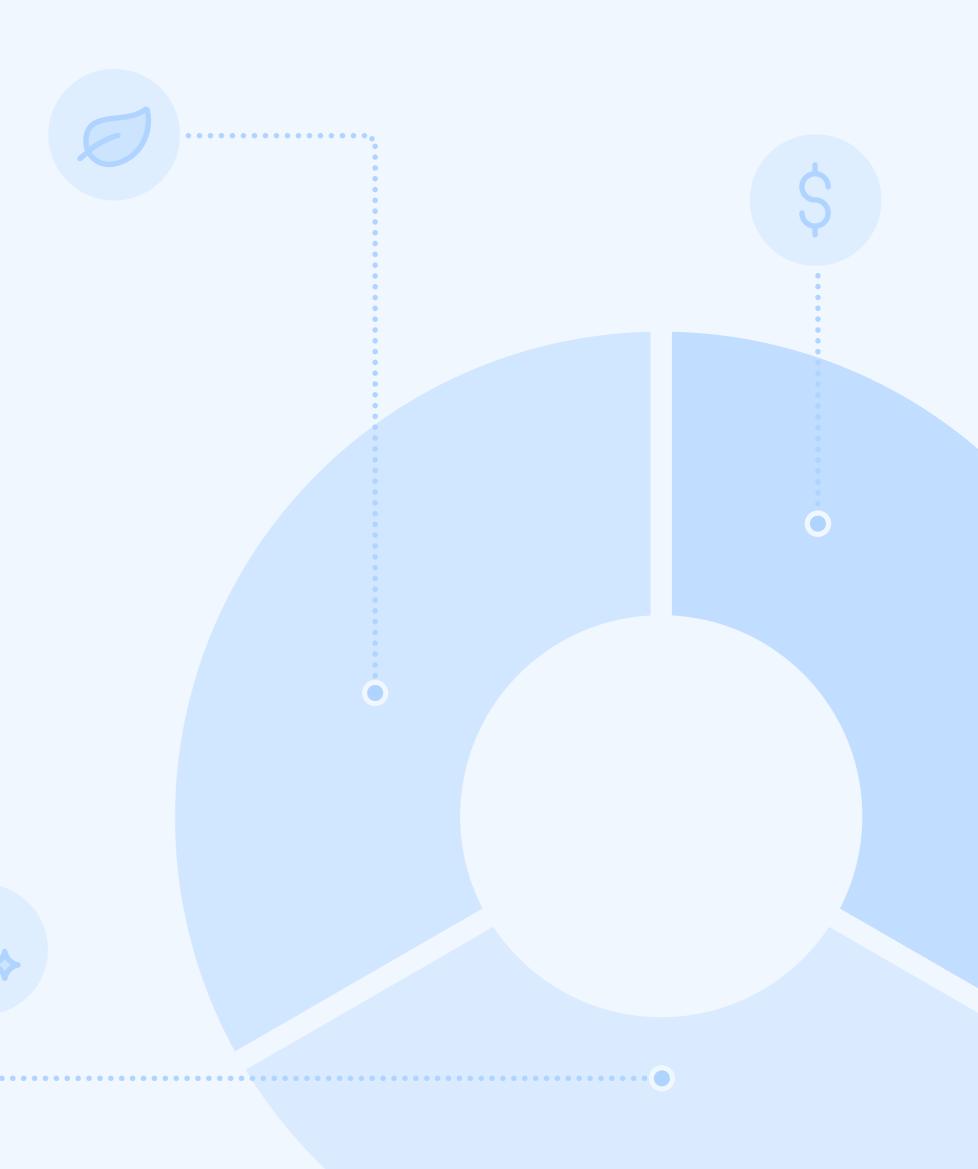
Social Media Trends Report

# The Next Phase of Creator, Organic and Paid

**Perfecting the Content Lifecycle** 





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## **Perfecting the Content Lifecycle**

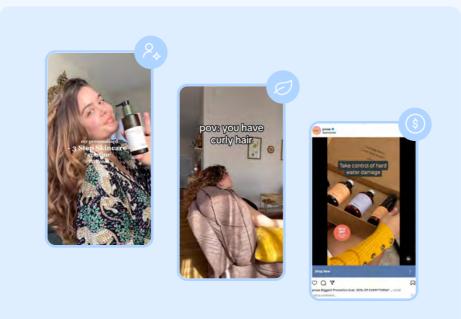
## Introduction

## The social media landscape is increasingly complicated to navigate.

In recent years, a new set of rules have emerged. Shortform video has taken over, and there's been a significant shift from socially-driven to content-driven feeds, as platforms deemphasize follower counts in favor of the popularity of posts. Brands and creators with the biggest audiences still have the best chance of breaking out of the algorithm and achieving sustained high performance, essentially democratizing the entire space.

At the same time, audiences are more niche in their pursuits and passions, meaning one-size-fits-all content is no longer viable on its own. Instead, brands must complement mainstream messaging with a tailored approach to content that speaks to highly specific demographics. Considering the cost and effort required to produce even a single piece of content, every post needs to work harder than ever to maximize engagement and ROI.

Given these challenges, it's become critical for social media marketing teams to have a more sophisticated strategy for producing content and amplifying its effectiveness. This means taking a holistic approach to the three pillars of the content lifecycle: Creator, Organic and Paid.



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During 2023, Insider Intelligence forecasted that spending on creator content would increase 3.5x faster than social ad spending, despite social ad spending still far outpacing influencer spending, at \$83.72 billion versus \$5.14 billion. Some of that rapid growth on the creator side may in fact be a sign of a more hybrid social strategy emerging. In a recent survey, Linqia found that nearly 65% of US marketers dedicated at least half of their 2023 influencer marketing budgets to paid media with more marketers using creator content on paid social channels (85%) versus organic brand channels (72%).

Within this report, Dash Social analyzed Instagram content from 2023 to highlight the key roles that each of these pillars play and the best ways to utilize them in tandem to achieve exponential results and outperform the competition. Based on our findings, we've established clear guidance on using Creator, Organic and Paid\* to maximum effect with special attention given to identifying the best content to boost.

\*Please note that the content only.



\*Please note that throughout the report 'Paid' refers to boosted

## What's Inside:

- Gain insight into the core value that creator, organic and paid bring and benchmark their frequency and use against other brands.
- Compare the performance of each of the three pillars around key metrics to understand how they can be deployed most effectively.
- Learn how to choose the best content to boost based on type and Entertainment Score to get the results you want to achieve.
- An overview of the current social landscape across platforms.
- Discover how brands are using TikTok Shop and see how the right strategy can boost your social shopping results.

