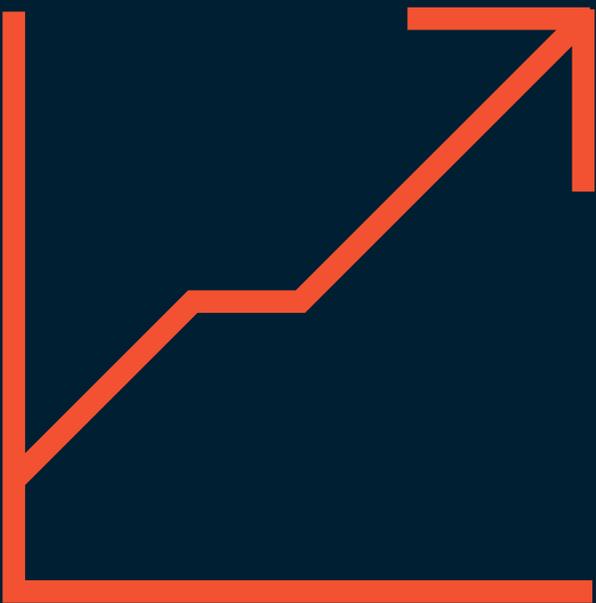


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LinkedIn Organic Benchmarks Report 2026



Benchmarks, Patterns & Playbooks

A word from the CEO

LinkedIn has become one of the most important channels for how organizations communicate – with customers, talent, and the market at large.

Yet when I speak with communication and marketing leaders, I often hear the same thing:

“We publish regularly, but we’re not sure what’s actually working.”

That uncertainty is understandable. Expectations have changed, formats have multiplied, and the pressure to produce more content has only increased. Without clear benchmarks, it’s difficult to know where to focus – and what to stop doing.

This report is built on what we see every day at Storykit: how large organizations actually perform on LinkedIn. By analyzing thousands of posts across industries, we’ve identified patterns that consistently drive reach, engagement, and visibility.

Our goal with the report is simple: to replace assumptions with evidence, and help teams make more confident decisions about their LinkedIn content.

Thank you for taking the time to read, I hope you find the insights useful.



/Peder Bonnier
CEO and founder, Storykit

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1. Defining The Four Elements of Social Success

We've analyzed thousands of LinkedIn posts and have seen the patterns: Performance on LinkedIn depends on mastering four key dimensions – **frequency**, **format**, **content themes**, and **CTA**. Together they define social success.

In our content audits, we evaluate your LinkedIn posts on four dimensions – *frequency*, *format*, *content*, and *CTA* – because these are the variables that reliably predict results.

This framework defines the backbone of the analysis: none of these elements work in isolation, and all of them affect your visibility and engagement curve.

1. Frequency – The Consistency Signal

Frequency means how often content is published, when it's published – and how consistently.

2. Format – Your #1 Engagement Multiplier

Your choice of format, meaning the visual and structural choices behind a post –

such as video, image, or text, dramatically changes visibility.

3. Content/Themes – The Story You Tell

The substance and storytelling of the message. We clearly see that effective content aligns with audience interests, communicates brand purpose, and provides tangible value.

4. Call to Action – The Invisible Influence on Reach

“Call to action” is often treated as an afterthought – does it truly matter which CTA I put in my post. Truth is: it does. CTAs aren't just instructions – they're behavioral signals.

2. Cross-Industry LinkedIn Benchmarks for 2026

Using aggregated performance data across industries, here are the most stable patterns we've identified in the past year, in the four dimensions.

2.1: Posting Frequency Benchmarks

How often content is published, when it's published — and how consistently matters. Regular activity signals relevance, maintains visibility in the feed, and builds audience familiarity over time.

| Metric | Cross-Industry Average | Top Quartile |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Posts/week | 1.8 | 3.5 |
| Days w highest engagement | Thu | <i>Tue-Thu</i> |
| Time-of-day effectiveness | Morning | <i>Morning + early afternoon</i> |

What this benchmark reveals:

1. Most companies under-post: Posting just 1–2 times per week leaves reach—and brand relevance—on the table. The top quartile nearly doubles this output.

2. Distribution should cluster around Tue–Thu: While many companies still share content on Mondays and Fridays out of habit, our dataset shows these days have materially lower audience activation.

3. Morning is safe, afternoon is strategic: Morning posting aligns with current behavior patterns, but early afternoons increasingly outperform mornings for depth of engagement, especially in industries with longer decision cycles.

“To any company looking to truly win in social, my single best advice is simple: Publish more.”

Peder Bonnier, CEO and founder, Storykit.

2.2: Format Benchmarks

The visual and structural choices behind a post — such as video, image, or text. Format strongly influences attention, reach, and how messages are perceived in fast-moving feeds.

| Format | Share of posts (avg) | Best-Performing Share | Notes |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Images | 70 % | 40-50% | Overused everywhere |
| Video | 10-15% | 25-40% | Most underutilized asset |
| Carousels | 5-12% | 15-25% | Top-performing static format |
| Text-only | Declining | Declining | Niche use case |

What this benchmark reveals:

1. Most companies have a “format imbalance” problem. Images make up far too large a share of posts, while video and carousels are almost absent.

