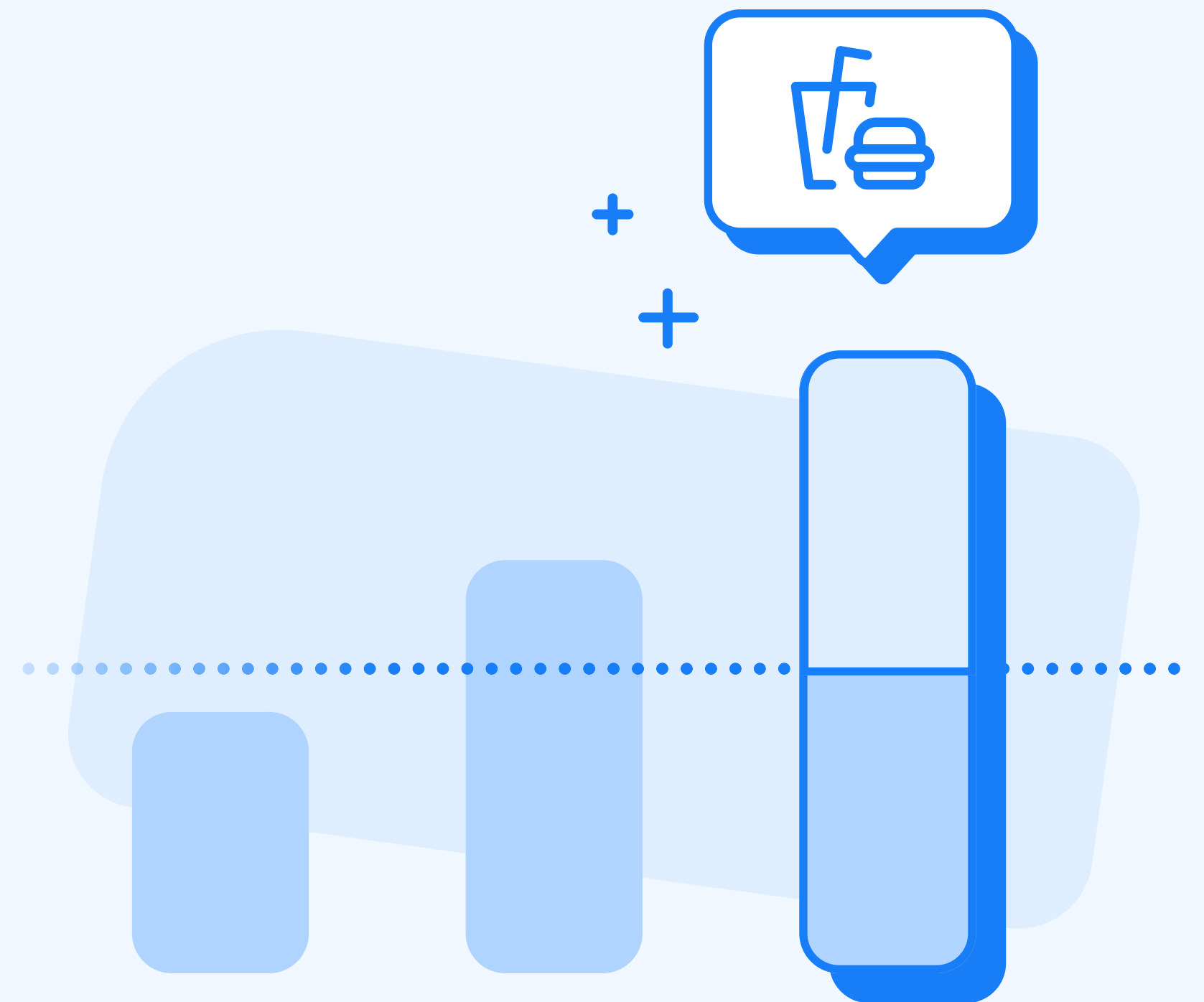


Social Media Benchmark Report

Food and Beverage Industry

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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 measures 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 2024 Social Media Benchmark Reports, Dash Hudson pulled a sample of global companies across TikTok (n=1,150), Instagram (n=2,956), and YouTube (n=631), analyzing their activity between January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024, to determine average performance against a predetermined set of KPIs. These benchmarks include handles with a minimum of 1K followers, from both customers and non-customers. The results have been published in separate reports broken down into the following industries: beauty, fashion, luxury, media and publishing, CPG, food and beverage, retail, home, baby and children, wellness, B2B and sports.



Defining the Food and Beverage Industry

Food and beverage is the broad landscape of packed food and beverage products as well as dining establishments.

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: $(\text{Likes} + \text{Comments} + \text{Shares}) / \text{Reach}$.

YouTube: $(\text{Likes} + \text{Comments} + \text{Shares}) / \text{Video Views}^*$.

*As Reach is not an available metric for YouTube, Video Views was used.

Why It Matters: It helps brands understand the rate at which the industry is growing and how they measure 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 Reels)

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 = $(\text{Likes} + \text{Comments} + \text{Shares}) / \text{Video Views}$.

Instagram Engagement Rate = $(\text{Likes} + \text{Comments}) / \text{Followers}$.

*This TikTok calculation differs from what is used in Dash Hudson's platform. Video Views is used instead of Reach in order to include brands that are not customers.

Why It Matters: It helps brands understand the rate at which the industry is growing and how they measure up.

Average Effectiveness Rate

A Dash Hudson metric that includes video views as a way to understand video performance.

Effectiveness Rate = $(\text{Likes} + \text{Comments} + \text{Saves} + \text{Video Views}) / \text{Est. Reach}$.

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 views 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'.

Average Comments

The average number of comments that each post receives.

Why It Matters: Comments signify community and suggest that users connect with the video.

Retention Rate (TikTok)

The percentage of a video that people watched.

Retention Rate = $\text{average time watched} / \text{video duration}$.

*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

TikTok Leads in Engagement, Followed by Instagram and YouTube

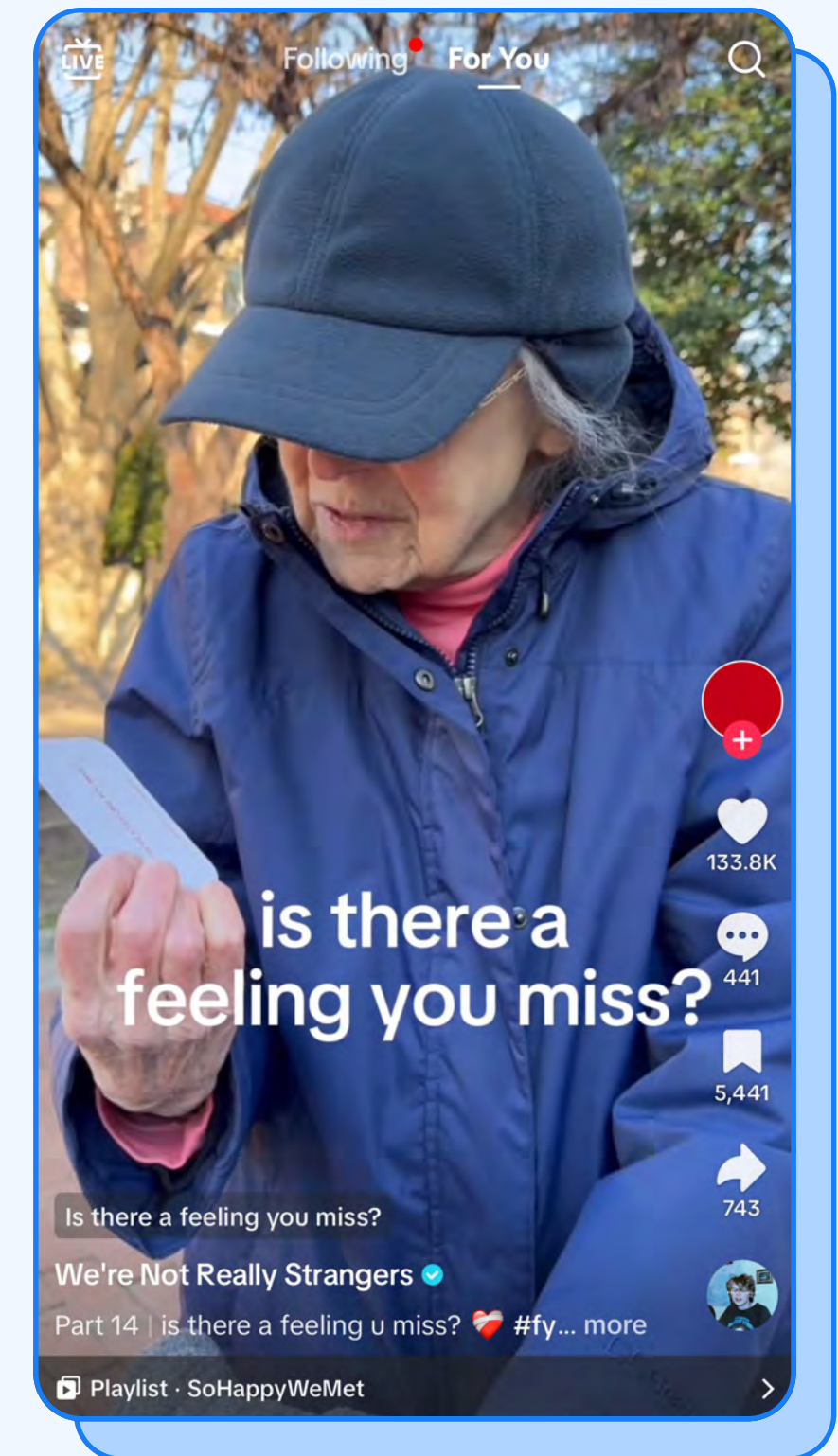
When using a common metric to compare engagement across all channels (cross-channel engagement rate), TikTok leads with 4.5%, followed by Instagram with 4.0% and YouTube with 2.8%. This indicates that TikTok has superior user interaction. This trend continues in short-form content, with TikTok leading at 4.5%, followed by Instagram Reels at 3.6% and YouTube Shorts at 3.4%. These figures underscore TikTok's effectiveness in captivating and engaging its audience, while brands see lower engagement in Reels than Instagram overall.