## **Snapshot of Key Social Platform Updates**

As new technologies and user behaviors emerge, the major platforms constantly evolve their offerings alongside them to gain a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

These fresh features and tools present opportunities for brands to reach and engage their audiences in exciting ways and differentiate themselves.

Looking ahead, Dash Social identified three notable shifts taking place: the integration of Generative AI enhancements to the core platform experience, the reemergence of social commerce, particularly on TikTok, as a legitimate sales channel and the continued growth of direct messaging as a driver of engagement.

## The Evolution of AI to Enhance Social Media Platforms

Love it or hate it, AI's here to stay, and 64% of marketers use it. Most of them say they've seen value from it and will keep investing in it. Social media platforms are also enhancing their offerings.

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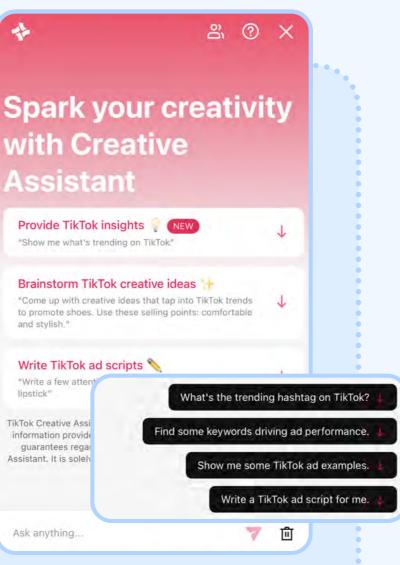
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Ask anything ...



**TikTok launched an AI-powered "Creative** Assistant" to guide marketers through aspects of the campaign creation process from platform insights to creative ideas and custom ad scripts. TikTok owner Bytedance has also launched custom AI Chatbot Creation tools.



Meta has previewed two generative AI tools that facilitate video creation and in-stream photo creation/editing from text prompts. It has also expanded access to its chat personas, which include AI versions of Kendall Jenner, Tom Brady and more, and is experimenting with custom AI chatbot creation tools.

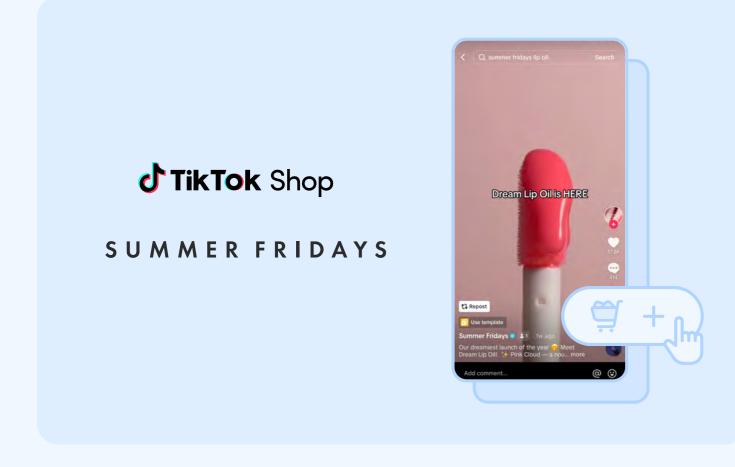
Additionally, lead-gen advertisers will be able to apply AI across targeting, creative, placements and budget on the Meta Advantage suite of ad automation products.

- (O) Instagram is testing several Gen AI features including custom sticker creation and visual editing tools for uploaded content.
- YouTube launched Dream Track, an experimental generative AI tool that enables users to create music in the style of various famous artists.

## The Growth of Social Commerce

Since TikTok Shop launched, social commerce has been gaining traction and making it easier for users to shop directly in-app.

TikTok launched TikTok Shop in the US in September 2023, combining shoppable J short-form videos and live streams. Brands like Summer Fridays and Sol de Janeiro are already using it and seeing success. It also added a new logistics offer Fulfilled by TikTok to TikTok Shop in the UK.



TikTok is also testing a centralized wallet in certain regions to manage in-app transactions.

Meta announced a partnership with Amazon that will allow users to purchase Amazon products without leaving Facebook and Instagram.

## **Private Messaging Plays an Expanded Role in Engagement**

Users are increasingly sharing social content and interacting with each other via direct messaging rather than posting publicly. Users are increasingly looking to form connections in smaller circles. Platforms are catering to those changes.

- just friends.



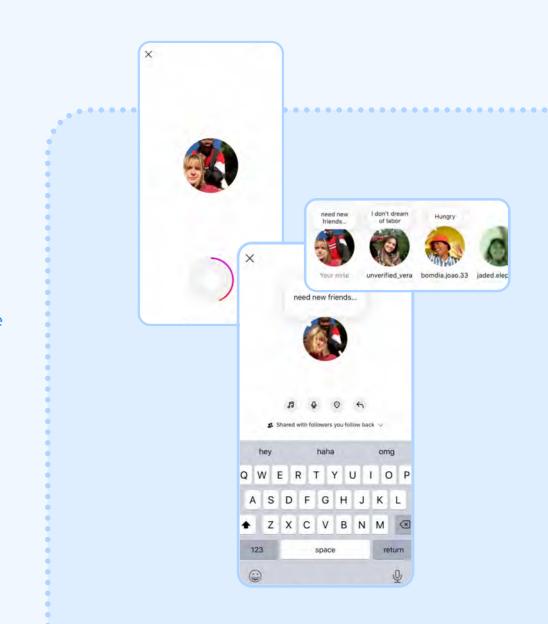
TikTok is reportedly exploring new social features that include messaging and sharing options. In early 2023, TikTok also expanded its DMs to allow users to send and receive in-app messages from any user, rather than

Neta adds Messenger back into Facebook. Almost a decade after they parted ways, users no longer need to download a separate app to send Facebook messages.

O Instagram launched Notes, Broadcast Channels, and "Close Friends" features. Head of Instagram Adam Mosseri has said that most of the app's growth is now coming from Stories and DMs.

Instagram continues to test new ways to use its Notes feature, allowing users to add Notes to any post, create Notes with looping 2-second videos and reply to Notes with a variety of new options.

Instagram is also experimenting with a new feature called Flipside that allows users to establish a private side to their profile where they can post content for a subset of their friends.



## **Platform Benchmarks**

While the value and effectiveness of the top social platforms varies depending on a brand's overall strategy, key objectives and target audience, it's important to have some general benchmarks in place to understand how you stack up against the competition. If you're underperforming in specific areas or channels, it's critical to reevaluate your approach to get your results on par with the rest of the market. Dash Social analyzed brand activity on the major platforms between January and June 2023 to identify average growth rates across key metrics and posting frequency. Given the importance of short-form video, we also benchmarked the average performance of content on YouTube Shorts, TikTok and Instagram Reels.

