Benchmarking Performance

Given the expense and effort required to consistently produce high-quality social content, it’s critical that brands understand what truly resonates with their audiences to maximize ROI and achieve lasting success. While metrics like follower count and growth rate remain important, brands are looking to measure such as engagement, owned reach, and posting cadence to gain a deeper understanding of how content is received. Learn why the following KPIs are critical to brands’ social strategy.

Methodology

For the 2H 2023 Cross-Channel Industry Benchmark Reports, Dash Hudson pulled a sample of national and international companies across TikTok (n=691), Instagram (n=1,309) and YouTube (n=383), analyzing their activity between Jan 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023, to determine average performance against a predetermined set of KPIs. We have included handles with a minimum of 1K followers. The results have been published in separate reports broken down into the following industries: Beauty, Fashion and Luxury, Media and Publishing, CPG, Food and Beverage, Retail, Home, and Children and Baby.

Defining the Retail Industry

The Retail industry is the bustling sector of retail experiences, including brick and mortar stores and e-commerce destinations from a variety of industries.

KPIs

Average Monthly Growth Rate
The average number of followers added on a monthly basis.
Why It Matters: It helps brands understand the rate at which the industry is growing and how they measure up.

Cross-Channel Engagement Rate
The Cross-Channel Engagement Rate is a metric that was created to compare each platform’s short-form video offering equally. TikTok and Instagram (Likes + Comments + Shares) / Reach. YouTube (Likes + Comments + Shares) / Video Views*.
Why It Matters: It gives an apples-to-apples comparison of how short-form video across each platform stacks up.

Average Reach (TikTok and Instagram)
The average number of unique accounts that see your post.
Why It Matters: It helps brands understand the number of unique people its message reaches. This is important because it provides insight into brand awareness.

Average Entertainment Score (TikTok and Instagram Reach)
The Entertainment Score is a proprietary Dash Hudson metric and is scored against a global database of industry benchmarks.
Why It Matters: It helps brands understand how entertained its audience is by a TikTok or Reel.

Average Engagement Rate (TikTok and Instagram)
The average Engagement each post receives.
TikTok Engagement Rate = (Likes + Comments + Shares) / Video Views. Instagram Engagement Rate = (Likes + Comments) / Followers.*
Why It Matters: It reveals whether a brand’s initiatives are accelerating or slowing in growth.

Average Effectiveness Rate
A Dash-Hudson metric that includes video views as a way to understand video performance.
Effectiveness Rate = Likes + Comments + Saves + Video Views / Est. Reach.
Why It Matters: It helps brands understand how posts were received by those who saw it, rather than the brand’s total followers.

Average Number of Weekly Posts
The average number of posts brands share per grouping and industry.
Why It Matters: It helps determine the right cadence for posting.

Average Video Views
The average number of videos each video receives.
Why It Matters: Users watching video more often have a higher likelihood of remembering brand messages or products.

Average Shares
The average number of times each piece of content is shared.
Why It Matters: Shares indicate that content resonates with users and is deemed ‘shareable’.

Retention Rate (TikTok)
The percentage of a video that people watched.
Retention Rate = average time watched / video duration.
*This number can be over 100% if viewers rewatch a video.
Why It Matters: Understanding how long audiences stay engaged is key to figuring out what types of content work on TikTok.
Cross-Channel Trends

Video views have surged in the first half of 2023, and brands are posting more frequently to keep up with the audience.

Increased video views across TikTok (+36K), Instagram Reels (+52K) and YouTube Shorts (+13.7K) demonstrate the ongoing expansion of social entertainment. On average, brands are now posting 4 – 5 videos per week on all three platforms, an increase compared to 2022 (4 on TikTok, 3 on Reels, and 1 on Shorts). This emphasizes the ongoing importance of sustaining audience engagement and building a loyal community.

Instagram remains the platform with the broadest Reach, while TikTok continues to excel in delivering valuable Engagement.

TikTok’s Cross-Channel Engagement Rate is 47% higher than Instagram and YouTube, while Instagram reaches +50% more users than TikTok, unsurprisingly, as Instagram has a much larger audience.

Brands are beginning to adopt YouTube Shorts into their strategy, and it’s paying off.

Compared to six months ago, brands are posting 3 times more Shorts (4 vs 1), and Video Views (+13K) and Cross-Channel Engagement (+0.4) have increased.
**TikTok Trends**

**Engagement on TikTok soars and brands are becoming more discoverable.**

Rising Engagement Rate from 4.6% to 4.8%, the surge in Video Views from 111.5K to 147.7K, and the expanded Reach from 89K to 116.9K are evidence of TikTok’s continued rapid growth.

**Brands with higher Engagement Rates attract more followers.**

Brands with the highest Engagement Rates on TikTok naturally attract more followers, the opposite of Instagram. This trend can be visualized as the circle of engagement: create good content, drive engagement, gain followers, and in turn, these followers contribute to even more engagement. As a result, large brands (5.1%) outperform established (4.2%) and growing (4.6%) brands.