Brands Achieve Nearly Equal Reach on TikTok and Instagram Reels

Historically, Instagram Reels has outperformed TikTok due to its seniority and built-in user base. However, this recent analysis shows the gap is narrowing. Instagram now only leads by 4%. This highlights TikTok's growing influence and the strength of its algorithm, especially considering how brands often have fewer followers on TikTok than Instagram.

More Users Are Sharing Content Compared to Six Months Ago

All three platforms have seen a significant increase in shares compared to six months ago. This trend underscores the growing importance of creating shareable content as more conversations are moving into direct messages. The rise in shares highlights that regardless of user behavior changing, share-worthy content from brands still sees meaningful engagement.



@werenotreallystrangers

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Create highly engaging, shareable content across TikTok, Instagram and YouTube to boost interaction, reach and conversations. Take advantage of each platform's growing engagement and capitalize on trendy content to grow your community.

TikTok Trends

TikTok Continues to Experience Rapid Growth and Widespread Popularity

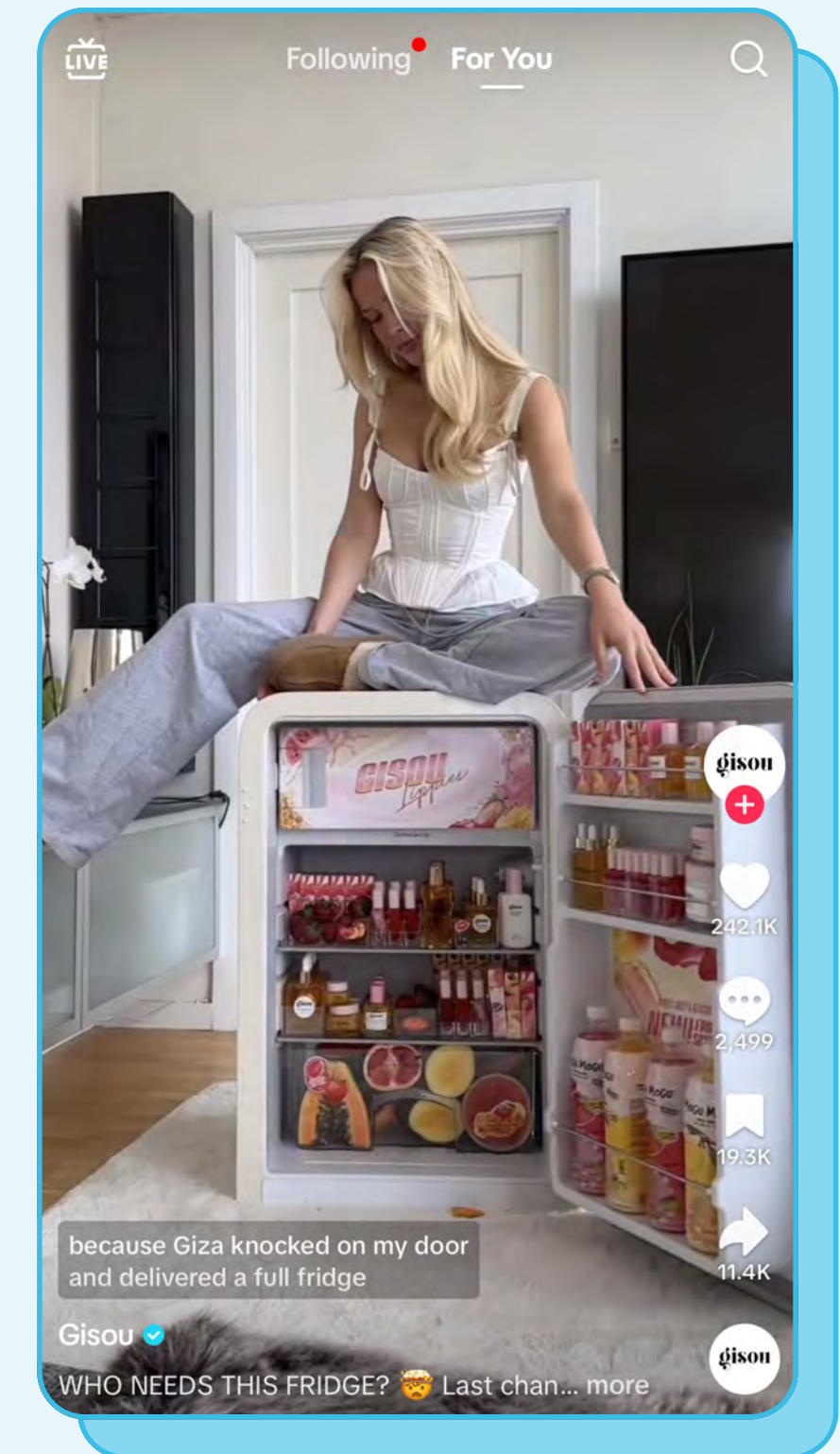
Brands on TikTok still see momentum, with 6% monthly follower growth. Brands are more invested in the channel than ever, increasing their posting cadence to 6 times a week, up from 5 times a week over the past year. This consistent growth and increased posting frequency highlight how TikTok is a key focus for both brands and users.

Brands Are Producing Better Content and Seeing Better Results

Average Entertainment Scores have grown from 3.6 to 3.8, shares from 111 to 146 and overall reach by 5%. Brands have gotten better at creating the entertaining, highly shareable content that users are most likely to engage with, and the algorithm is rewarding them. This also highlights how competition for creating great content is heating up, and brands need to get good at becoming entertainers to grow their social channels.

Brands With Higher Engagement Rates Attract More Followers

As an algorithm-based platform, the objective for TikTok is to make engaging content, not grow follower count. However, follower growth is one indicator that brands are succeeding. 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 (4.3%) outperform established (3.6%) and growing (3.3%) brands in engagement rate.



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Brands that post more often have increased Entertainment Scores and shares. Focus on creativity and consistency to maximize reach and audience engagement.

Instagram Trends

Engagement Sees an Uptick While Reach Remains Flat

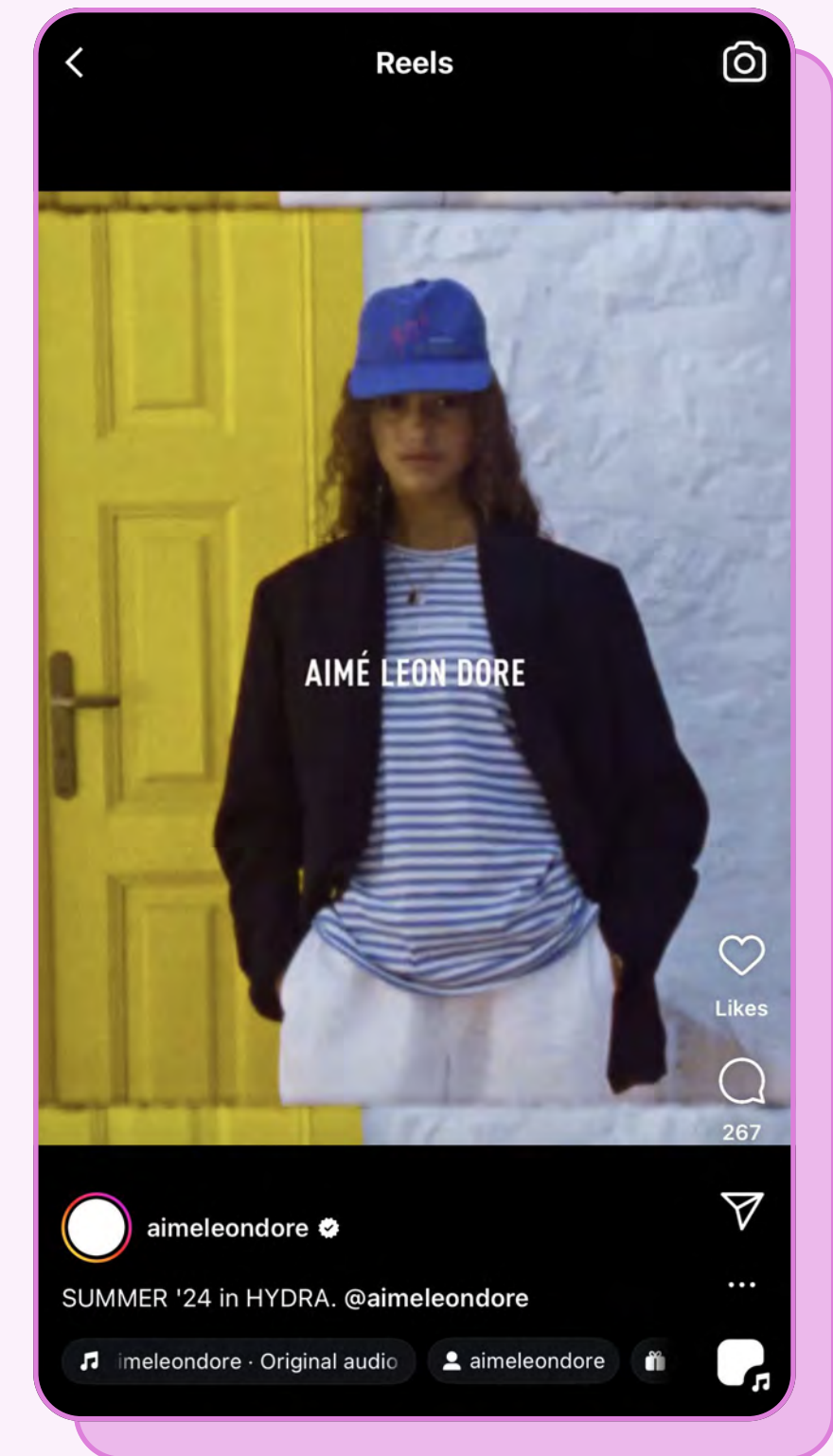
The cross-channel engagement rate has seen an increase in the second half of 2024 for Instagram, while overall brand reach remains flat.