	<b>Overall Platform Comparison</b>				
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Avg. Followers/ Subscribers	289K	2.6M	765K	1.2M	231K
Avg. Monthly Growth Rate	<b>12.5</b> %*	0.6%	<b>1.8</b> %	0.5%	1.3%
Avg. Weekly Posts	5	5	7	32	17
Avg. Engagement Rate	<b>4.8</b> %	0.3%	-	3.8%	0.5%
Avg. Reach	117K*	194K*	-	54K	-
Avg. Impressions	-	-	-	-	26K

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**Impressions**: The total number of times a piece of content was displayed to the target audience

Reach: The total number of users exposed to a piece of content

### **Engagement Rate**:

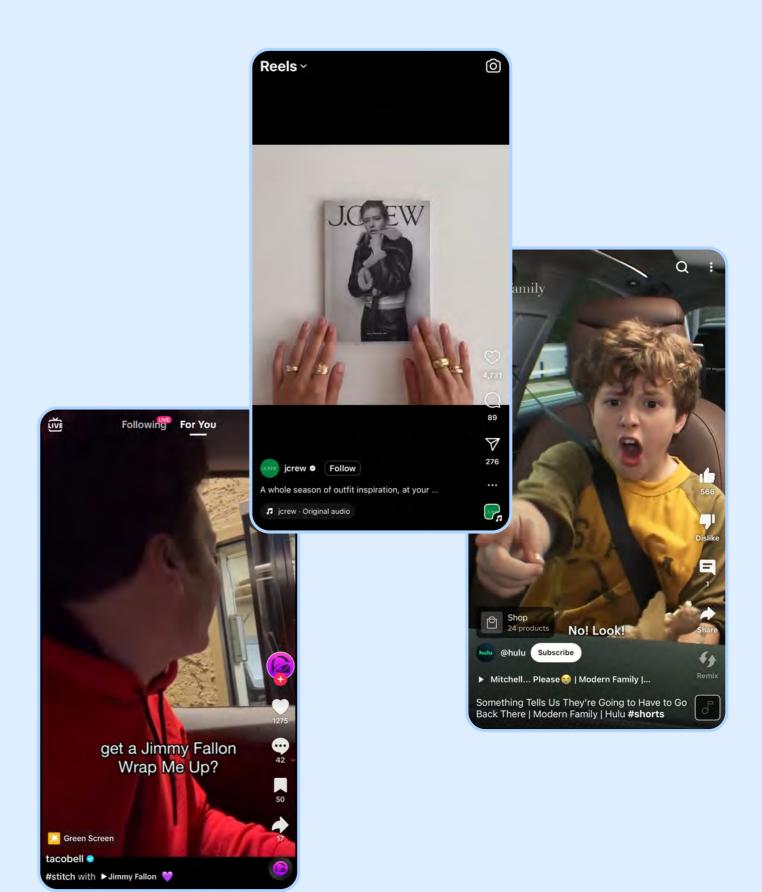
Pinterest: (Likes + Comments) / Followers
Instagram: (Likes+ Comments) / Followers
TikTok: (Likes+Comments+Shares) / Video Views
X: (Total Engagements) / Impressions
Facebook: Engagement Rate: (Total Engagements) / Impressions

Short-Form Video					
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Avg. Weekly Posts	<b>5</b> vs 4 in 1H 2023	<b>4</b> vs 3 in 1H 2023	<b>4</b> vs 1 in 1H 2023		
Avg. Cross-Channel Engagement Rate	<b>5.5%</b> +17%**	<b>2.8%</b> -15%**	<b>3.9%</b> +5%**		
Avg. Reach	<b>117K*</b> +31%**	<b>147K*</b> +50%**	-		
Avg. Video Views	<b>148K</b> +33%**	<b>153K*</b> +51%**	<b>32K</b> +77%**		
Avg. Shares	165	339*	42		

**Cross-Channel Engagement Rate**: The Cross Channel Engagement Rate is a metric created to compare each platform's short-form video offering equally.

**TikTok and Instagram**: (Likes + Comments + Shares) / Reach **YouTube**: (Likes + Comments + Shares) / Video Views\*





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## Creator, Organic and Paid Each Excel in a Specific Area of a Social Strategy

Within the content lifecycle, creator, organic and paid media have distinct roles to play depending on the objectives of an individual post or campaign.

At the same time, each of these pillars is even more impactful when working in concert with the others as part of a holistic social media strategy. And this crosspollination can drive meaningful results. IAB tracked over 1,000 consumer purchase journeys, finding that advertising alongside creator content can accelerate the purchase funnel, showing a greater impact on building brand loyalty and a 1.3x greater impact on inspiring brand advocacy.

Dash Social looked at the Instagram activity of more than 900 brands during 2023 to understand how companies are building out their strategies. Additional analysis explores the inherent benefits of each pillar and how they can be leveraged most effectively.

In the report, we detail how Dash Social's Vision AI tool aids brands in optimizing every aspect of the content lifecycle. This includes predicting the performance of user-generated content for the brand and identifying owned content expected to outperform the brand's average.



 Dash Social's Vision AI allows the brand to see how UGC content is expected to perform



Creator or influencer posts UGC and tags brand

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Performed above average

Brand posts the same piece of UGC organically



Brand puts ad spend behind organic post that performs well

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## A Creator

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## Ø Organic

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## Value

- Reach niche audiences through existing community relationships while generating more engagement than both paid and organic.
- Uncover insight into new trends and content ideas for brands to explore both as part of a partnership and within their organic strategy.

- Provides a regular cadence of fresh content to build brand loyalty and maintain an engaged community.
- Serves as a good indicator of what resonates with your audience and what type of content to put money behind.
- Enables brands to get already high-performing content in front of highly targeted audiences.
- Earns significantly more impressions than creator and organic content, highlighting its vital role in building brand awareness.

## Key Data

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Number of creator partnerships brands had in 2023, on average.

Number of pieces of content that creators post for brand partners, on average.

16X More engagement is generated by creators than brands when posting on Instagram.

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Amount of organic content a brand posts a week, on average.

39%

of organic content is static, 23% are carousels and 38% are Reels.

**9%** 

of brands boost posts and the ones that do boost an average of one in every five posts.

**70%** 

The percentage that some brands are boosting of their posts. The brands that boost the highest percentage of content tend to have smaller followings.

