

SOCIAL SHARING TRENDS

A ClearVoice Data Study
Across 14 Industries



We analyzed 630,000+ posts...

(to find where, when, and what people share most)



across 14 industries...



Business



Finance



Tech



Home
& Garden



Real Estate



Parenting



Career



Education
& Nonprofit



Beauty, Health
& Wellness



Travel



Style &
Fashion



Design



Arts &
Entertainment



Food, Drink
& Hospitality



and here's what we found.

(aside from a great excuse to make pretty charts)

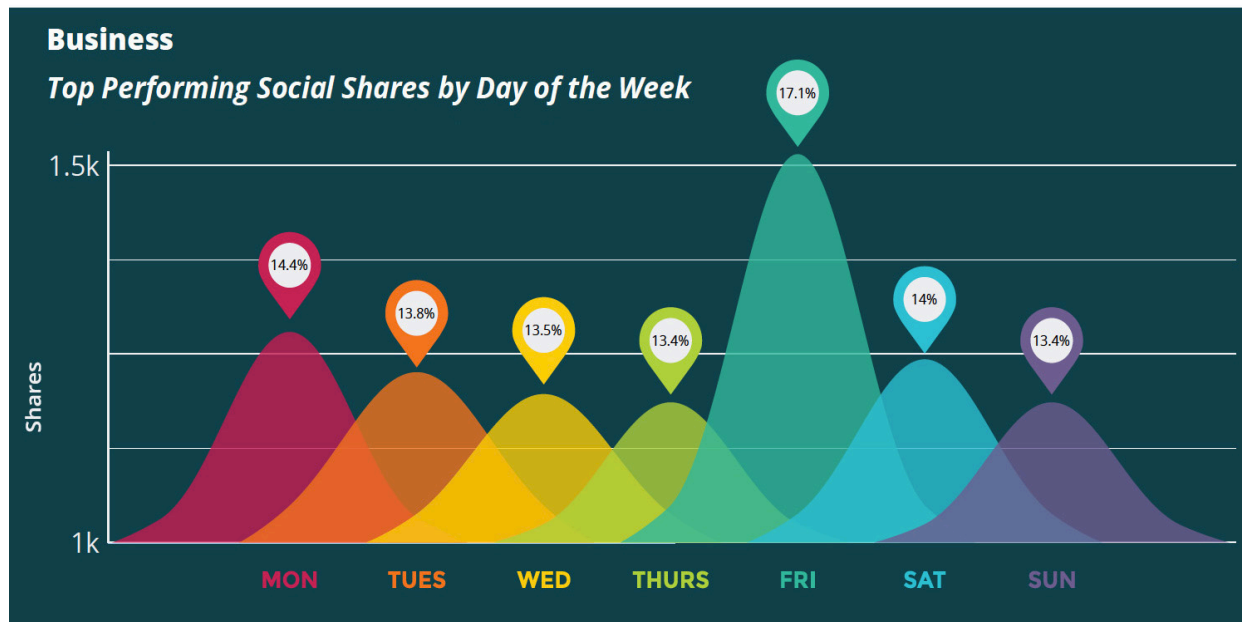


BUSINESS

After Analyzing 115,321 Posts...

LinkedIn was the clear winner for social channel, and Fridays had the most social shares for channels.

The two most shared content types were **infographic-listicle combos** and **long-form how-to articles**.



Posts included those from [Entrepreneur](#), [Business Insider](#), [Harvard Business Review](#), [Fast Company](#), [Forbes](#), [VentureBeat](#) and other industry leaders.

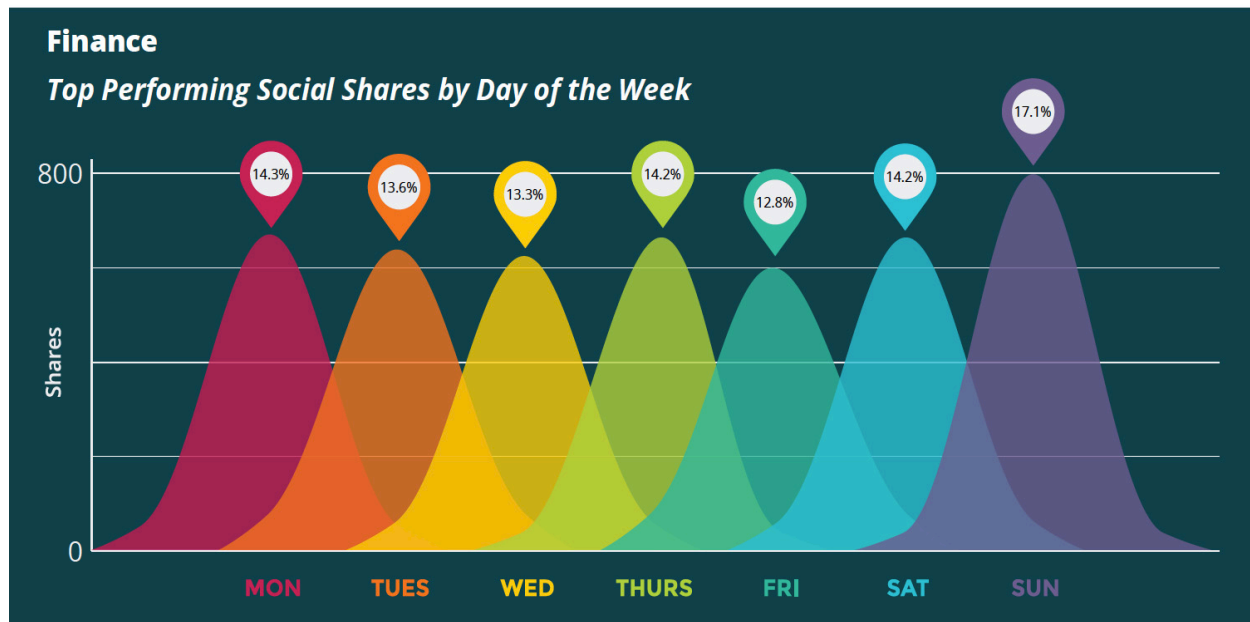


FINANCE

After Analyzing **133,589** Posts...