Images and Carousels Drive Greater Reach Than Reels

On average, single images (188.6K average reach) and carousel content (149.9K average reach) achieve greater reach than Reels (109.4K average reach).

Instagram Stories Continue to Drive Strong User Engagement

Instagram Stories continue to be a powerful tool for engagement, as demonstrated by impressive reach (14.1K) and completion rates (92%) that are high regardless of follower count. These metrics highlight the effectiveness of Stories in connecting with audiences and driving forward momentum, making them an essential part of any social media strategy.



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Single images and carousels can drive higher reach, yet Reels and Stories remain crucial tools for brand engagement and visibility.

YouTube Trends

Shorts See Substantial Increase in Views, While On-Demand Declines

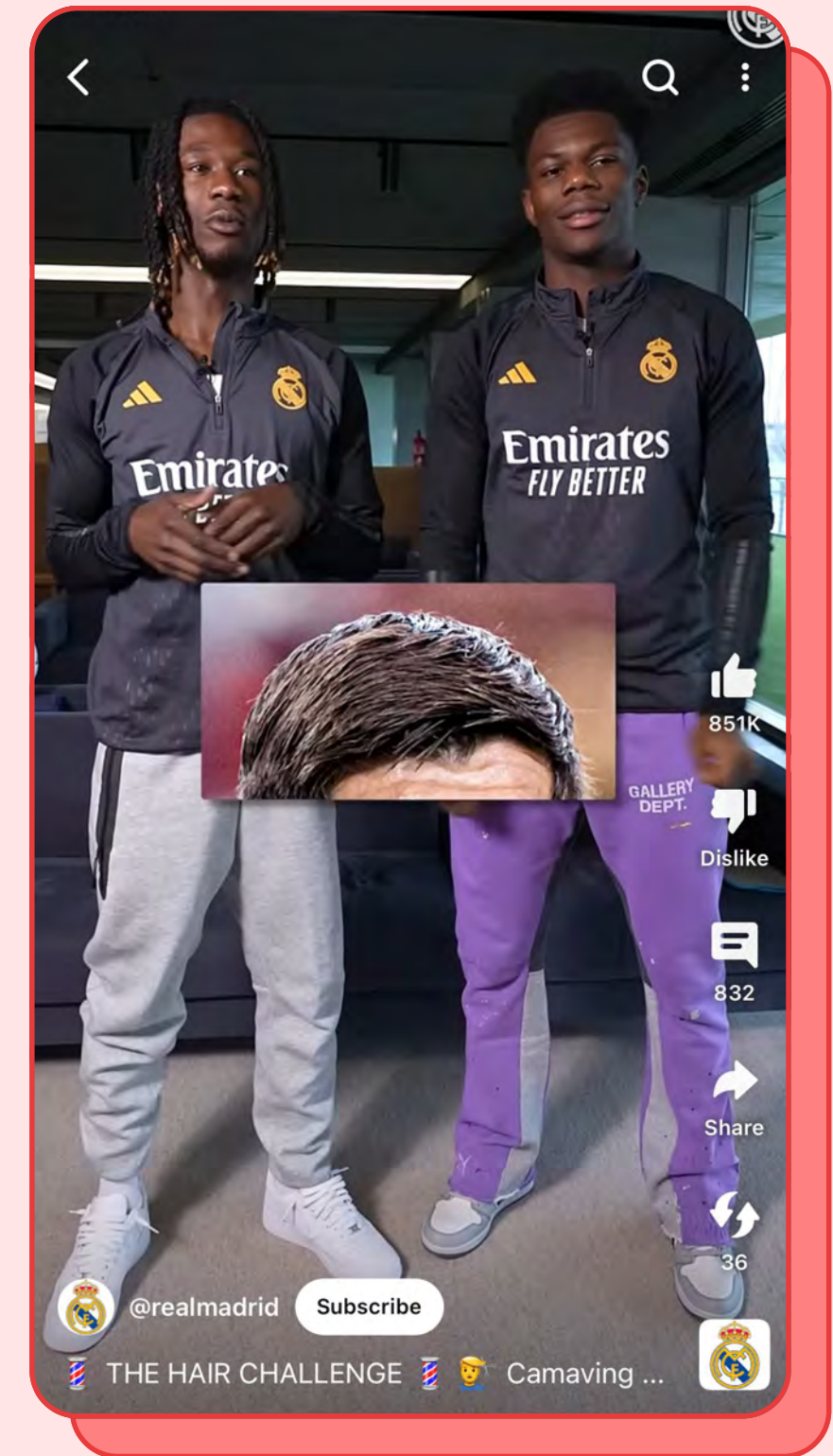
Compared to six months ago, YouTube Shorts video views have increased by 153%, suggesting that the short-form offering continues to gain traction. Meanwhile, On-Demand video views dropped by 15%.

Shorts Drive Higher Engagement Compared to On-Demand

YouTube Shorts receive three times more likes than On-Demand, differentiating the format as more engagement-driven. Users' tendency to comment on and participate in whatever they're watching is beneficial to brands looking to build community.

YouTube Has Higher Viewer Retention Compared to TikTok

YouTube's role as a search engine significantly contributes to its higher viewer retention rates, with users completing an average of 67% of videos, compared to TikTok's 25%-30%. Unlike TikTok's infinite scroll, YouTube leverages Google's advanced discoverability tools to help users find content tailored to their interests. For brands, optimizing YouTube content like blog posts ensures it reaches and engages the right audience effectively.






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YouTube Shorts has experienced significant growth in video views yet remains a largely untapped opportunity for brands.




Across All Industries

TikTok, Instagram and YouTube (Average)

	 TikTok	 Instagram	 YouTube
Followers/Subscribers	357K +7%	2.1M -2%	791K +13%
Monthly Follower/Subscriber Growth Rate	5.8%* -25%	0.8% +14%	1.2% No change
Weekly Posts	6 +20%	9 No change	7 +17%
Cross-Channel Engagement Rate	4.5%* -2%	4.0%* +14%	2.8%* -28%
Reach	105K* +5%	158K* -10%	Reach is not available through Dash Hudson

*Customer data only
Compared to six months prior

TikTok, Reels and Shorts (Average)

	 TikTok	 Instagram Reels	 YouTube Shorts
Weekly Posts	6 +20%	4 No change	4 No change
Cross-Channel Engagement Rate	4.5%* -2%	3.6%* +20%	3.4%* -15%
Video Views	128K -2%	117K* -5%	81K +17%
Reach	105K +5%	109K -7%	Reach is not available through Dash Hudson
Shares	142 +28%	408 +36%	51 +9%

Cross-Channel Engagement Rate is a metric designed specifically for this report. It allows for an equal comparison across TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube by applying the same calculation across all three platforms.
Calculation: TikTok and Instagram = (Likes + Comments + Shares) / Reach | YouTube = (Likes + Comments + Shares) / Video Views

Food and Beverage Brands Can Capitalize on High Engagement With More Frequent Content

🎵 Food and Beverage Brands Find Success on the TikTok Algorithm

The industry experiences high views on its content, paired with a high number of engagements — particularly shares. Brands' success on the channel is only hindered by their low posting cadence, at 3 weekly posts. Most industries post an average of 4 to 6 times per week, with the most successful brands posting an average of 9 times per week. The opportunity that exists in this industry on TikTok is figuring out how to produce more content while keeping resources in mind.