50%

Reels is the most common format of boosted content, followed by Static (32%) and Carousel (18%).

## A Synergistic Approach to Creator, Organic and Paid Gives Brands an Advantage

A comprehensive social media strategy needs to simultaneously achieve several different objectives – grow brand awareness among a target general audience, build an engaged community of loyal fans and pique the passions of hyper-niche subcultures. Succeeding in each of these areas requires very different types of content and ways to get them in front of the right audience.

Dash Social analyzed the performance of creator, organic and paid content across various metrics to understand where each type excelled relative to the other two, along with their most impactful use cases within the content lifecycle.

	Comr	nunity and Conne	ction	Brand Av	wareness
	Engagement Rate	Comments	Likes	Impressions	Video Views
<sup>2</sup> → Creator	7.9%	57	<b>4</b> K	61K	41.8K
🥏 Organic	5.9%	87	<b>4.7K</b>	113.8K	48.6K
🚯 Paid	1.9%	19	2.3K	Budget Pending	Budget Pending
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## A Creator

## Connecting with niche audiences and amplifying engagement.

- **+34%** higher engagement rate compared to organic content.
- **+316%** higher engagement rate compared to paid content.

## Ø Organic

## Building brand loyalty and maintaining an engaged community.

- **+358%** more comments and **+104%** more likes compared to paid content.
- **+53%** more comments and **+18%** more likes compared to creator content.

## (\$) Paid

### Growing brand awareness.

- **3x** more impressions and **6x** more video views compared to organic content, regardless of budget.
- **7x** more impressions and video views compared to creator content, regardless of budget.

## Boosting Organic Content Supercharges

## **Brand Awareness**

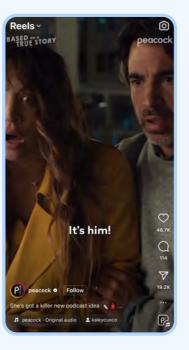
Paying to boost a piece of content effectively breaks it out of a platform's algorithm and places it in the feeds of targeted user demographics who might not otherwise have any previous knowledge of a particular brand. As a result, this approach excels at expanding brand awareness among a select audience of potential buyers, a huge first step in acquiring new customers and achieving greater sales over the long term. While boosting succeeds in increasing visibility, it's important to note that these efforts don't translate into higher levels of engagement as likes and comments don't experience the same lift.

Dash Social compared the performance of organic content on Instagram before and after it was boosted to understand where brands saw the greatest gains across key metrics.

### **Key Findings:**

On average, boosting organic content increased impressions (+295%), video views (+255%), likes (+19%) and comments (+8%).

After boosting organic content, engagement rate decreased by an average of 28% from 3.5% to 1.9%, which is an expected result.

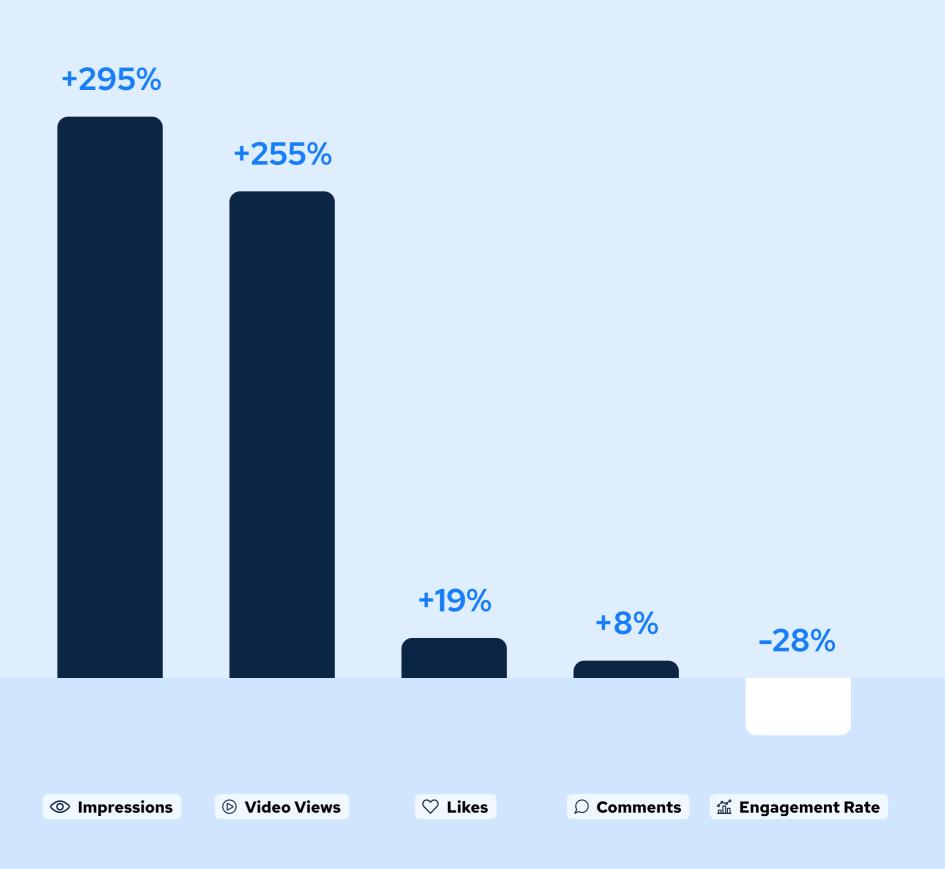


This organic Reel from Peacock has +4,069% more video views, +4,236% more impressions, +993% more likes and +113% more comments than the brand's average.

Data on this page is based on Instagram content only.



## Lift in Boosted Organic Content



## **Boosting Reels Delivers Impressions, While Boosting Static Content Engages**

Despite the shift toward short-form video, static content still has a big role to play in how brands engage their audiences.

For the vast majority of brands, text and image-based posts remain faster and cheaper to produce and, therefore represent a larger share of their regular content mix. There are noteworthy differences to highlight when boosting Static and Reels content.

Dash Social analyzed the performance of boosted Static and Reels content on Instagram to understand how the different formats influenced the results. Boosting static posts generated significantly higher engagement rates than Reels, pointing to their effectiveness in building community relationships. Reels outperformed Static in audience impressions, proving to be better at growing brand awareness.

