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- **0-3 days, 15%**
- **4-7 days, 20%**
- **8-15 days, 15%**
- **16-30 days, 5%**
- **31+ days, 5%**

For your team, 20% of cases were missing this order date.

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