**Entertainment motivates viewers to share brand content with others.**

Larger brands with higher Entertainment Scores (4.3) and more average Shares (262), demonstrate greater content appeal, engagement and sharing compared to Growing (10) and Established (48) accounts, suggesting that a higher Entertainment Score may lead to increased audience sharing.

**DASH HUDSON INSIGHT**

TikTok’s rapid growth, as well as rising Engagement Rate, Video Views and Reach, underscores the importance of prioritizing entertaining content that can drive brand engagement and increase shareability.
**Instagram Trends**

Engagement has declined compared to six months ago, but Reach has notably increased.

With a 53% rise in Reach, Instagram's shift to algorithmic content has been advantageous for brands, providing new marketing opportunities despite a dip in the Engagement Rate from 0.5% to 0.3%. While more users are viewing content, a decline in engagement could be a result of content quality, or saturation in the market.

Brands with a higher video output deliver more entertaining content.

Larger brands lead in video content output (posting on average 2x more than Growing brands and Established brands per week), suggesting that they have a better understanding of audience preferences, which contributes to their higher Entertainment Score.

Instagram’s plateaued growth presents an opportunity for brands to rejuvenate their strategies and pivot toward what works now.

Brands are utilizing Reels to earn performance comparable to TikTok. Sticking to the status quo on Instagram may lead to subdued growth in the long run.

**DASH HUDSON INSIGHT**

Brands have benefited from Instagram’s shift to algorithmic content, as it has boosted Reach. In turn, brands experience lower Engagement Rates, which are calculated using Followers, as content is now served to viewers based on personal interest. Metrics such as Effectiveness Rate and Entertainment Score allow brands to measure what resonates with their audience in the era of social entertainment.
YouTube Trends

YouTube Shorts are more engaging than long-form videos.

The Cross-Channel Engagement Rate for Shorts stands higher at 3.9% compared to On-Demand videos at 3.4%, highlighting the importance of crafting shorter videos on this platform.

Brands have increased their YouTube posting frequency by 80% compared to six months ago.

YouTube’s average weekly posts are increasing from 3 to 7 (an average of one video per day) and Shorts increasing from 1 to 4 in response to the demand for frequent short-form video and social entertainment.

Brands experience sustained growth, averting the sharp declines seen on other channels.

On average, brands experience a monthly growth rate of 1.9% on YouTube — a slight decrease (compared to 2.0%) from six months ago. While brands aren’t growing at the rate of TikTok (12.5%), they are still growing faster than on Instagram (0.6%), demonstrating YouTube’s strength as the de facto platform for video.

DASH HUDSON INSIGHT

YouTube Shorts’ Cross-Channel Engagement Rate is higher than that of long-form videos, revealing the value of short videos. Brands that adopt short-form video with an increased posting frequency can increase overall engagement across channels.
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Retail Industry Sees Views Soar on TikTok, But Engagement Struggles Across Channels

The Retail industry is racking up more video views but is experiencing a decline in engagement. Engagement Rates on TikTok (-0.3) and Instagram (-0.1) have decreased in the past six months, while Video Views on TikTok have increased (+60.2K). On the other hand, Instagram Reels and YouTube Video Views have declined (-3K -38.3K, respectively).

- Retail continues to struggle to create entertaining content. The Retail industry has the lowest Entertainment Scores and Engagement Rates on TikTok and Instagram, with scores of 3.5 and 3.0 and rates of 3.8% and 0.1%, respectively.

- Retail brands post 3 times a week, on average, compared to the overall average of 7. To bridge this gap, brands can begin by redistributing their compelling short-form videos across various channels. Shorts offer a fresh engagement opportunity that could offset the decline experienced on TikTok and Instagram.
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**Engagement Rate**

- Overall: 4.8%
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- Large Brands: 4.6%
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# AVERAGE TIKTOK PERFORMANCE

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## Engagement Rate

- **Entertainment Score**:
  - Retail Overall: 3.5%
  - Growing Brands: 4.4%
  - Established Brands: 3.4%
  - Large Brands: 3.9%

**Engagement Rate** = (Likes + Comments + Shares) / Video Views

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Top Overall Retail Industry Performers by Engagement Rate

Overall Industry Average: 3.8%

- PacSun: 11.7%
- Amazon Fashion: 9.5%
- Patagonia: 8.5%
- Anthropologie EU: 6.0%
- Urban Outfitters EU: 5.4%
**Deep Dives Into Top Performing Retail Brands**

**Pacsun**

Pacsun engages its audience with trendy fashion and lifestyle content, successfully establishing a vibrant and fashion-forward presence on TikTok.