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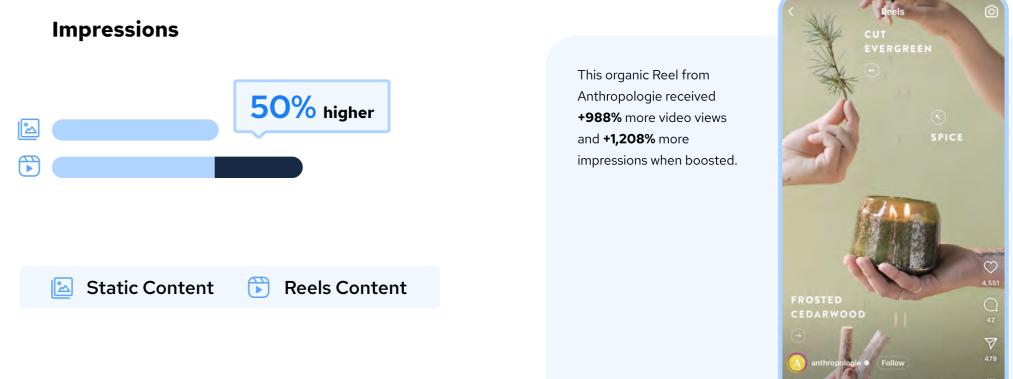
## **Deepening Community Connection**

On average, static content earned more than an 8x higher engagement rate than Reels and more than 2x comments and likes.



REELS

## **Growing Brand Awareness**



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On average, Reels generated more than 50% higher impressions compared to Static content.

## Entertaining Content Experiences Significantly Higher Gains When Boosted

Content quality continues to be the driving force behind any successful social media strategy.

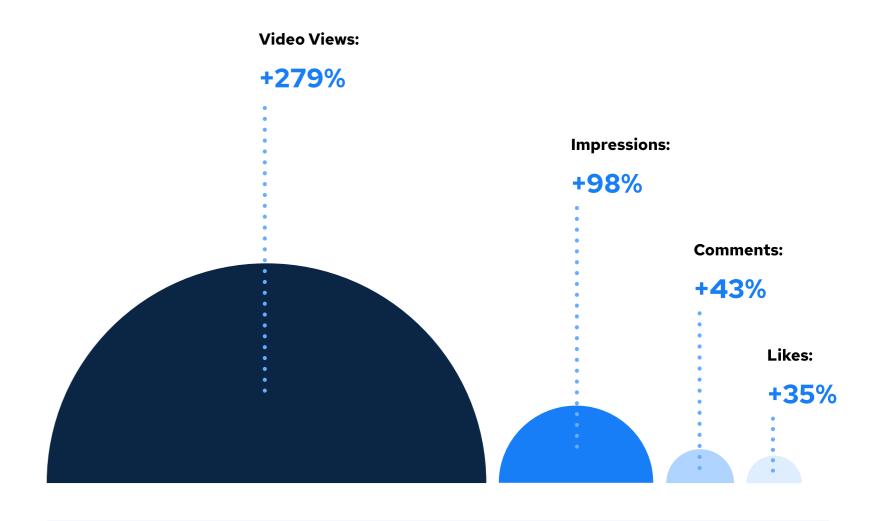
The posts that consistently outperform on most key metrics tend to be highly entertaining. Depending on the brand and its target demographic, entertaining is defined by some combination of creativity, timeliness, utility, aesthetics, authenticity and emotion. When a brand finds the perfect formula for a piece of content or a broader campaign, it not only gets elevated within the algorithm but audience engagement also skyrockets. Savvy brands can take advantage of this initial success by paying to amplify their best content to ensure it reaches a wider audience.

Dash Social looked at its proprietary metric of Entertainment Score (Engagements/Reach, O-low, 10high) for Instagram Reels to determine if there was a correlation between a higher Entertainment Score and the overall performance of boosted content. In general, Reels that received an Entertainment Score of 5 or above experienced an increase in impressions, video views, comments and likes when boosted, giving brands a clear indicator of what content they should consider paying to promote.

Data on this page is based on Instagram content only.



## The Impact of Boosting Content With an Entertainment Score Greater Than 5



### **Key Findings:**

Only 16% of boosted content had an Entertainment Score of 5 and above, highlighting an opportunity for brands to be more strategic about the content they pay to promote and underscoring the importance of optimizing content to be more entertaining.



## United's Winning Formula for Maximizing Creator, Organic and Paid to Grow Engagement by 85%

A successful social media strategy starts with a sophisticated understanding of how creator, organic and paid media work together to achieve different brand goals and serve various audience needs. Each of these pillars has a unique role within the content lifecycle, from establishing a consistent presence for built-in followers to reaching niche audiences. Holistically, the interplay between the three ensures that a brand's best content has the greatest impact while optimizing ROI.

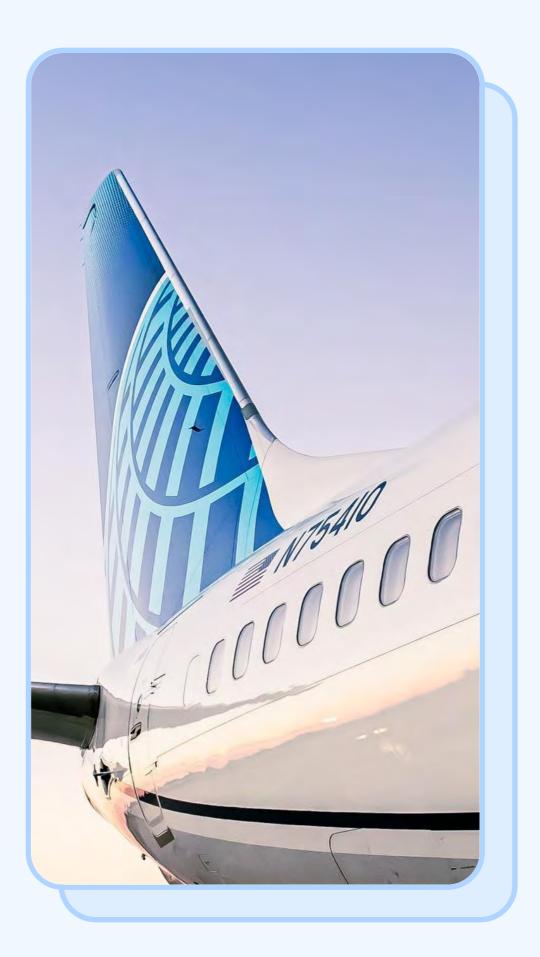
To see these insights in action, Dash Social highlights how United Airlines deftly combines performance analytics, creator partnerships, cultural resonance and UGC with strategic paid media to supercharge effectiveness. This 360-degree approach grew the brand's community engagement on Instagram by an astounding 85% while many other brands struggle to gain traction.

