

RELEVANT METRICS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATIONS ORGANIZED BY KEY SOCIAL MEDIA OBJECTIVES

This table organizes the various social metrics for social media by classifying them according to social media applications and social media performance objectives. While it is not exhaustive, it should give marketers a useful starting point for measuring the effectiveness of social media efforts because all of the metrics listed are easily measured.

SOCIAL MEDIA APPLICATION	BRAND AWARENESS	BRAND ENGAGEMENT	WORD OF MOUTH
Blogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of unique visits •number of return visits •number of times bookmarked •search ranking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of members •number of RSS feed subscribers •number of comments •amount of user-generated content •average length of time on site •number of responses to polls, contests, surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of references to blog in other media (online/offline) •number of reblogs •number of times badge displayed on other sites •number of “likes”
Microblogging (e.g., Twitter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of tweets about the brand •valence of tweets +/- •number of followers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of followers •number of @replies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of retweets
Cocreation (e.g., NIKEiD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of creation attempts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of references to project in other media (online/offline)
Social Bookmarking (e.g., StumbleUpon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of tags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of followers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of additional taggers
Forums and Discussion Boards (e.g., Google Groups)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of page views •number of visits •valence of posted content +/- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of relevant topics/threads •number of individual replies •number of sign-ups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •incoming links •citations in other sites •tagging in social bookmarking •offline references to the forum or its members •in private communities: number of pieces of content (photos, discussions, videos); chatter pointing to the community outside of its gates •number of “likes”
Product Reviews (e.g., Amazon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of reviews posted •valence of reviews •number and valence of other users’ responses to reviews (+/-) •number of wish list adds •number of times product included in users’ lists (i.e., Listmania! on Amazon.com) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •length of reviews •relevance of reviews •valence of other users’ ratings of reviews (i.e., how many found particular review helpful) •number of wish list adds •overall number of reviewer rating scores entered •average reviewer rating score 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of reviews posted •valence of reviews •number and valence of other users’ responses to reviews (+/-) •number of references to reviews in other sites •number of visits to review site page •number of times product included in users’ lists (i.e., Listmania! on Amazon.com)
Social Networks (e.g., Bebo, Facebook, LinkedIn)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of members/fans •number of installs of applications •number of impressions •number of bookmarks •number of reviews/ratings and valence +/- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of comments •number of active users •number of “likes” on friends’ feeds •number of user-generated items (photos, threads, replies) •usage metrics of applications/ widgets •impressions-to-interactions ratio •rate of activity (how often members personalize profiles, bios, links, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •frequency of appearances in timeline of friends •number of posts on wall •number of reposts/shares •number of responses to friend referral invites
Video and Photosharing (e.g., Flickr, YouTube)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of views of video/photo •valence of video/photo ratings +/- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of replies •number of page views •number of comments •number of subscribers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •number of embeddings •number of incoming links •number of references in mock-ups or derived work •number of times republished in other social media and offline •number of “likes”