Facebook was the clear winner for social channel. We found no drastic difference in performance on any particular day, although Sunday performed best by a small margin.

The two most shared content types were **articles with an infographic** and **how-to listicle articles**.



Posts included those from [Fortune](#), [CNN Money](#), [Bloomberg](#), [Market Watch](#), [Financial Times](#) and other industry leaders.

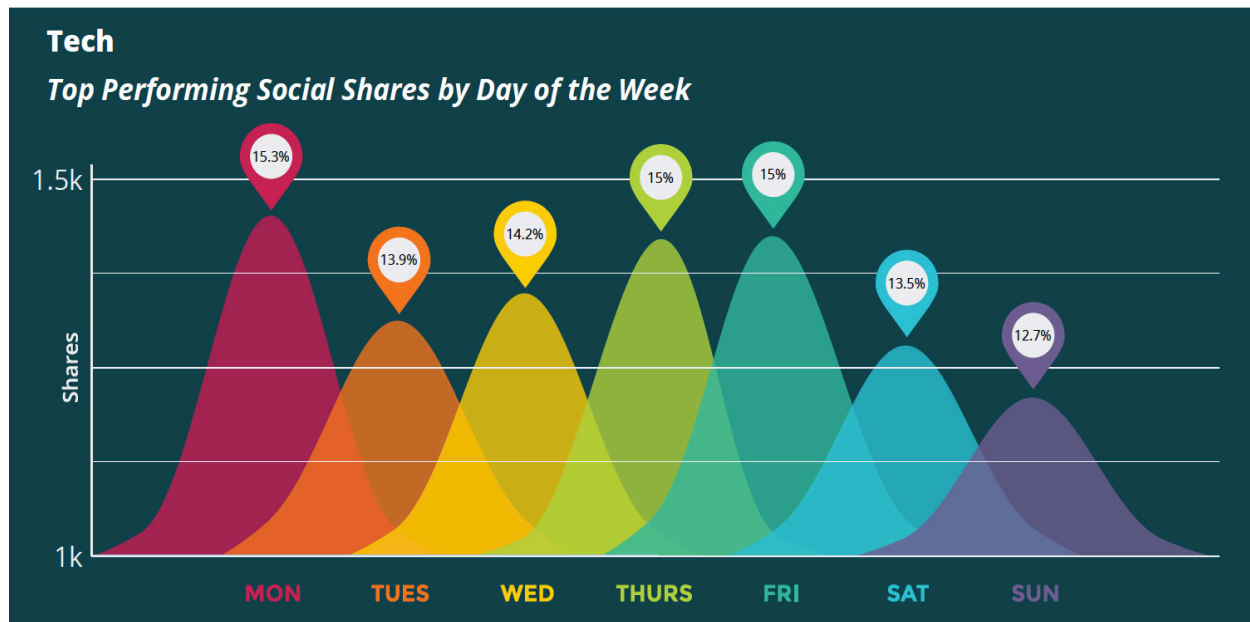


TECH

After Analyzing **69,311** Posts...

Facebook was the clear winner for social channel. Mondays performed best, while Sundays had the least engagement.

The two most shared content types were **how-to articles with infographics** and **listicles with infographics**.



Posts included those from [Wired](#), [TechCrunch](#), [Mashable](#), [Gizmodo](#), [Lifehacker](#) and other industry leaders.

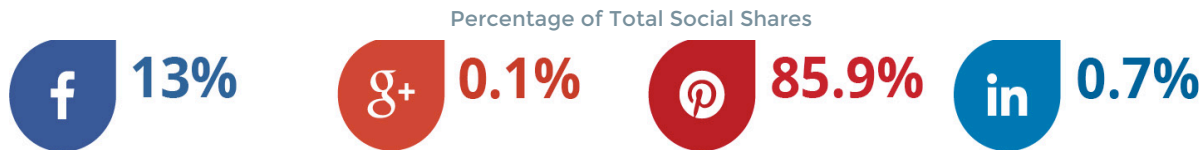


HOME & GARDEN

After Analyzing 5,379 Posts...

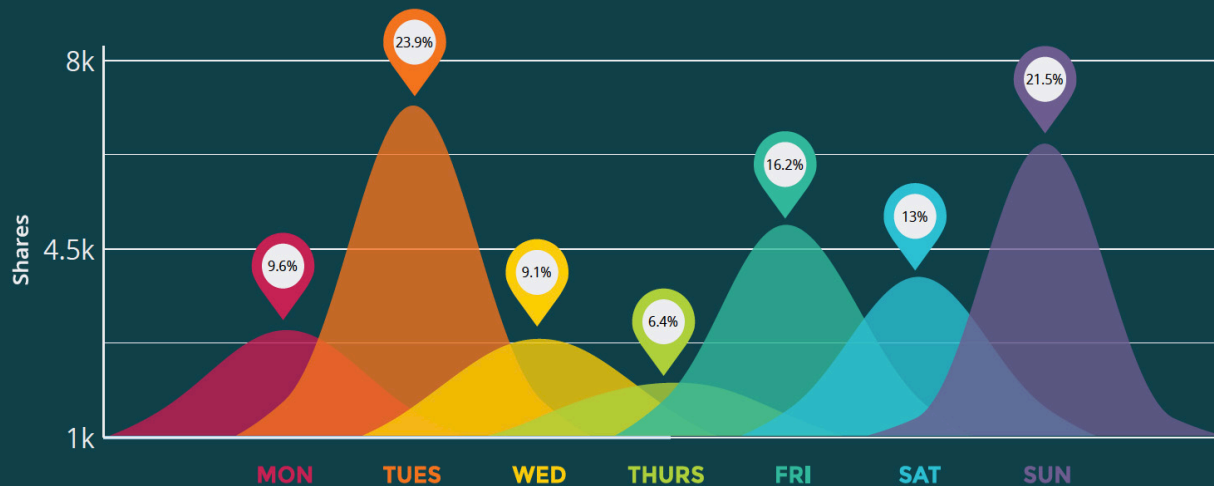
Pinterest dominated as the primary social channel, with dramatic spikes in engagement on Tuesdays and Sundays.