Amazon Fashion excels at showcasing a diverse range of fashion products. From captivating viewers with trendy hauls to collaborating with creators, Amazon Fashion is driving brand awareness and encouraging shopping on the platform.

Amazon Fashion outperforms the average Engagement Rate for Retail brands by 250%.

**Patagonia**

Patagonia successfully forgoes traditional product marketing in order to showcase sustainability messaging and outdoor adventures, leading to a high Entertainment Score and fostering a dedicated community.

Patagonia outperforms the average Engagement Rate for Retail brands by 224%.

PacSun engages its audience with trendy fashion and lifestyle content, successfully establishing a vibrant and fashion-forward presence on TikTok.

PacSun outperforms the average Engagement Rate for Retail brands by 308%.
Winning Formulas for Creating Entertaining TikTok Content

PacSun achieves high Entertainment Scores on TikTok through visually appealing and entertaining content, including capitalizing on trendy memes. Its content strategy reflects the brand's youthful and laid-back style, and captivates its audience.

**Entertainment Score: 9.9/10**

Compared to the Retail Industry average of 3.5, and PacSun's own average of 6.9.

**Retention Rate: 139.7%**

Compared to the Retail Industry average of 32%, and PacSun's own average of 24%.
Instagram
**Across All Industries**

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**Engagement Rate**

- Overall: 0.3%
- Growing Brands: 0.4%
- Established Brands: 0.4%
- Large Brands: 0.2%

Engagement Rate: (Likes + Comments) / Followers
## Average Instagram Performance

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Engagement Rate: (Likes + Comments) / Followers

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### Top Retail Performers by Engagement Rate

- **Overall Industry Average: 0.1%**

**Stüssy**
- Large Brand: 1.5%
- Established Brand: 1.6%
- Growing Brand: 1.3%

**Otherland**
- Established Brand: 0.9%
- Growing Brand: 1.0%

**Hedley & Bennett**
- Established Brand: 0.9%
- Growing Brand: 1.0%

**Harrods Food**
- Established Brand: 0.8%
- Growing Brand: 0.7%

**BÉIS**
- Established Brand: 0.6%
- Growing Brand: 0.8%
Deep Dives Into Top Performing Retail Brands

Hedley & Bennett excels in highlighting its premium kitchenware through engaging video, featuring behind-the-scenes content and showcasing the craftsmanship that resonates with its culinary-focused audience.

Hedley & Bennett outperforms the average Engagement Rate for Retail brands by 900%.

Stüssy thrives on Instagram by showcasing its iconic streetwear in action-oriented content, using content in motion to its advantage to appeal to sports enthusiasts.

Stüssy outperforms the average Engagement Rate for Retail brands by 1,500%.

Otherland succeeds at captivating its audience with aesthetically pleasing candle content, visually stunning product photography and interactive storytelling, building a strong and loyal community of candle enthusiasts.

Otherland outperforms the average Engagement Rate for Retail brands by 900%.
Top Retail Performers by Effectiveness Rate

- **BEIS**: Established Brand, 50.5%
  - Average Effectiveness Rate (Video and Reel): 117.3%
  - Average Effectiveness Rate (Static and Carousel): 2.3%

- **Harrods Food**: Growing Brand, 50.4%
  - Average Effectiveness Rate (Video and Reel): 56.6%
  - Average Effectiveness Rate (Static and Carousel): 6.6%

- **Zola**: Growing Brand, 43.2%
  - Average Effectiveness Rate (Video and Reel): 93.5%
  - Average Effectiveness Rate (Static and Carousel): 3.2%

- **Dynamite Clothing**: Established Brand, 37.3%
  - Average Effectiveness Rate (Video and Reel): 50.6%
  - Average Effectiveness Rate (Static and Carousel): 2.2%

- **Holt Renfrew**: Growing Brand, 24.3%
  - Average Effectiveness Rate (Video and Reel): 30.1%
  - Average Effectiveness Rate (Static and Carousel): 2.5%

Overall Industry Average: 11.0%
Strategies for Garnering Best-in-Class Performance

**BÉIS**

BÉIS demonstrates a high Effectiveness Rate on Instagram through compelling and trendy content that promotes its travel and lifestyle products, effectively driving conversions and encouraging user engagement.

📈 BÉIS outperforms the overall average Effectiveness Rate for Retail brands by 459%.
Jordan achieves high Entertainment Scores on Instagram by celebrating sneaker culture, featuring exclusive releases and showcasing iconic collaborations, such as its cross-over with Spider-Man: Across The Spider-Verse which captivates sneakerheads and boosts brand affinity.

Entertainment Score: 9.9/10

Compared to the Retail Industry average of 3.0, and Jordan’s own average of 7.6.