📷 Instagram Proves To Be a High-Growth Channel

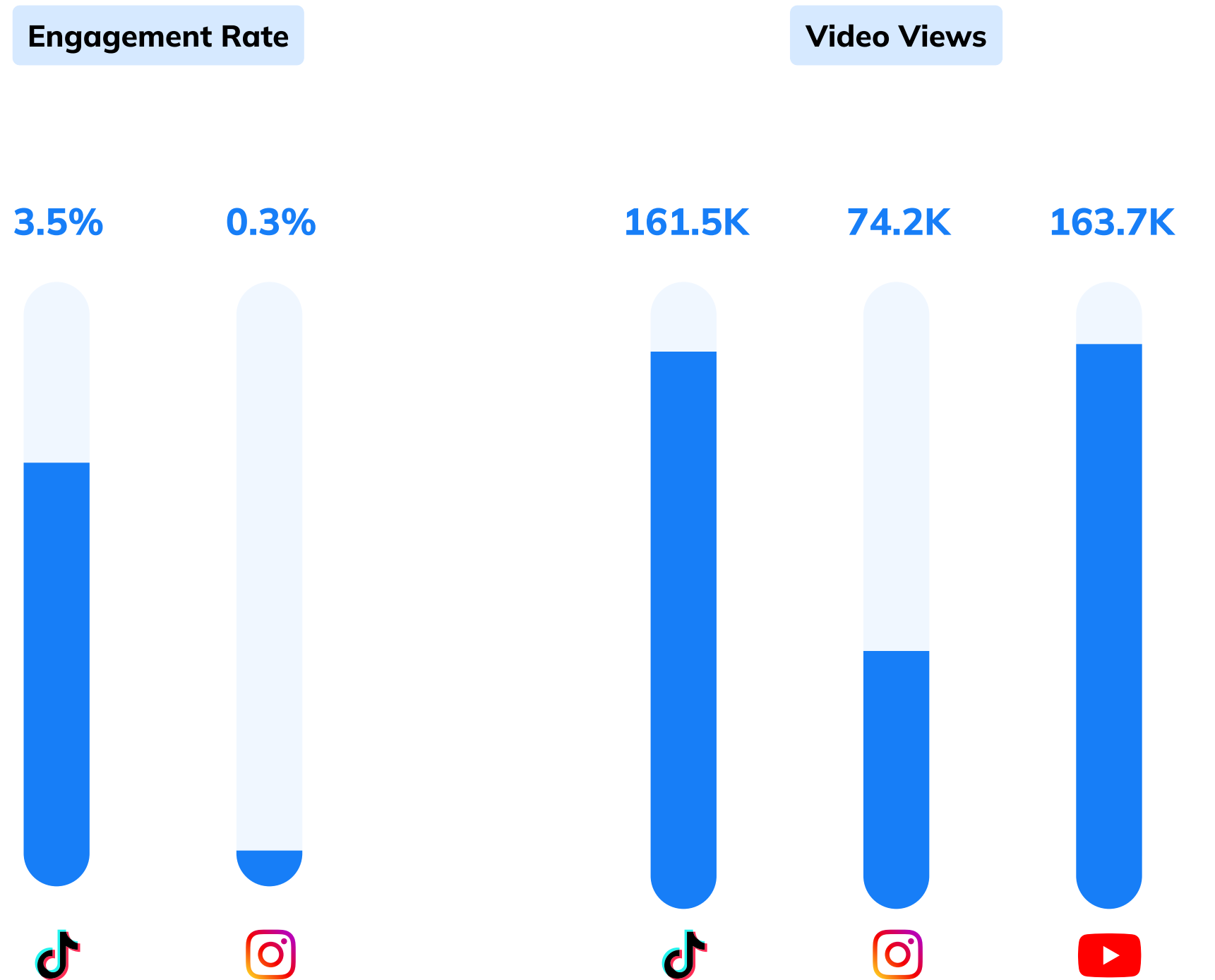
Food and beverage brands see 0.9% monthly follower growth, which eclipses the overall average of 0.8%. As their only above-average growth channel, Instagram has proven to be the best opportunity for food and beverage brands to establish community and create highly entertaining content. Brands can continue to find success by increasing posting cadence — from 2 Reels and 3 images per week — to continue to keep audiences engaged.

📺 Brands Earn Incredible Views and Engagement With Fun Content

Food and beverage brands earn the highest video views out of all industries, with an average of 163.7K per video. Brands also see high numbers of likes, which is a strong indicator of audience engagement. Signs to watch are percentage viewed, which is trending low at 64%, as well as weekly videos, which is also low at 3. Brands can increase content frequency and video retention by repurposing short-form video from other channels as YouTube Shorts.

Average Food and Beverage Engagement Rate and Video Views

H2 2024



TikTok

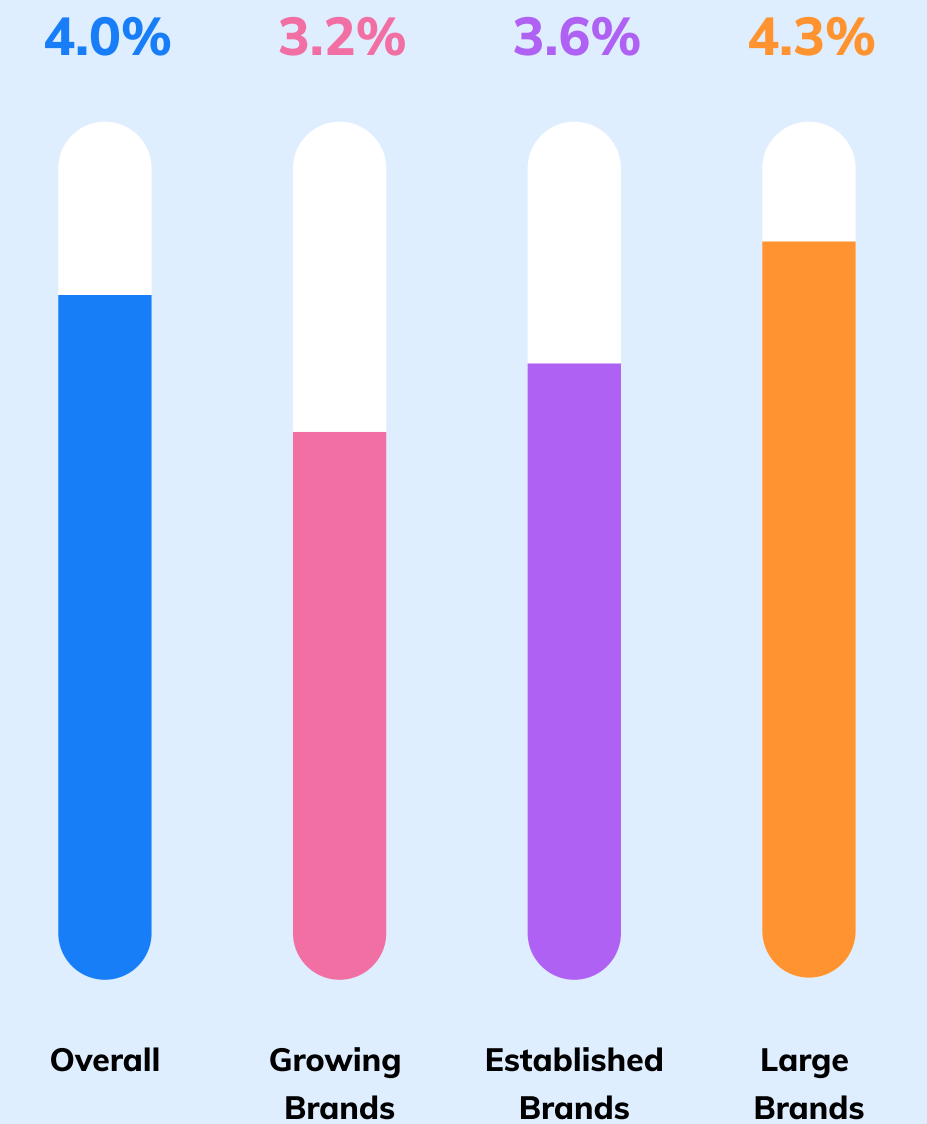


Across All Industries

	Follower Count	Weekly Posts	Monthly Follower Growth Rate*	Video Views	Shares	Reach*	Entertainment Score*
Overall	357K	6	5.8%	128.1K	142	105K	3.8
Growing Brands <small>(0 – 11.5K Followers)</small>	4.1K	3	7.6%	19.3K	9	12.9K	3.4
Established Brands <small>(11.5K – 110K Followers)</small>	44.7K	5	6.8%	61.8K	36	47.4K	3.6
Large Brands <small>(110K+ Followers)</small>	894.6K	9	3.5%	177.8K	216	145.6K	3.9

*Customer data only

Engagement Rate



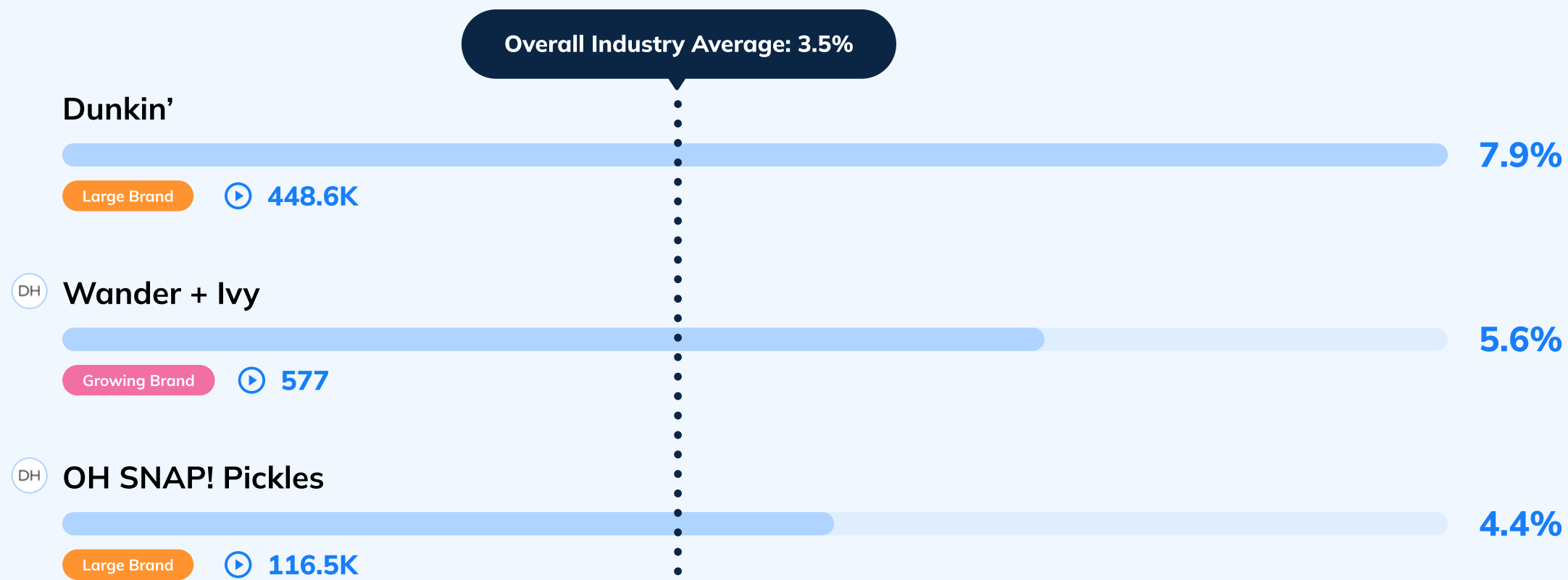
Engagement Rate: (Likes+Comments+Shares) / Video Views