The two most shared content types were **long-form listicle articles** and regular **longform articles**.



Home & Garden

Top Performing Social Shares by Day of the Week



Posts included those from [Martha Stewart Living](#), [Better Homes and Gardens](#), [Real Simple](#), [Architectural Digest](#), [Good Housekeeping](#) and other industry leaders.

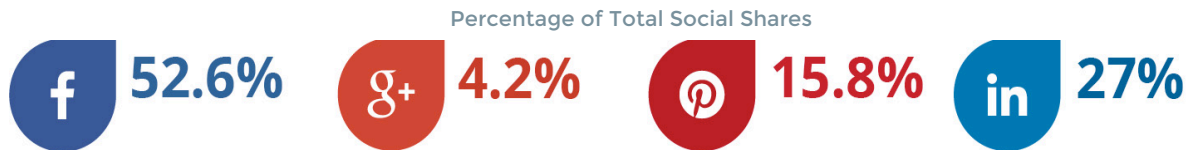


REAL ESTATE

After Analyzing **15,583** Posts...

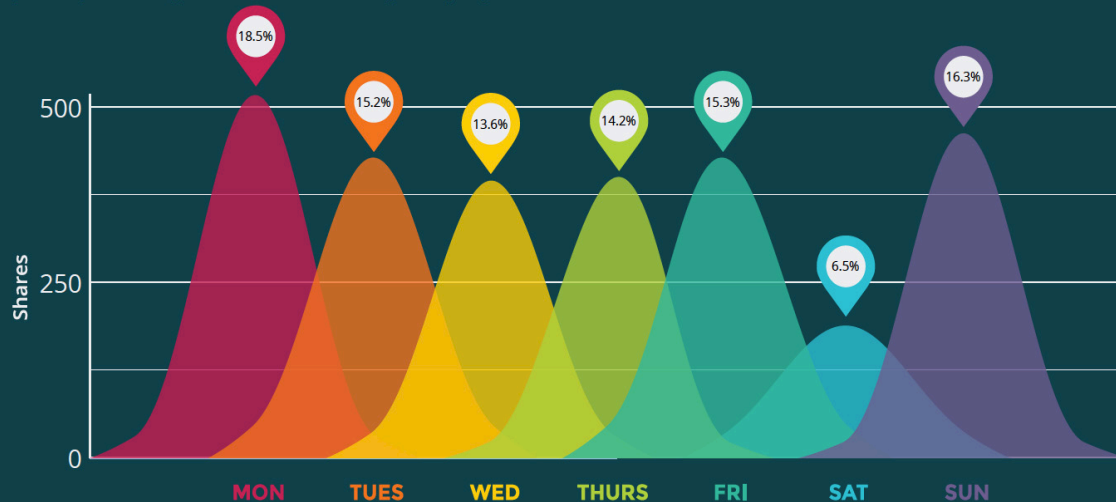
Facebook accounted for slightly more than half of the social channel share. Engagement was pretty even across the week, but Saturdays saw a steep drop-off.

The two most shared content types were **listicle articles with video** and **infographic-listicle combos**.



Real Estate

Top Performing Social Shares by Day of the Week



Posts included those from [The Real Deal](#), [Realty Times](#), [Brick Underground](#), [Curbed.com](#), [Zillow](#), [Realtor Magazine](#) and other industry leaders.

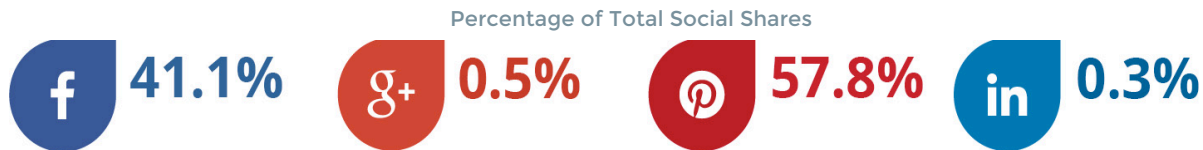


PARENTING

After Analyzing **33,684** Posts...

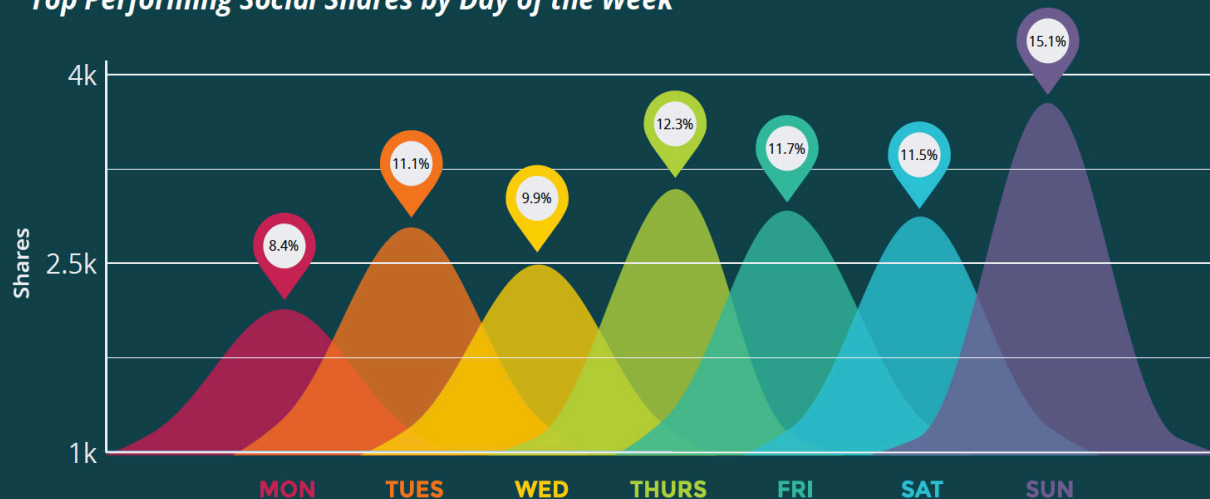
Pinterest received the most engagement, with Facebook not far behind. Sunday received the most engagement, and Monday the least by a substantial margin.

