## Just Telling Stores to Sell More is Pointless – Especially Since It's Easy to Actually Help Them

You can spot missed sales opportunities with store traffic and conversion insights. Unfortunately, most managers look at their data through the sales lens.

The chart shows sales by hour and there's not much to see. Sales are relatively consistent throughout the day with the exception of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM. The opening and closing store hours have lower sales which is understandable.



## Will looking at sales transaction counts provide insight into where sales are being lost?

The chart shows sales transaction counts by hour. If sales transactions are a good proxy for store traffic, you would assume that the peak traffic hour is 3:00 PM. Otherwise the transaction trend looks pretty consistent throughout the day.

In terms of spotting missed sales opportunities, there's not really much to see here either. If this is all the data the store manager has to rely on to try to spot missed sales opportunities, there just wouldn't be any to spot.

So then how do you spot missed sales opportunities? This is where store traffic and conversion data are really important.



- This chart shows the store traffic by hour indicated by the blue bars, and the corresponding conversion rates. These are the yellow dots.
- This view provides a different perspective on what's happening in the store and importantly where the opportunities are.
- The chart shows that store traffic actually peaked at 2:00 PM, not 3:00 PM like the transaction data indicated.
- Traffic from the noon hour, right through to 3:00 PM was the highest of the day for this store.

Store traffic defines the sales opportunity. If you're looking to spot missed sales opportunities, you should look for them during the busiest traffic hours, which would be from noon to 3:00 PM. But beyond traffic, the chart also shows that conversion rates drop during these hours.

## Sagging conversion rates are the telltale sign that the store is missing sales opportunities.

Shoppers are visiting the store, but they're leaving without buying. It's the conversion sag that indicates exactly where this is occurring. Spotting missed sales opportunities isn't difficult if you have the right data and it's presented in the right way.



"When you provide your store managers with basic data presented in the right way, they're in a far better position to actually do something about it because they know where to look." Mark Ryski Author, Founder & CEO of HeadCount

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