By Industry

	Food and Beverage	Beauty	Retail	Fashion	Luxury	CPG	Home	Media and Publishing	Baby and Children	B2B	Wellness	Sports	Travel
Follower Count	564.5K	339.7K	252.3K	200.6K	514.9K	329.9K	121.3K	676.9K	208.2K	193.9K	110K	604.6K	139K
Weekly Posts	3	6	4	5	4	4	3	11	3	8	4	5	3
Monthly Follower Growth Rate*	5.0%	4.7%	4.0%	4.9%	5.8%	5.1%	7.5%	9.3%	4.1%	**	6.8%	**	5.6%
Video Views	161.5K	96.3K	141K	107.1K	207.2K	146.6K	60.7K	159.9K	99.9K	125.3K	66.7K	168.3K	151.7K
Shares	164	66	71	55	127	121	50	269	98	105	47	178	128
Reach	120.8K	79.3K	107K	86.6K	154.7K	121.4K	48.8K	138K	54.9K	**	54K	**	96.3K
Entertainment Score*	3.8	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.6	**	3.3	**	3.4
Engagement Rate	3.5%	4.0%	3.3%	3.2%	4.2%	3.6%	3.4%	4.7%	3.9%	2.4%	3.3%	5.6%	3.7%

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Top Food and Beverage Industry Performers by Engagement Rate

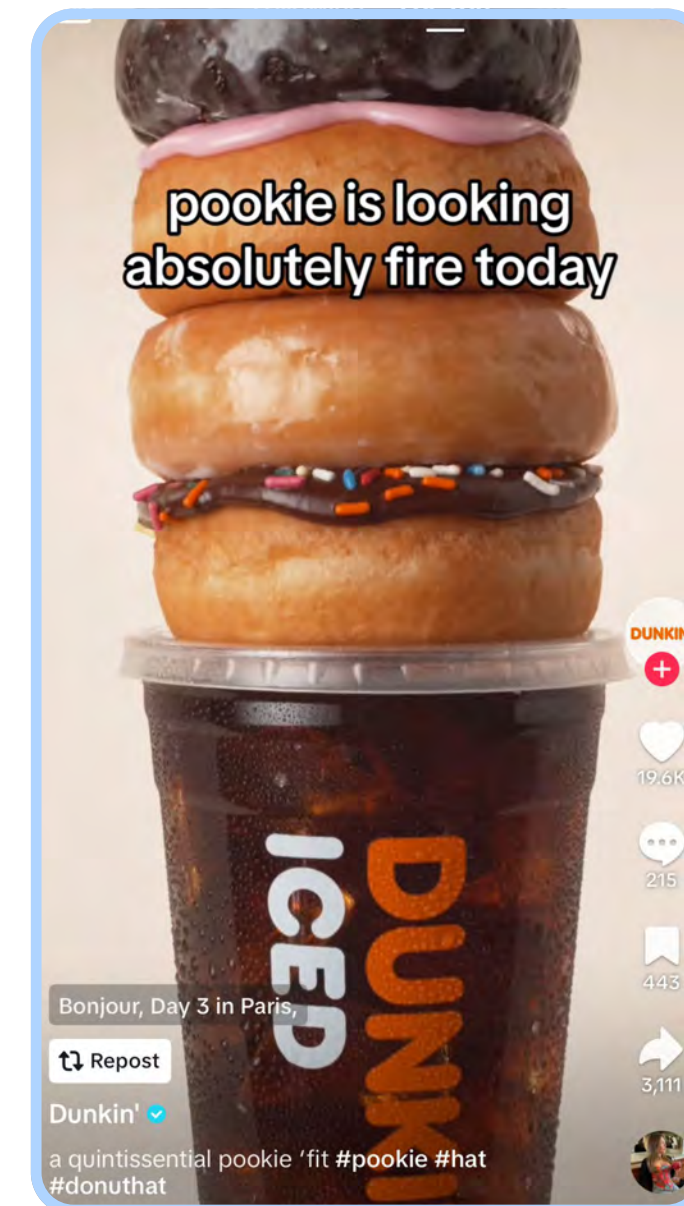


▶ Average Video Views
Ⓜ Dash Hudson User
● Growing Brand: 0 – 11.5K Followers
● Established Brand: 11.5K – 110K Followers
● Large Brand: 110K+ Followers

Deep Dive Into Top Performing Food and Beverage Brand

DUNKIN'

Dunkin's content on TikTok is outrageously fun, highlighting its seasonal flavors and promotions in a way that gets audiences excited for its drinks and snacks. The brand, always at the cutting edge of TikTok trendiness, features collaborations with celebrities and creators alike. Its upbeat content resonates with wide audiences, driving strong engagement.



Dunkin' outperforms the average Engagement Rate for food and beverage brands by **77%**.

Instagram

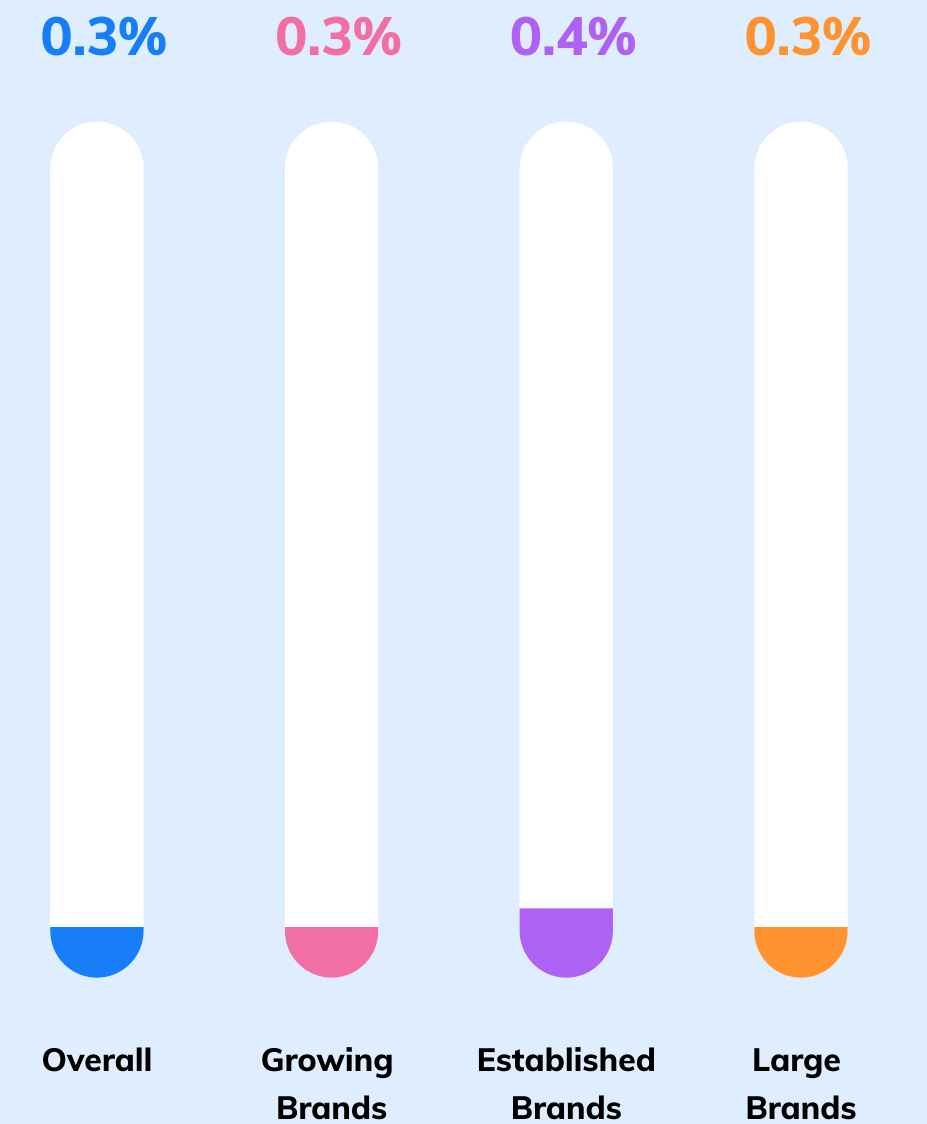


Across All Industries

	Follower Count	Weekly Posts (Reels)	Weekly Posts (Carousel and Image)	Monthly Follower Growth Rate	Reach*	Entertainment Score* (Reels)	Effectiveness Rate*	Shares
Overall	2.1M	4	5	0.8%	158.2K	4.6	14.7%	363
Growing Brands <small>(0 – 190K Followers)</small>	87.5K	2	3	1.1%	9.9K	4.5	21.1%	34
Established Brands <small>(190K – 1.1M Followers)</small>	497.3K	3	4	0.7%	40.5K	4.1	16.6%	140
Large Brands <small>(1.1M+ Followers)</small>	7.4M	7	10	0.5%	304.8K	5.1	10.9%	658