The two most shared content types were **articles with infographics** and **listicles**.



Parenting

Top Performing Social Shares by Day of the Week



Posts included those from [Working Mother](#), [Thrifty Nifty Mommy](#), [Positive Parenting Solutions](#), [Babble](#), [Cup of Jo](#), [Mom Junction](#) and other parenting publications.



CAREER

After Analyzing **25,970** Posts...

Facebook was the clear winner for social channel. Mondays received the most engagement, with engagement gradually declining each following day in the week.

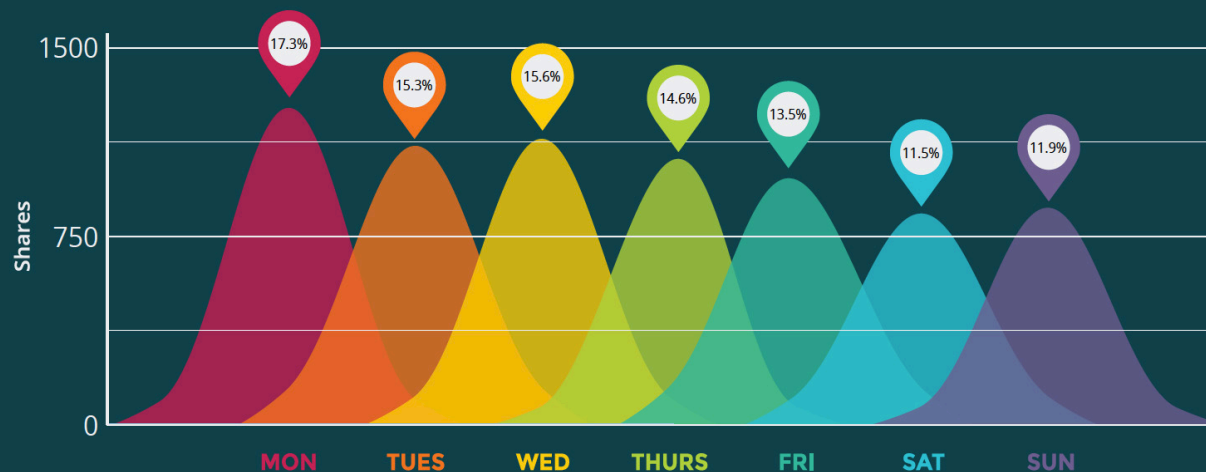
The two most shared content types were **longform listicles** and **long-form articles**.

Percentage of Total Social Shares



Career

Top Performing Social Shares by Day of the Week



Posts included those from [Indeed](#), [Monster](#), [Business Know How](#), [The Ladders](#), [80,000 Hours](#), [Simply Hired](#) and other industry leaders.

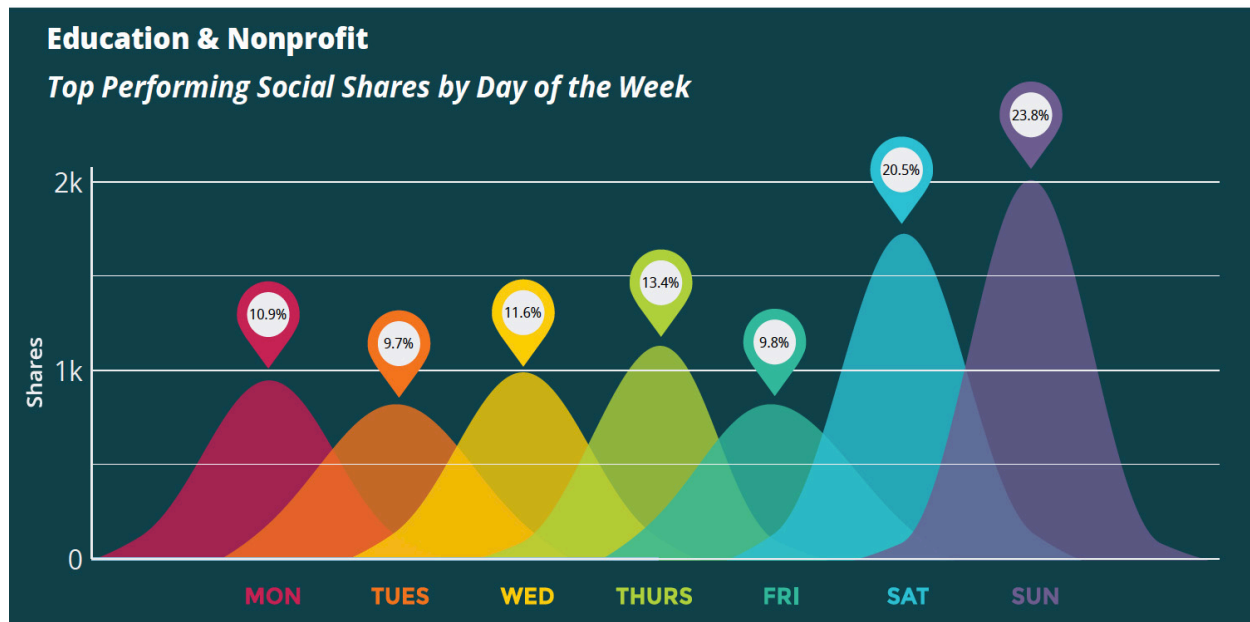
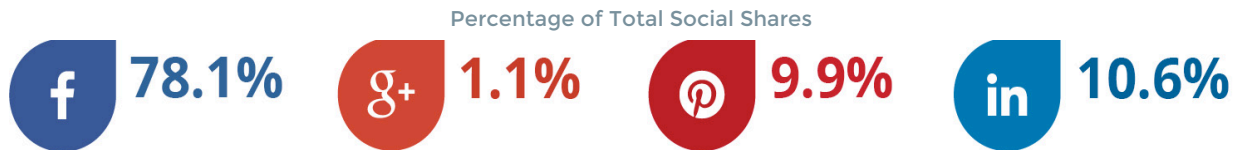


