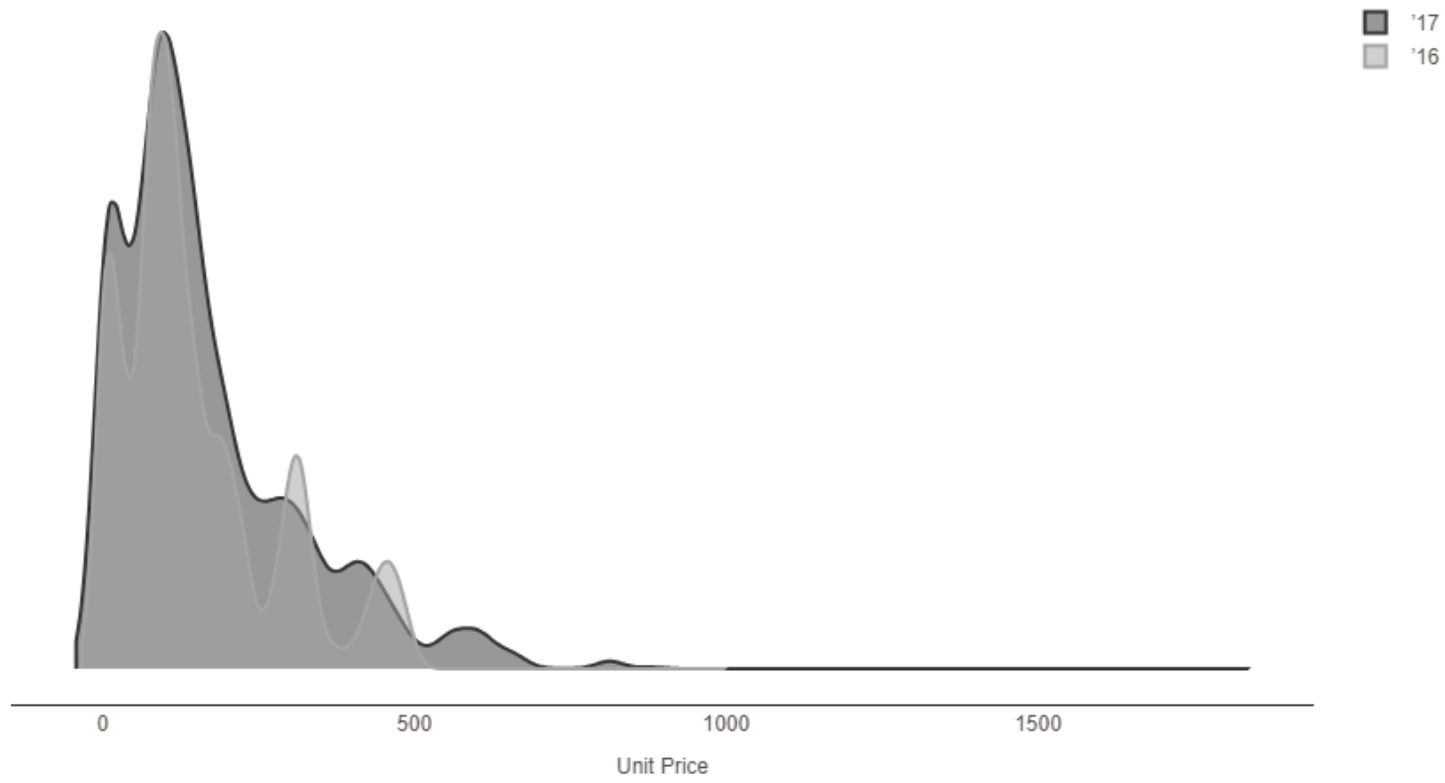
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