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Engagement Rate

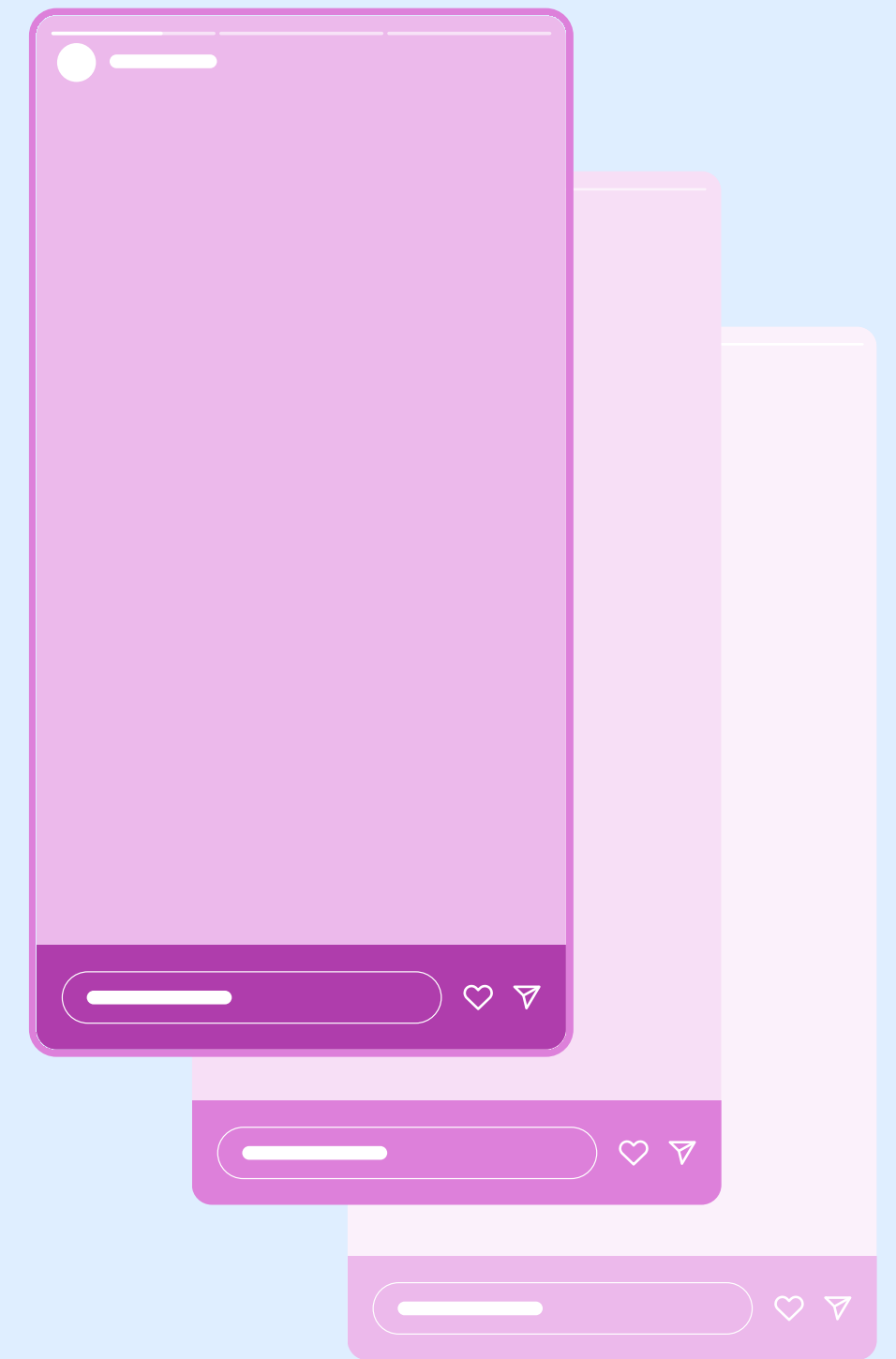


Engagement Rate: (Likes+ Comments) / Followers

Across All Industries

	Daily Posts	Post Completion Rate	Post Exit Rate	Reach	Impressions	Tap Forwards	Tap Backwards
Overall	3	92%	8%	14.1K	14.3K	11.9K	632
Growing Brands (0 – 190K Followers)	2	91%	8%	903	914	772	39
Established Brands (190K – 1.1M Followers)	3	92%	7%	4.1K	4.1K	3.6K	171
Large Brands (1.1M+ Followers)	4	93%	6%	35.8K	35.8K	29.6K	1.6K

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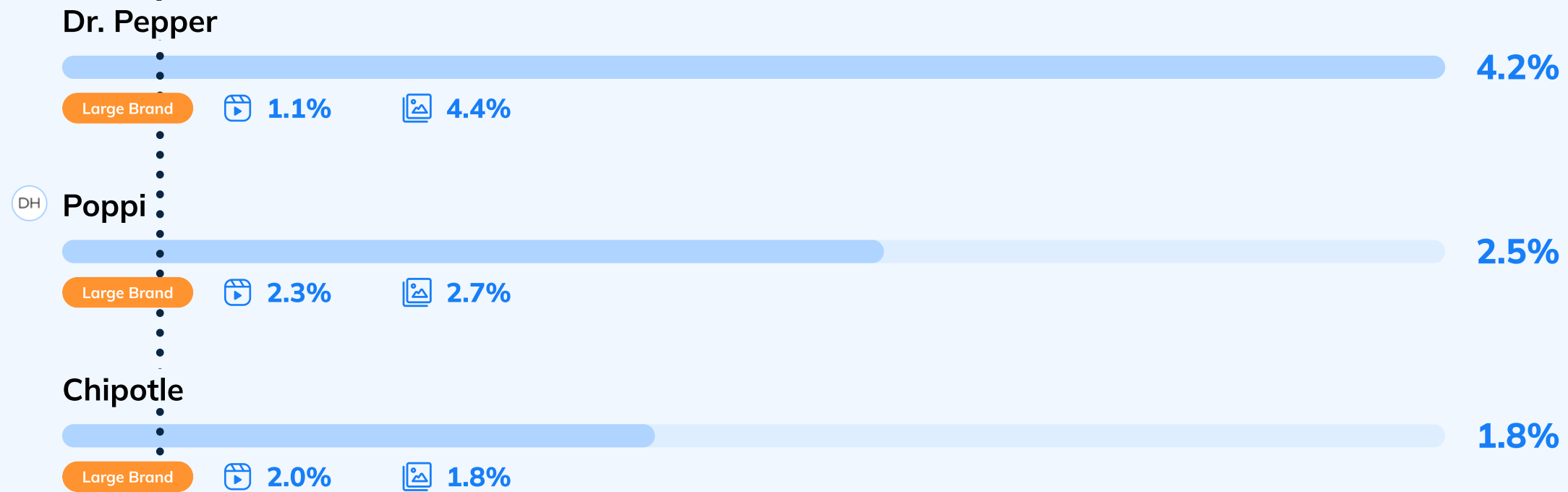
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
	Food and Beverage	Beauty	Retail	Fashion	Luxury	CPG	Home	Media and Publishing	Baby and Children	B2B	Wellness	Sports	Travel
Follower Count	1.6M	2.5M	3.2M	3.6M	8M	1.5M	1M	6.2M	989.6K	418.1K	680.8K	28.2M	1.5M
Weekly Posts (Reels)	2	6	4	3	2	2	2	12	2	2	3	6	2
Weekly Posts (Carousel and Image)	3	5	5	6	5	2	4	19	3	2	3	12	4
Monthly Follower Growth Rate	0.9%	0.8%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	0.9%	0.6%	0.8%	0.7%	1.6%	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%
Shares*	313	119	79	60	127	165	109	688	257	**	198	**	213
Entertainment Score* (Reels)	5.4	4.9	3.4	3.6	4.9	4.9	3.7	5.1	3.6	**	3.6	**	5.3
Reach*	72.6K	81.2K	64K	68.8K	136.6K	31.3K	58K	284.7K	40.5K	**	47.4K	**	60.8K
Effectiveness Rate*	17.8%	15.6%	9.8%	9.4%	11.4%	19.8%	10.2%	15.3%	14.4%	**	16.2%	**	17.5%
Engagement Rate	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.9%	0.4%

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Top Food and Beverage Industry Performers by Engagement Rate

Overall Industry Average: 0.3%



 Average Engagement Rate (Reels) | Industry Average: 0.3%  Average Engagement Rate (Static and Carousel) | Industry Average: 0.4%  Dash Hudson User

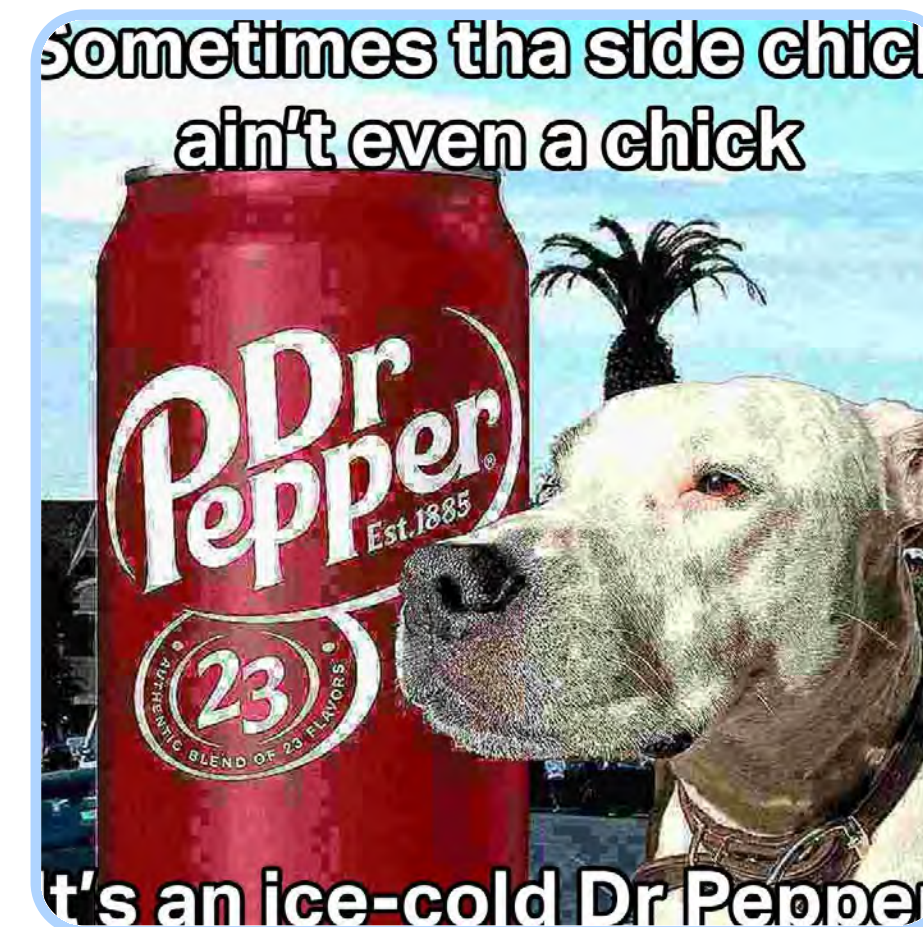
 Growing Brand: 0 – 190K Followers  Established Brand: 190K – 1.1M Followers  Large Brand: 1.1M+ Followers

Deep Dive Into Top Performing Food and Beverage Brand



Dr. Pepper’s Instagram content leans into hilarious memes, boosting its engagement rate with its strong cultural savviness. The brand uses Instagram to build community with Gen Z, who in turn react with hundreds of comments. While its content strategy wouldn’t work for every brand, Dr. Pepper has reached an understanding of what resonates well with its own audience.