EDUCATION & NONPROFIT

After Analyzing 11,572 Posts...

Facebook dominated as the leading social channel. Weekend days received much higher engagement than weekdays.

The two most shared content types were **listicle articles with infographics** and **long-form how-to articles with video**



Posts included those from [Open Culture](#), [TED](#), [Knight Foundation](#), [Edudemic](#), [The Nonprofit Times](#), [Nonprofit Quarterly](#) and other publications for nonprofits and institutions.

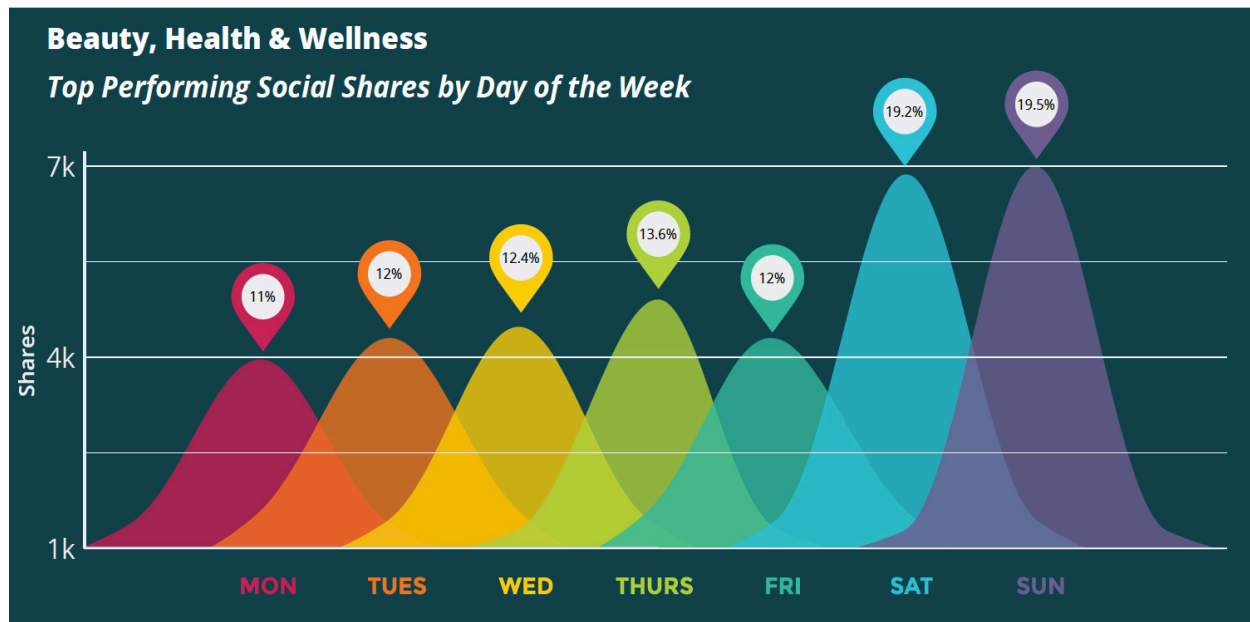
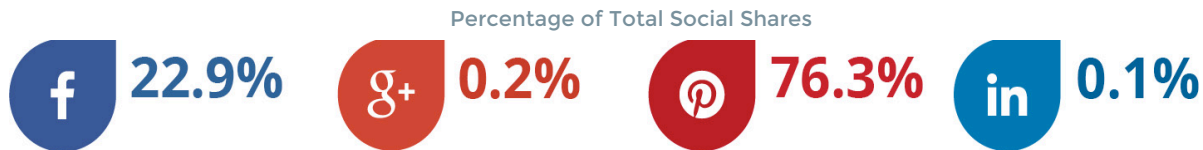


BEAUTY & HEALTH

After Analyzing **39,648** Posts...

Pinterest was the clear winner for social channel, with weekend days receiving significantly higher engagement than weekdays.

The two most shared content types were **long-form how-to articles** and **long-form how-to articles with videos**.



Posts included those from [Self](#), [Living Pretty Naturally](#), [The Organic Beauty Blog](#), [Wellness Mama](#), [Alive](#), [Health](#) and other leaders in the industry.