### **Key Findings:**

- +200.5% increase in video views
- +85.2% increase in engagements
- **+33.8%** increase in net new followers
- **475.5** million organic reach from UGC

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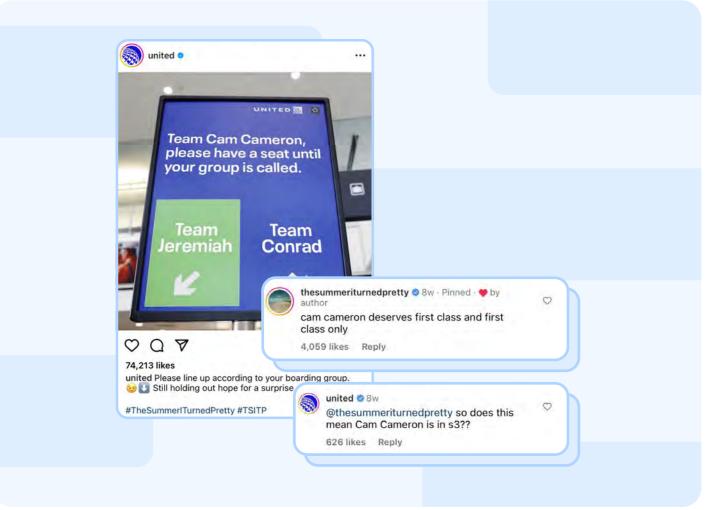




## Using Organic To Make Its Community Feel "Seen"

United is a real-time participant on social media, adapting its voice and content to be culturally relevant and relatable. Structured for proactive agility, this cross-functional Advertising and Social Media Team is always ready to pivot or jump on a new opportunity.

Community management is the cornerstone of United's organic social strategy, and it is the secret to how the brand has achieved such a loyal following. United is committed to making its followers feel "seen," responding to comments and queries with a blend of humor and positivity. The airline also regularly engages with other accounts and even shows up in the comment sections of viral content, showcasing the brand's desire to craft a relatable personality and willingness to participate in the broader cultural conversation.



## Taking a Multi-Faceted Approach to UGC

United's deeper understanding of the social media landscape shows in its multi-faceted approach to earned media. The airline makes the most out of every piece of UGC at its disposal, from customers and influencers to its own employees, ultimately painting a portrait of how much people love being a part of the United community.



## Leveraging Organic Insights To Maximize Paid Media

United leverages paid to support both its organic and earned content. Because of the range and specificity of its community, the airline amplifies tailored pieces of content to ensure they reach the audiences who will most engage with them. The brand also monitors performance insights, focusing on engagement rate, to determine what content to promote from influencers, customers and employee advocates. This hybrid strategy ultimately drives much higher engagement rates, accomplishing United's goal for more meaningful brand awareness.

United uses Dash Social to source the most powerful Reels UGC that aligns with its messaging priorities. Customer experiences driving significant brand awareness with United experiencing 475.5 million in organic reach in the past year from UGC alone. The brand also maintains a roster of always-on influencers who continually create evergreen content about their flying experiences. The structure of these long-term partnerships allows United to repurpose this earned content across all organic and paid channels. Finally, United has tapped into an army of influencers from inside its own ranks. The brand has creative resources

and activations for volunteers who share United-related content, and it offers internal social media education opportunities to make it enriching for any employee who wants to participate.



### **CASE STUDY**

# Maximizing Content Performance With Al

A renowned multinational corporation needed a social media solution that could scale across its global enterprise while enhancing creative effectiveness and operational efficiency. With a diverse portfolio of brands, each appealing to a unique audience and aesthetic, the corporation was in search of a solution to not only streamline content selection and workflow but also provide insights tailored to each brand's audience to drive engagement and maintain a competitive edge in the dynamic beauty industry.

Dash Social is a social media management platform that delivers sophisticated insights and workflow tools, keeping social media managers in the know and saving them time. As an industry-leading provider of AI-driven optimization since 2016, Dash Social understands how to leverage AI and modern social data to optimize content, enabling brands to outsmart social and drive ROI.

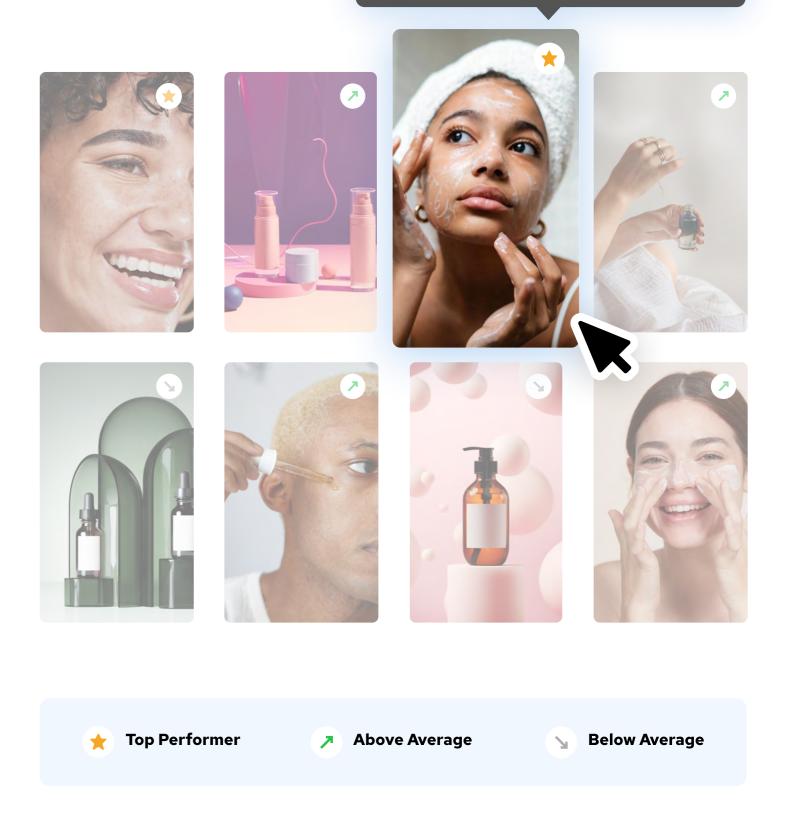
## Vision AI Helps Brands Predict and Maximize Performance

Top Predicted Performers are posts that Vision AI determines will get the highest performance. Vision AI identifies thousands of visual elements in photos and videos, such as tone, contrast, composition, subject, and color trends to develop an understanding of what will perform well on social media before it is even posted. This real-time analysis allows brands to keep their finger on the pulse of content that truly engages their audience.

Audience preferences do not stay the same for long. This AI technology is ever-learning, adapting to each brand's unique audience in real-time. This ensures that the corporation's brands are always ahead of the curve, ready to engage their audience with the most effective and relevant content.