Top Overall Retail Industry Performers by Entertainment Score (Reels)

- **Overall Average**
  - 3.0
- **Jordan**
  - 7.6
  - Growing Brand: 1M
- **Harrods Food**
  - 5.8
  - Growing Brand: 32.6K
- **Bath & Body Works**
  - 5.7
  - Growing Brand: 385.6K
- **Victoria's Secret**
  - 5.3
  - Growing Brand: 962.4K
- **Cotton On Africa**
  - 5.1
  - Established Brand: 45.7K

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# Top Creators by Engagement Rate

## Nano Creators (Under 10K Followers)

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## Micro Creators (10K – 100K Followers)

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## Macro Creators (100K+ Followers)

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YouTube
## Average YouTube Performance

### Across All Industries

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### Video Views

- Overall: 74.2K
- Growing Brands: 38.7K
- Established Brands: 55.6K
- Large Brands: 87.5K

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### AVERAGE YOUTUBE PERFORMANCE

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## Retail Brands Industry-Wide

### Subscriber Count | Weekly Videos | Monthly Follower Growth Rate | Likes | Shares
---|---|---|---|---
Retail Overall | **216.2K** | 3 | 0.6% | 123 | 17
Growing Brands (0 – 20K Followers) | **5.5K** | 3 | 0.8% | 25 | 3
Established Brands (20K – 150K Followers) | **71.5K** | 3 | 0.3% | 93 | 28
Large Brands (150K+ Followers) | **662.8K** | 4 | 0.3% | 197 | 21

### Video Views

- Overall | **79.2K**
- Growing Brands | **40.6K**
- Established Brands | **146.3K**
- Large Brands | **72.4K**

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Top Retail Industry Performers by Overall Video Views

- **Jordan**: Large Brand, 610.7K followers, 102 likes
- **Ulta Beauty**: Established Brand, 487.1K followers, 829 likes
- **David's Bridal**: Growing Brand, 384.9K followers, 1 like
- **Beats by Dre**: Large Brand, 371.4K followers, 488 likes
- **Patagonia**: Large Brand, 152.4K followers, 2.6K likes

Average Industry Average: 79.2K
Connecting Athletes and Passionate Fans

Jordan also excels on YouTube by releasing engaging athlete highlights and insightful content on sneaker culture, establishing a dedicated and passionate community of sneaker enthusiasts.

Jordan receives 771% more Video Views than the average for Retail brands.
Top Retail Industry Performers by Percentage Viewed

- **Alo Yoga**: Large Brand, 21.5K followers, 92% viewed
- **Anthropologie**: Growing Brand, 58.2K followers, 89% viewed
- **Free People**: Established Brand, 353.6K followers, 87% viewed
- **Bath & Body Works**: Growing Brand, 50.6K followers, 84% viewed
- **Holt Renfrew**: Growing Brand, 1.4K followers, 75% viewed

Overall Industry Average: 71%
Energetic Content for Fitness Enthusiasts

Alo Yoga succeeds on YouTube with educational and inspirational workout and lifestyle content, providing context to its variety of fashion and beauty products. The brand uses both long-form video and Shorts to its advantage to appeal to fitness enthusiasts.

Alo Yoga videos are viewed 92% to completion, which is notably 21% higher than the Retail industry average.
What We Can Learn From Retail Brands’ Strategies

**Leverage the Power of Creators and Celebrities**
Social media users are far more likely to engage with content featuring trusted creators, particularly celebrities. UGC functions as both peer-to-peer entertainment and a testimonial, and it offers the opportunity for brands to expand their algorithmic reach when shared by creators.

**Embrace Creativity and Authenticity**
Stand out by sharing content that can only come from your brand. Simple, lo-fi strategies, as well as partnerships with creators, contribute to building a strong and authentic brand identity on social media.

**Be Inspired By Entertainment**
The best way to increase your Engagement Rate is to foster lively conversations amongst your community. Brands that are doing this well are sharing thought-provoking content, turning their feeds into vibrant spaces for engagement and interaction.

**Outsmart Social**
Dash Hudson 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 Hudson enables brands to create content that entertains, engages and drives consistent business results. To discover how Dash Hudson is empowering brands to outsmart social, visit [Dashhudson.com](http://Dashhudson.com).
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**Engagement Rate**

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**Across All Industries**

Engagement Rate:
- Overall: 3.8%
- Growing Brands: 4.0%
- Established Brands: 3.7%

*AVERAGE FACEBOOK PERFORMANCE*
## Average Pinterest Performance

### Across All Industries

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### Engagement Rate

- Overall: 0.5%
- Growing Brands: 0.4%
- Established Brands: 0.4%
- Large Brands: 0.5%

Engagement Rate: (Likes + Comments) / Followers

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# Across All Industries

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Engagement Rate:
- **Overall**: 8.7%
- **Growing Brands**: 13.3%
- **Established Brands**: 7.1%
- **Large Brands**: 18.0%

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**AVGERAGE X PERFORMANCE**

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