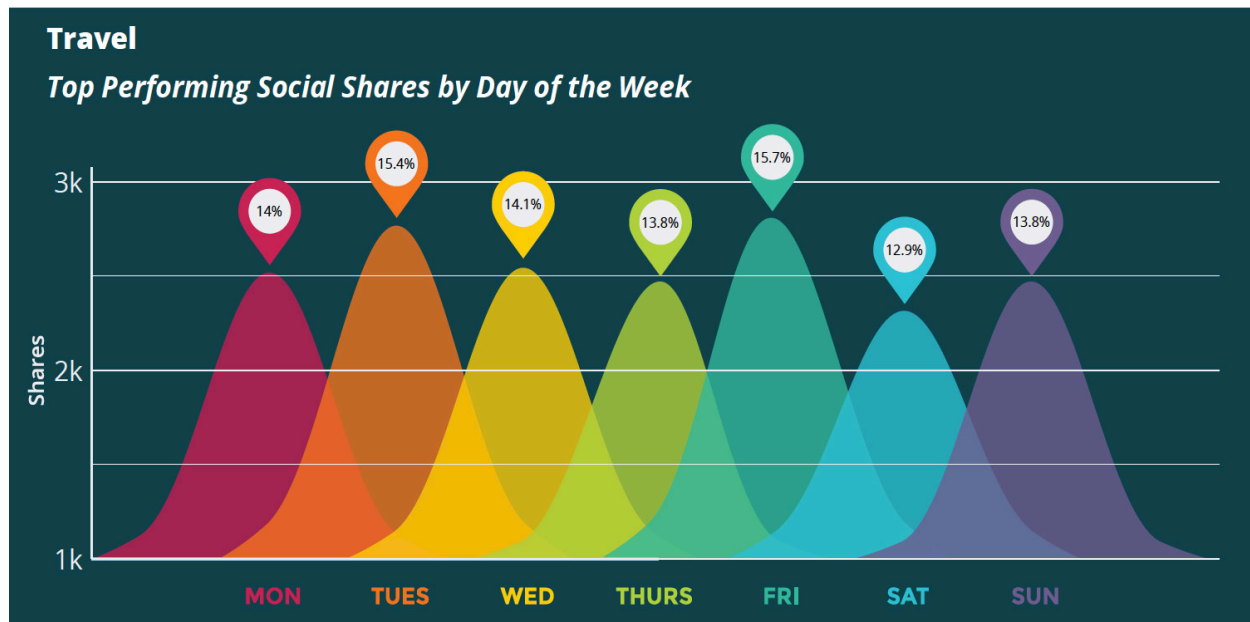
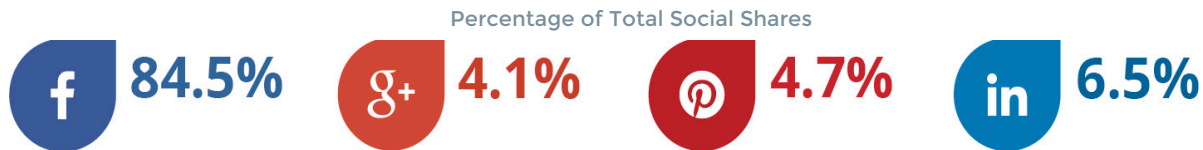


TRAVEL

After Analyzing **7,810** Posts...

Facebook dominated as the leading social channel. Social engagement was roughly the same regardless of the day of week.

The two most shared content types were **long-form articles** and **listicles**.



Posts included those from [Travel and Leisure](#), [National Geographic](#), [Outside](#), [Expedia](#), [Kayak](#) and other leaders in the industry.

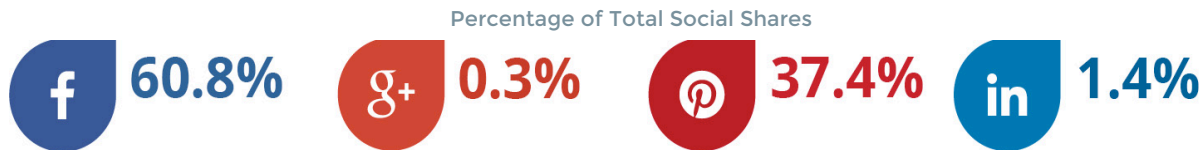


STYLE & FASHION

After Analyzing **43,548** Posts...

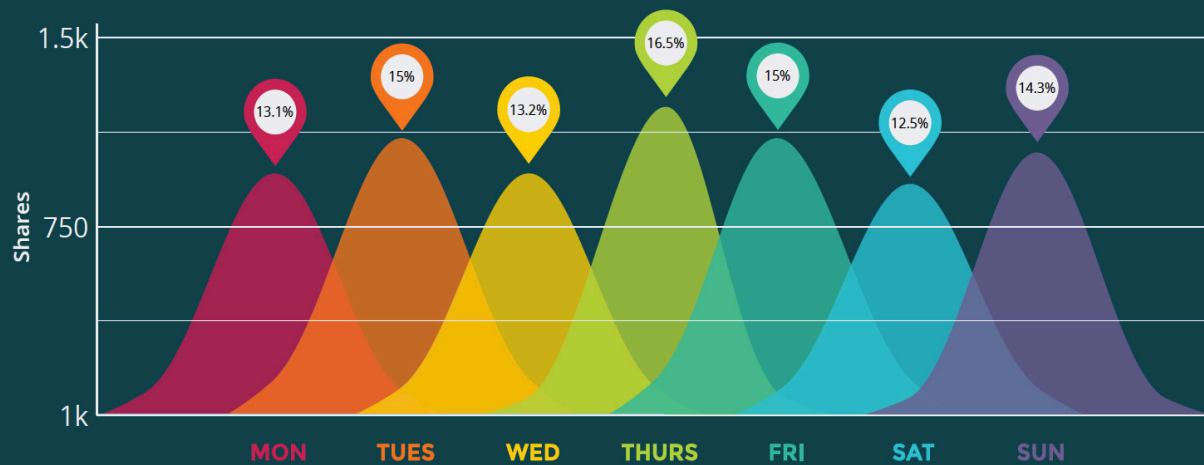
Facebook and **Pinterest** shared about a 60/40 split respectively in social shares. There was no drastic difference in social engagement for any given day of the week.