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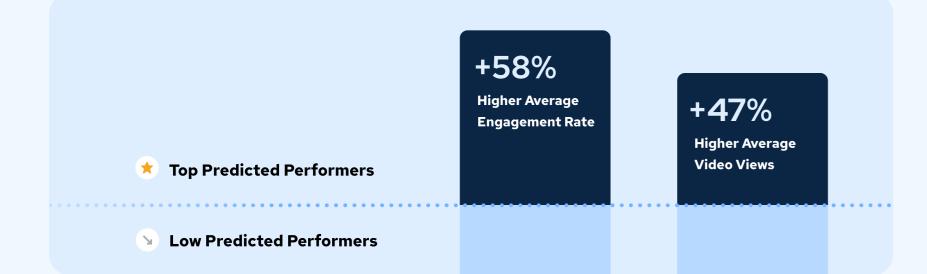
## This content is likely a top performer



## **Vision AI Delivers Results**

To understand the long-tail benefits of using Vision AI, Dash Social analyzed the average Engagement Rate and Video Views for Top Predicted Performers and Low Predicted Performers for the corporation's brands that have been leveraging Dash Social the longest. This analysis incorporated all of the brands' owned in-feed Instagram video content for 2023.

When it comes to performance, Vision AI has proven its worth among various brands across the corporation's portfolio. Top Predicted Performers consistently outperform Low Predicted Performers in both engagement and video views.



## The Benefits of Al-Driven Content Selection

Predicting content performance before they hit post is a superpower that teams are using across the board to implement efficiencies in their business. Vision AI saves time in the content selection process, enabling brands to upload their assets, and allow Vision to predict which will be the top performers. This can inform campaign launch content strategy, or serve as an unbiased decisionmaker, adding an objective, on-brand voice to what can sometimes be subjective discussions.

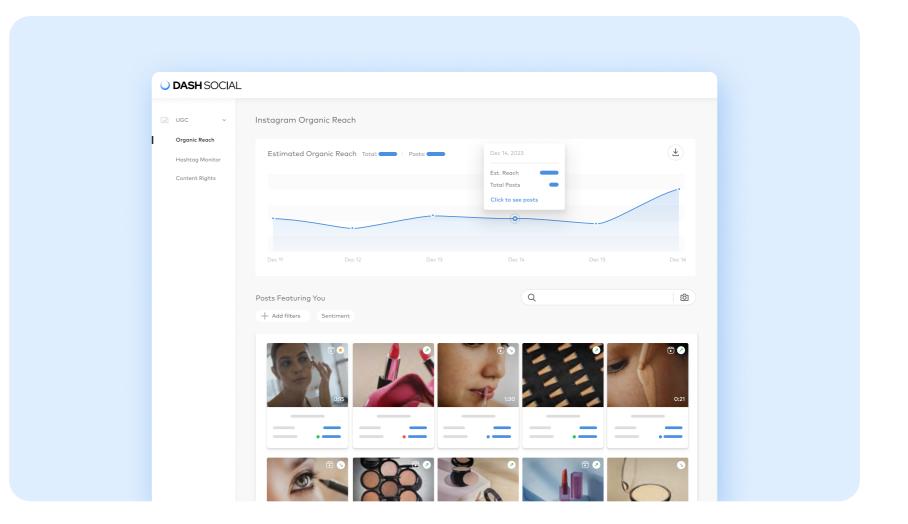
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## Using Vision AI To Identify Trends and Creator Partnerships

In the fast-paced world of social media, timing is everything. When viral moments happen organically, it's critical to react with speed to maximize the impact, and that requires high-quality assets.

Vision AI also works for UGC, allowing brands to quickly find content that will perform well, and then secure the rights in-platform in a few clicks. Dash Social simplifies the process of identifying and maximizing the impact of these organic moments.

A brand team can also use the Vision AI UGC tool to identify new creator partnerships, leveraging the predicted performance on the brand's own channels to maximize creative effectiveness and drive impact. This dual capability has made Vision AI an integral part of the corporation's social media planning and publication strategy.



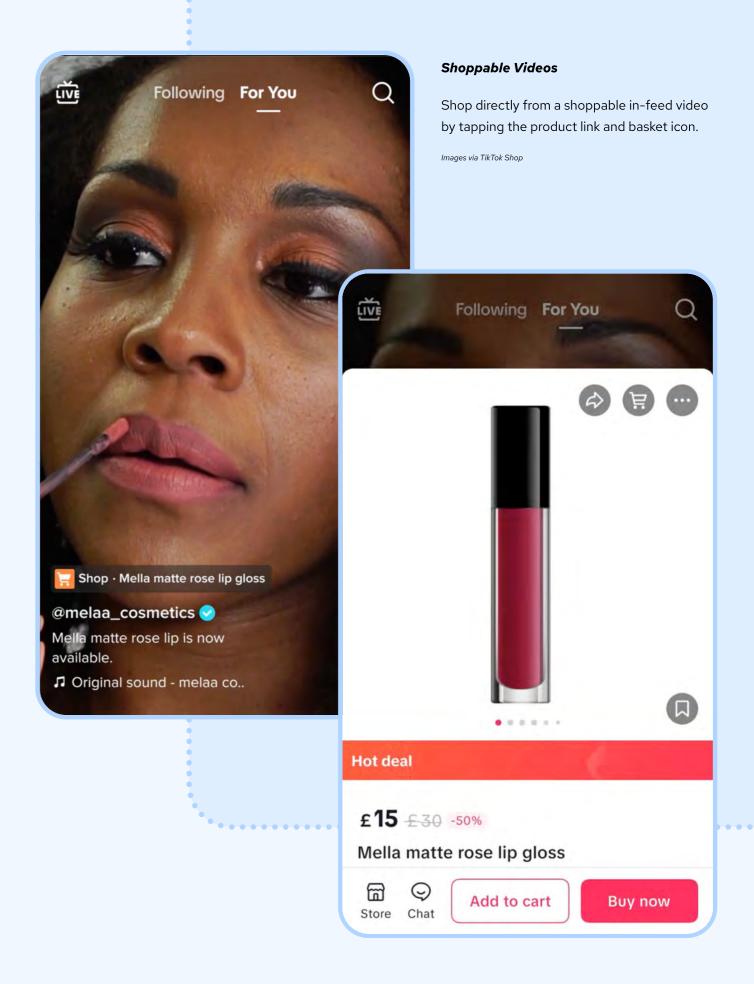
## **Authentic Connections** and Entertaining Content Drive **Direct Sales With TikTok Shop**

Since its initial launch in select markets in 2021 and subsequent release in the US in September 2023, TikTok Shop has reignited excitement around the massive potential of social commerce sales for the platform's 1.6 billion users. The native platform experience seamlessly combines shoppable videos and livestreams in users' For You feeds along with Product Showcases, a Shop Tab, Shop Ads and other features to enable brands and creators to sell directly through the TikTok app.