Dr. Pepper outperforms the average Engagement Rate for food and beverage brands by 177%.



YouTube



Across All Industries

	Subscriber Count	Weekly Videos	Monthly Follower Growth Rate	Likes	Shares	Percentage Viewed
Overall	791.2K	7	1.2%	2.1K	84	67%
Growing Brands <small>(0 – 20K Followers)</small>	5.8K	3	1.6%	201	7	86%
Established Brands <small>(20K – 150K Followers)</small>	70K	5	0.9%	236	8	68%
Large Brands <small>(150K+ Followers)</small>	2.7M	17	0.9%	3K	156	60%

*Customer data only

Overall Video Views



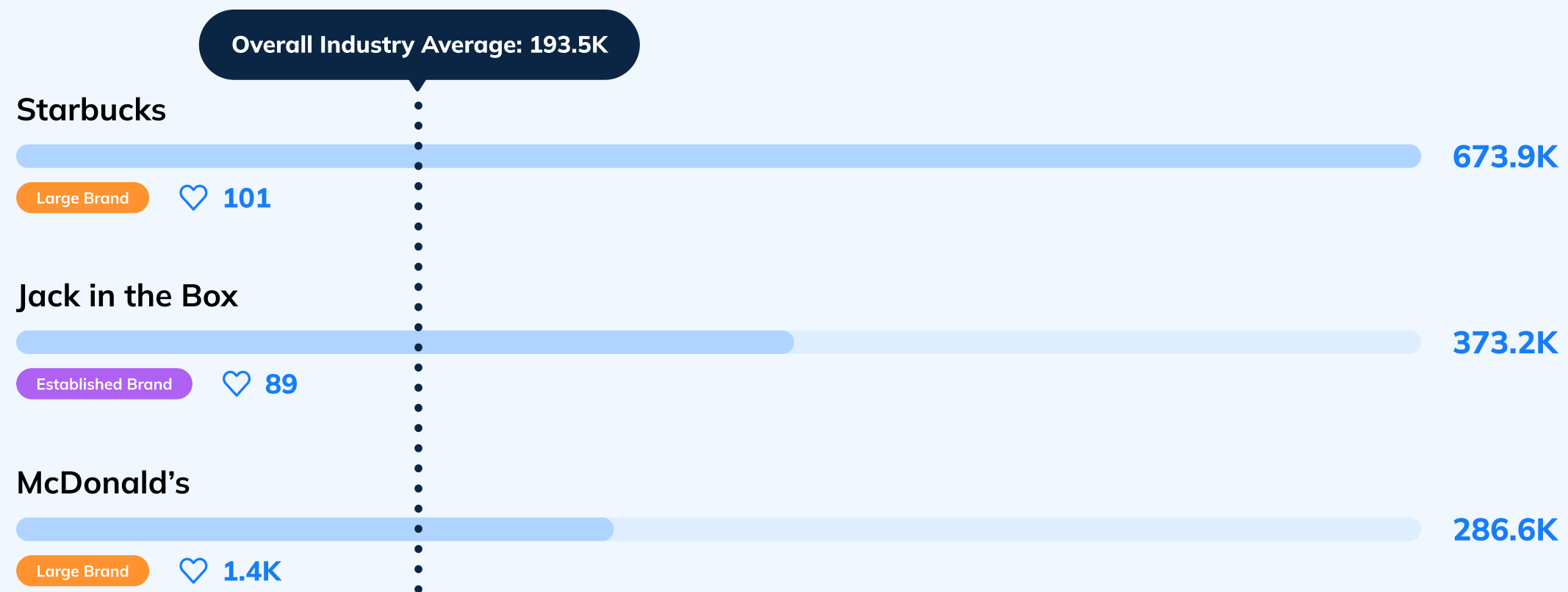
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Weekly Videos	3	8	7	9	4	4	3	35	4	3	5	15	6
Monthly Follower Growth Rate	1.0%	1.3%	0.5%	0.9%	1.1%	1.1%	1.4%	1.5%	0.8%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.6%
Likes*	3.6K	1.3K	368	247	1.3K	3.2K	151	2.4K	592	135	355	4.5K	146
Shares*	24	34	6	4	36	12	15	188	17	2	34	35	6
Percentage Viewed*	64%	88%	59%	68%	100%	64%	74%	57%	73%	**	**	**	**
Overall Video Views	163.7K	72.5K	77.7K	45.9K	118.8K	163.2K	56.8K	90K	55.9K	33.9K	55.8K	135.2K	30.3K

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▶ Average On-Demand Video Views and Industry Leaders

Top Food and Beverage Industry Performers by On-Demand Video Views



♥ Average Likes | Industry Average: 663.2K | DH Dash Hudson User | ● Growing Brand: 0 – 20K Followers | ● Established Brand: 20K – 150K Followers | ● Large Brand: 150K+ Followers

Deep Dive Into Top Performing Food and Beverage Brand



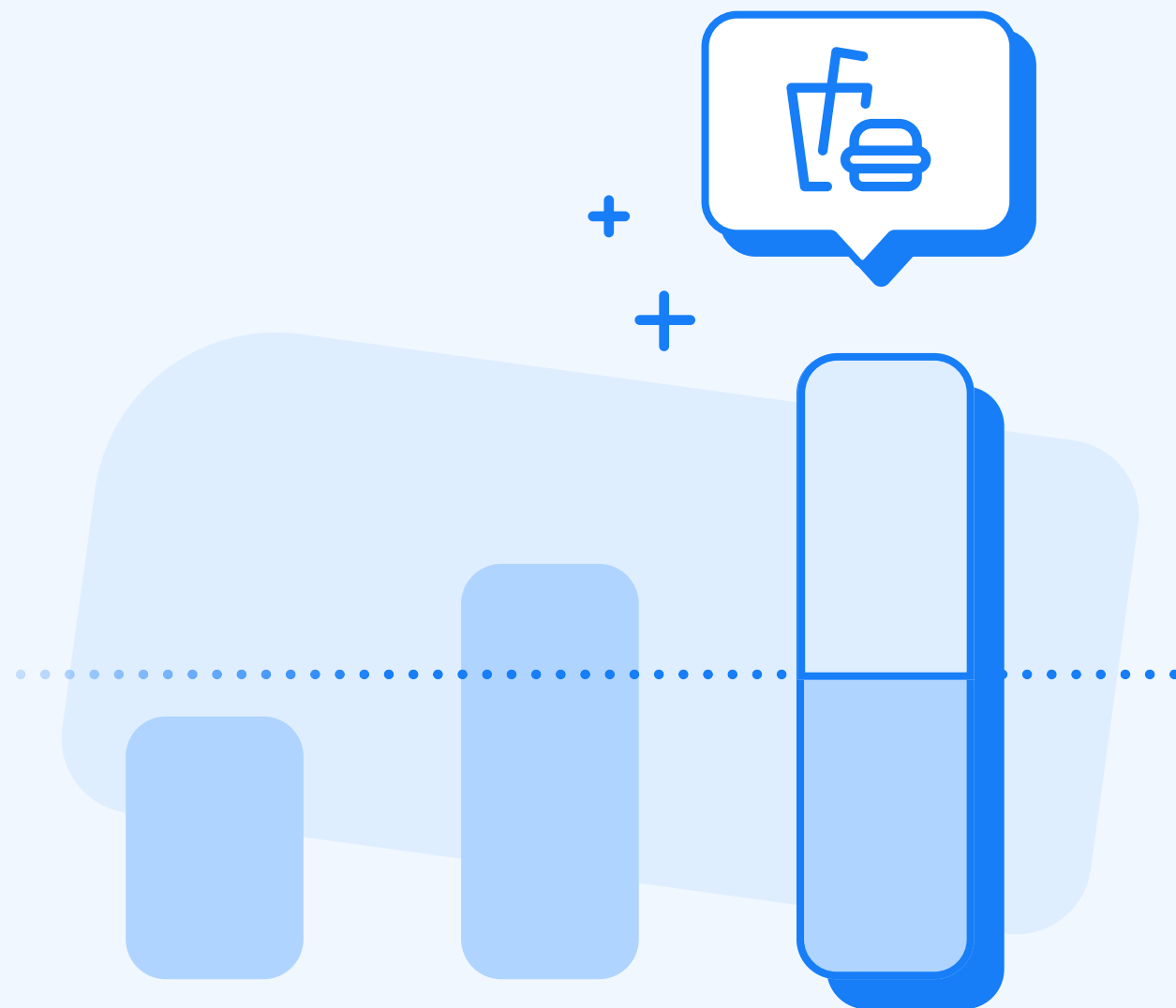
McDonald's dominates in YouTube video views with its mix of high-quality and entertaining content, including nostalgic looks at its mascots, meaningful profiles of industry change-makers and fun experiments, like its "WcDonald's" series of animated shorts.