The two most shared content types were **articles with infographics** and **long-form listicle articles**.



Style & Fashion

Top Performing Social Shares by Day of the Week



Posts included those from [Fashionista](#), [Hellogiggles](#), [Vogue](#), [The Blonde Salad](#), [Glam Meets Glam](#), [Fashion Toast](#) and other leaders in the industry.



DESIGN

After Analyzing **9,470** Posts...

Pinterest dominated as the leading social channel. Tuesdays led in engagement, with Saturdays slightly lagging behind all other days.

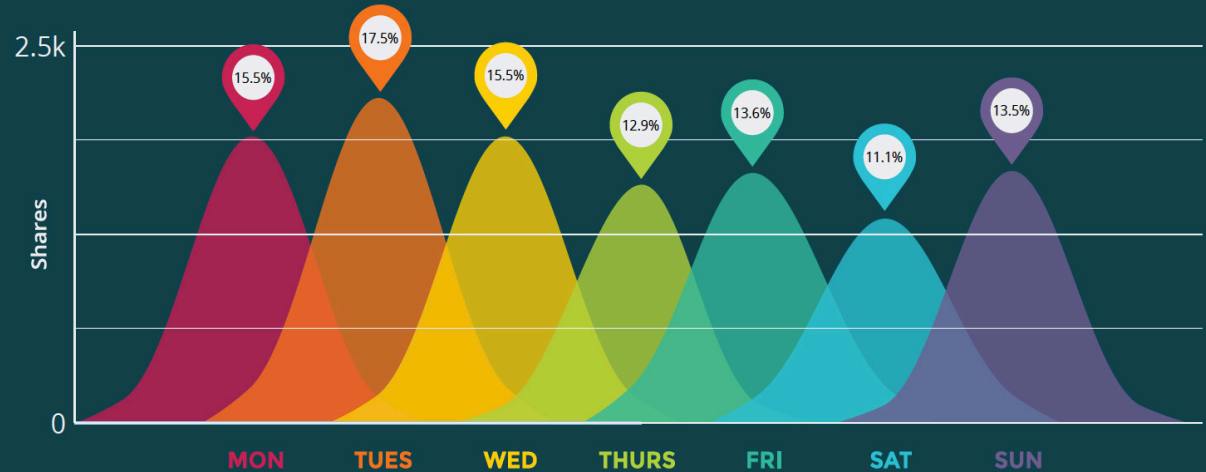
The two most shared content types were **listicles with infographics** and **long-form articles with infographics**.

Percentage of Total Social Shares



Design

Top Performing Social Shares by Day of the Week



Posts included those from [Fresh Home](#), [Design Milk](#), [Design Love Fest](#), [Canva Design School](#), [Wallpaper](#), [The Design Blog](#), [Graphic Design USA](#) and other leaders in the industry.

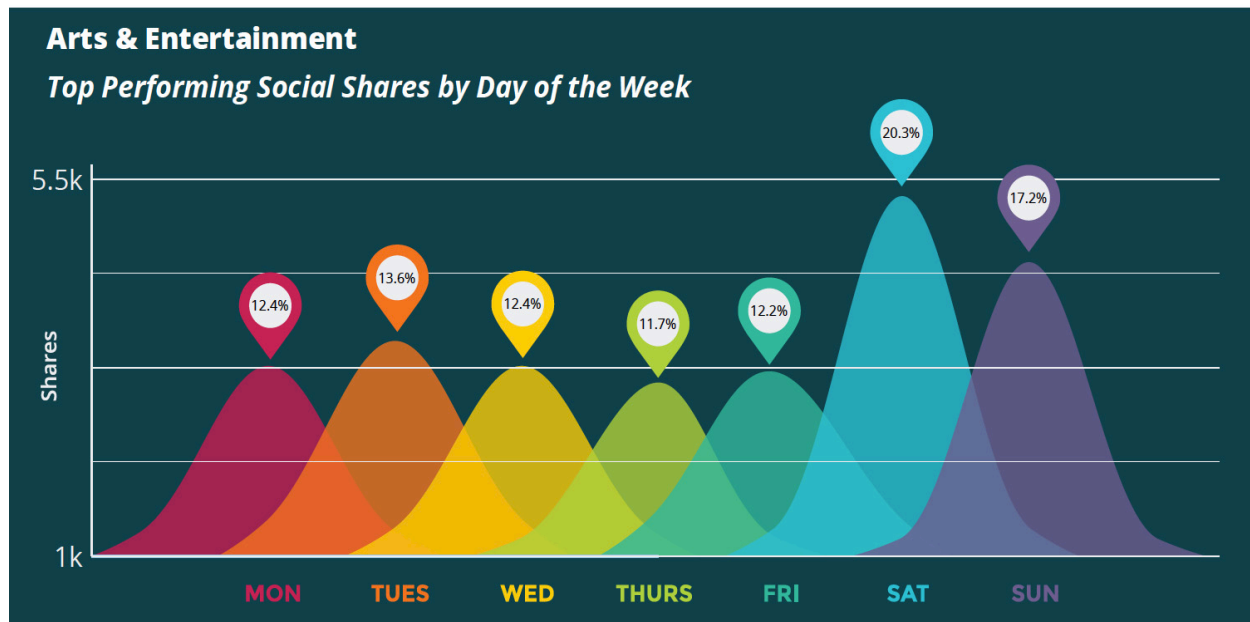
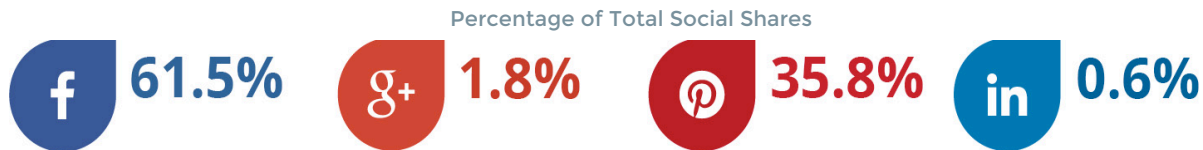


ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

After Analyzing 118,934 Posts...