In 2023, TikTok ranked as the 12th largest e-commerce retailer in the US market and the **5th** largest e-commerce player in the UK market, providing a wealth of data on audience buying behaviors and sales metrics.

Insights are based on an analysis of Beauty brands from Dash Social's 2023 Cross-Channel Benchmark Report and NielsenIQ's Foxintelligence E-receipt Consumer Panel from Jan 1 to November 30, 2023.





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## **TikTok Shop: Winner Takes** All -- and Anyone Can Win

To identify content trends that could translate into successful executions in the US and beyond, Dash Social partnered with NielsenIQ to analyze beauty brand performance on TikTok Shop in the UK. The two biggest indicators of converting content into sales were relatability and video views.

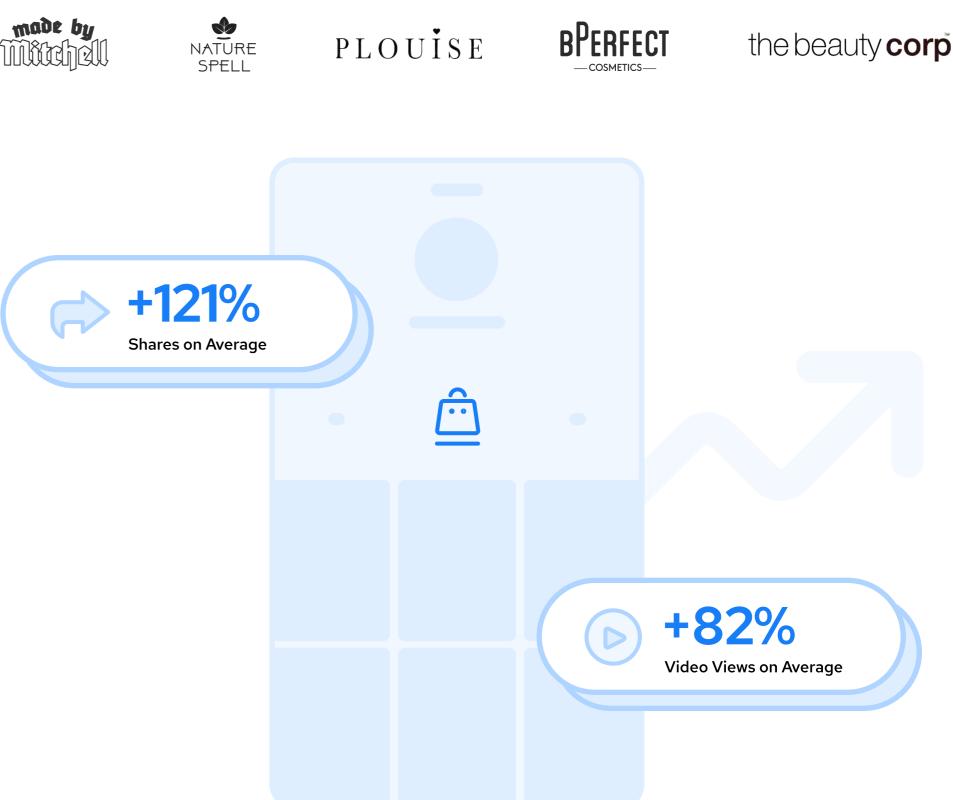
The top five UK beauty brands collectively account for one-third of TikTok Shop sales out of 500 brands within the beauty industry. On average, these leading brands have over 82% higher video views and 121% more shares than the industry average.



While these brands may not be considered mainstream beauty brands in the UK market, many of them are experiencing significant success with a large portion coming from TikTok Shop. This hints at a level playing field on TikTok Shop and an early mover advantage for any brand choosing to experiment with its new commerce tools. As always, brands must create content that is first and foremost authentic and entertaining.

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## Conclusion

The complex nature of today's social media landscape, such as content-driven feeds controlled by everchanging algorithms, increasingly niche audiences and an overall leveling of the brandcreator-user divide, means that brands must be much savvier with how they create and amplify their content. Each stage of the content lifecycle has a specific role in a sophisticated social media strategy, with successful brands figuring out how they work together to achieve even greater results.

Particularly when it comes to boosting content, Dash Social found that there are outsized advantages to be gained, yet most brands only pay to magnify a small percentage of their content. Through analysis of our platform and partner data, we've created a set of guidelines to deepen your understanding of organic, creator and paid and ensure they work in harmony to grow performance on social and ROI.

## Creator, organic and paid each excel in a specific area of a social strategy.

## **Boosting organic content supercharges** brand awareness among a broader audience of potential customers.

## Boosting reels delivers impressions, while static content engages.

impressions.

To maximize their ROI, brands must understand what content levers to pull based on their primary objective with organic outperforming in likes and comments, creator dominating in engagement and pald winning in video views.

## **Entertaining content experiences** significantly higher gains when boosted.

Dash Social's Entertainment Score continues to be a powerful indicator of overall success with posts that receive a score of 5 or above achieving a higher number of impressions, video views, comments and likes when boosted.

## A synergistic approach to creator, organic and paid gives brands a clear advantage.

Because paying to amplify content breaks it out of a platform's algorithm and places it in the feeds of sought-after demographics, it can result in large gains in impressions and video views and modest upticks in likes and comments.

Beyond understanding how each of the three pillars can be individually deployed to maximize impact and effectiveness, brands that have unlocked strategies for using them together have the best chance of achieving better ROI and performance.

Static content is more effective at deepening audience connection, earning higher engagement, comments and likes, while Reels outperform in increasing awareness through higher

## Authentic connections and entertaining content drive direct sales with TikTok Shop.

Top five UK beauty brands on TikTok Shop generate one-third of sales among 500 brands, showcasing an early advantage for brands on the platform. Despite limited recognition in the UK market, their success primarily comes from TikTok Shop, emphasizing the importance of authentic and entertaining content.

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## **Outsmart Social**

Dash Social is a social media management platform that equips brands with intelligence and speed to stay ahead of the curve. Through its sophisticated cross-channel insights and workflow tools, Dash Social enables brands to create content that entertains, engages and drives consistent business results. To discover how Dash Social is empowering brands to outsmart social, visit dashsocial.com.