McDonald's outperforms the average Video Views for Food and Beverage brands by 39%.



At participating McDonald's for a limited time.

What We Can Learn From Food and Beverage Brands' Strategies



Leverage Humor and Trends

Use humor and stay on top of trends to create content that resonates with broad audiences, effectively driving engagement.

Highlight Unique Brand Personality

Showcase the unique personality of your brand with playful and eye-catching content that differentiates it from competitors.

Focus on Cultural Relevance

Develop content that taps into cultural savviness and community-building elements, particularly effective on platforms like Instagram, where engaging with current trends can significantly boost engagement rates.

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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 empowers brands to outsmart social, visit dashhudson.com.



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Andie Social Media Manager

Hey team! Sharing our weekly social performance dashboard for review.



At a Glance

Facebook, Pinterest and X

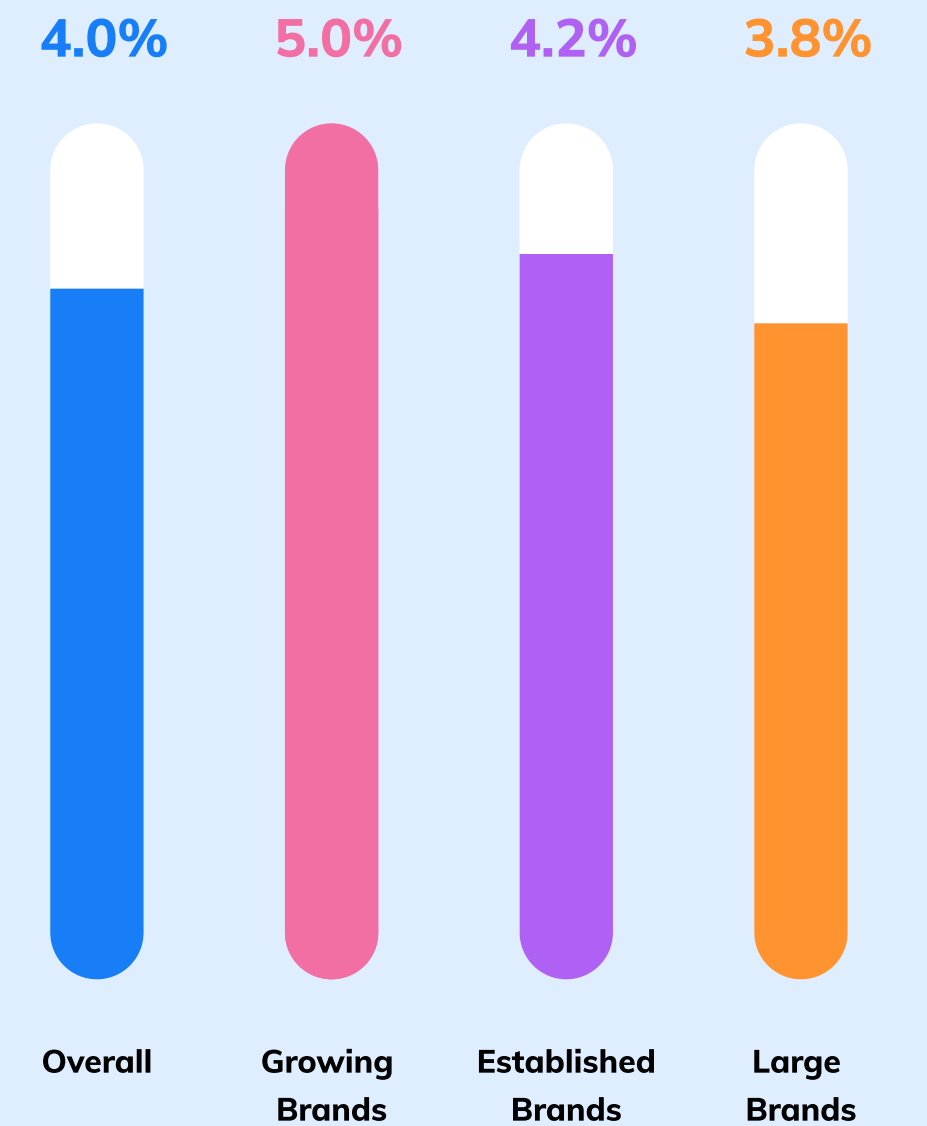


Across All Industries

	Follower Count	Weekly Posts	Monthly Growth Rate	Reach	Effectiveness Rate
Overall	927.1K	8	0.5%	63.5K	9.7%
Growing Brands <small>(0 – 100K Followers)</small>	29.3K	2	1.0%	5.1K	12.3%
Established Brands <small>(100K – 850K Followers)</small>	337.3K	7	0.2%	26.6K	9.1%
Large Brands <small>(850K+ Followers)</small>	3.5M	20	0.1%	89.8K	7.4%

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Engagement Rate



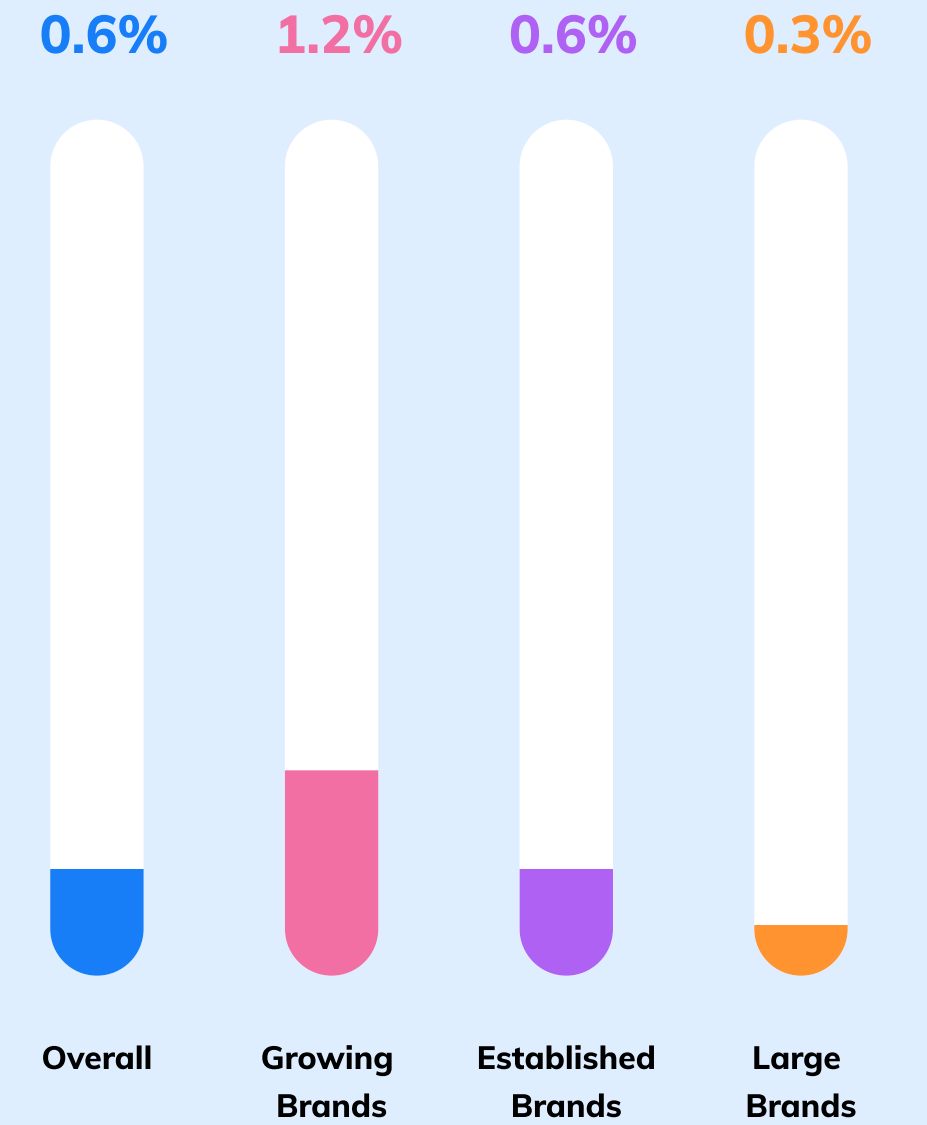
Engagement Rate: (Total Engagements) / Impressions

Across All Industries

	Follower Count	Weekly Posts	Monthly Follower Growth Rate	Video Views
Overall	235.4K	22	1.3%	845
Growing Brands <small>(0 – 8K Followers)</small>	2.7K	9	2.5%	285
Established Brands <small>(8K – 105K Followers)</small>	37.9K	18	1.1%	850
Large Brands <small>(105K+ Followers)</small>	769.5K	43	0.3%	4.4K

Customer data only

Engagement Rate



Engagement Rate: (Likes + Comments) / Followers

Across All Industries

	Follower Count	Weekly Posts	Monthly Follower Growth Rate	Impressions	Likes	Total Engagements	Retweets
Overall	813.1K	48	0.1%	16.4K	38	258	8
Growing Brands <small>(0 – 12.5K Followers)</small>	5.1K	6	0.2%	818	7	23	5
Established Brands <small>(12.5K – 200K Followers)</small>	70K	21	0.04%	3.3K	18	90	6
Large Brands <small>(200K+ Followers)</small>	2.0M	100	-0.03%	17.9K	40	284	10

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