Facebook was the clear winner for social channel, but Pinterest still had a substantial share of the pie. Saturdays, and weekends in general, led in engagement.

The two most shared content types were **how-to listicles** and **listicles**.



Posts included those from [BuzzFeed](#), [People](#), [Variety](#), [Entertainment Weekly](#) and other leaders in the industry.



FOOD & DRINK

After Analyzing **4,144** Posts...

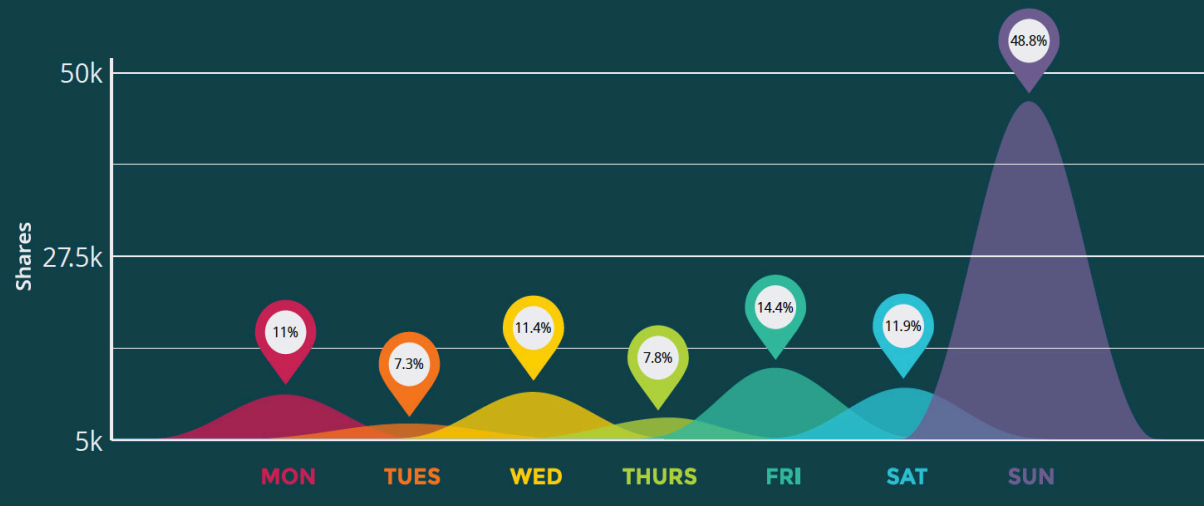
Pinterest clearly dominated as the top social channel. Sunday also dominated as the top day for sharing, accounting for nearly half of all engagement.

The two most shared content types were **how-to articles** and **listicle articles**.



Food, Drink & Hospitality

Top Performing Social Shares by Day of the Week



Posts included those from [The Wannabe Chef](#), [Food and Beverage Magazine](#), [Serious Eats](#), [Damn Delicious](#), [Minimalist Baker](#), [Smitten Kitchen](#) and other publications in the industry.





OVERALL INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT

Which days receive the most social shares in your industry?

Percentage of total social shares in each industry by day of week

| | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Business | 14.4% | 13.8% | 13.5% | 13.4% | 17.1% | 14% | 13.4% |
| Finance | 14.3% | 13.6% | 13.3% | 14.2% | 12.8% | 14.2% | 17.1% |
| Tech | 15.3% | 13.9% | 14.2% | 15% | 15% | 13.5% | 12.7% |
| Home & Garden | 9.6% | 23.9% | 9.1% | 6.4% | 16.2% | 13% | 21.5% |
| Real Estate | 18.5% | 15.2% | 13.6% | 14.2% | 15.3% | 6.5% | 16.3% |
| Parenting | 8.4% | 11.1% | 9.9% | 12.3% | 11.7% | 11.5% | 15.1% |
| Career | 17.3% | 15.3% | 15.6% | 14.6% | 13.5% | 11.5% | 11.9% |
| Education & Nonprofit | 10.9% | 9.7% | 11.6% | 13.4% | 9.8% | 20.5% | 23.8% |
| Beauty, Health & Wellness | 11% | 12% | 12.4% | 13.6% | 12% | 19.2% | 19.5% |
| Travel | 14% | 15.4% | 14.1% | 13.8% | 15.7% | 12.9% | 13.8% |
| Retail | 13.1% | 15% | 13.2% | 16.5% | 15% | 12.5% | 14.3% |
| Design | 15.5% | 17.5% | 15.5% | 12.9% | 13.6% | 11.1% | 13.5% |
| Art & Entertainment | 12.4% | 13.6% | 12.4% | 11.7% | 12.2% | 20.3% | 17.2% |
| Food, Drink & Hospitality | 11% | 7.3% | 11.4% | 7.8% | 14.4% | 11.9% | 48.8% |

ABOUT THE STUDY



To collect the data, we subscribed to feeds of top publishers and indexed new content as it was published. ClearVoice data scientists used proprietary algorithms to detect and extract the article body, title, and social sharing information for the article pages.

In analyzing 630,000+ posts, our team discovered a significant variance in the types of content. For example, there were articles, videos, infographics and many combinations thereof. To accurately identify and track content in our analysis, we created and applied the following content type definitions.

ARTICLE

Any post between 250-1,000 words

LONG FORM ARTICLE

Any post with more than 1,000 words

VIDEO

Includes an embedded video from YouTube, Vimeo, Wistia, etc.

INFOGRAPHIC

The word "infographic" is in the title or near an image

HOW TO

The words "how to" are in the title

LISTICLE

The post title starts with a number (no percentages) or has "the top X" in the title



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