Social Media Which Platform is Right For You?

How to choose the right social media channel



FACEBOOK

| PROS |
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| Largest social network in the world |
| Popular posts that are liked & shared can reach thousands |
| Easy to get started, add links, calls to action and events |
| CONS |
| Algorithm changes can reduce reach overnight |
| 40% of users don't 'like' any brand pages so paid promotion can be the only way to reach them |
| Posts from friends & family are prioritised so you need likes and shares to get seen |
| 10.86% average number Of page followers Who see a post |
| 73% of 30-49 year olds use Facebook |
| 1.71 billion users a month and most popular social network for over -50s |
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| TWITTER |
| PROS |
| Useful for networking with bloggers and press, and finding content to share |
| Tweets are indexed by Google so can boost your SEO |

| Taking part in Twitter chats is a great way to meet other shop owners and get advice |
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| CONS |
| Character limits restrict how much you can say |
| It's very fast-moving so posts quickly get buried |
| Many users find it confusing and don't stick around |
| 24.6% Of all verified users are journalists |
| 18% tweets with images get 18% more clicks |
| 320 million users a month but 44% of accounts have never sent a tweet |
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| INSTAGRAM |
| PROS |
| Visual platform suits designers and makers |
| Lots of creatives use Instagram so it's easy to find your 'tribe' |
| Using hashtags enables posts to reach beyond your own followers |
| CONS |
| No clickable links in captions means you have to work hard to encourage click-throughs |
| Posts can get hidden in non-chronological timeline |
| Introduction of Instagram Stories appears to have reduced engagement on normal posts |
| 58X more engagement per follower than Facebook |
| 53% of users are aged 18-29 |
| 400 million users a month |
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| PINTEREST |
| PROS |
| As part of a vast search engine, pins have a longer shelf life than tweets or Facebook posts |
| Average spend from referrals is twice as high as from Facebook |
| Pins link to their source & the average pin is repinned 10 times |
| CONS |
| You need to pin frequently to be most effective |
| Pinterest has a big US bias, with 55% of users in the United States |
| Less interaction with customers |
| 15-30 the ideal number you need to pin a day for best results |

| 85% of users are female | |
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