2. Video is the clearest performance lever: Across industries, video receives:

- Higher dwell time
- Higher shareability
- Higher comment rates
- Higher follower growth impact

Increasing video from 10% → 30% of posts dramatically improves your average post performance.

3. Carousels are the silent high-performers: They outperform static images because they:

- Encourage swiping (micro-engagement)
- Hold attention longer
- Allow multi-step storytelling
- Are favored by the algorithm as “rich content”

4. Format diversification correlates strongly with account growth. In our data, company accounts with a balanced format mix show more stable reach and stronger follower growth over time.

“Short-form social videos produce the highest ROI for B2B marketers worldwide.”

Source: LinkedIn

2.3: Content Theme Benchmarks

The substance and storytelling of the message. Effective content aligns with audience interests, communicates brand purpose, and provides tangible value – whether informational, emotional, or inspirational.

| Top performing themes |
|--|
| 1. Leadership perspectives |
| 2. Personal/employee storytelling |
| 3. Customer or partner success |
| 4. Industry insight backed with data |
| 5. Transformation and innovation stories |

| Lowest performing themes |
|----------------------------------|
| 1. Company news without context |
| 2. CSR reports without narrative |
| 3. Generic product announcements |

What this benchmark reveals:

1. Audiences reward authenticity over announcements: Culture-driven content dominates and outperforms consistently.

2. Leadership content is a strategic multiplier: Executives are algorithmic accelerators – when they appear in content, posts gain:

- More comments
- Higher authority signals
- Above-average reshares

3. Customer stories remain massively underused: Across industries, customer content performs well, builds credibility, and drives pipeline interest. Yet across all audits, it's often less than 5–10% of content volume.

4. Data-backed storytelling stands out in the feed: Posts with numbers or concrete metrics outperform abstract statements. Within some accounts 60% of top posts used numeric details.

“What you talk about has always been one of the strongest drivers of success on social media.”

Fredrik Strömberg, CPO, Storykit

2.4: CTA Benchmarks

Clear, well-placed CTAs guide audiences toward engagement, conversation, or conversion, strengthening the post’s overall impact.

| CTA type | Engagement rank | Notes |
|---|-----------------|---|
| Conversational (“Share your thoughts...”) | 4 | <i>Best for depth & comments</i> |
| Prompt-based (“What do you think?”) | 3 | <i>Universal performer</i> |
| No CTA | 2 | <i>Neutral, often better than link CTAs</i> |
| Link-driven (“Learn more...”) | 1 | <i>Lowest performance</i> |

What this benchmark reveals:

- 1. LinkedIn rewards content that keeps people on-platform:** If you use “Learn more” with a link too often, you might be actively suppressing your own reach.
- 2. Conversational CTAs increase comment depth:** This influences both engagement score and post virality.
- 3. The absence of a CTA is often better than the wrong CTA:** Some companies “over-CTA” their posts, weakening authenticity.
- 4. CTA testing is one of the highest-leverage micro-optimizations:** Small shifts → big results.

Bottom line: Stop pushing people off LinkedIn. Start inviting them into a conversation.

Summary: What These Benchmarks Tell Us

Across all four categories, the data points to one undeniable truth:

Most brands aren't underperforming because of weak content.

They're underperforming because of weak content design.

Not enough frequency.

Too much of the wrong format.

Too few human stories.

Too many link CTAs.

The good news?

These issues are all fixable — and quickly.

3. What Top Performers Do Differently

Looking at the top 10% of posts by engagement across industries, we see consistent patterns. Let's dive in to learn from them.

3.1: They humanize

The strongest-performing LinkedIn content consistently centers on people — not brands, products, or announcements.

The stat is clear – 80–90% of top-performing posts feature:

- People
- Teams
- Leaders
- Real-world customers
- Stories

Even product-focused companies perform best when the story starts with a person. But remember, this doesn't mean that you need to have people on camera for every single post. A quote, a photo, putting your story in an authentic context, can work as well or better than filmed content.

3.2: They use numbers in headlines

Quantified headlines perform better. Consistently.

Posts that include specific numbers – statistics, milestones, quantities, percentages – outperform posts without them across every industry.

And not just by a small margin. Across Storykit's aggregated audits, posts that include any number in the headline or first line outperform non-numerical posts by:

+18–32% higher reaction rates

+22–41% higher click-through rates

+14–27% higher comment depth

The types of numbers that perform best, according to our data:

1. Quantities & scale indicators

“5,000 customers”, “12 new partners”, “3-step process”

2. Timeframes

“In 30 days”, “2025 outlook”, “Year-over-year growth”

3. Milestones & anniversaries

“10 years”, “100 launches”, “50 innovations”

4. Outcome metrics

“Cut emissions by 38%”, “Reduced lead time by 20 days”

5. Industry stats

“73% of buyers now prefer...”

Interestingly, smaller, precise numbers often outperform large, rounded ones. Compare “We grew revenue by 14.3% last quarter” vs. “We grew revenue by 15% last quarter”.

“Headlines featuring numbers tend to grab attention faster, set clear expectations, and make information easier to digest.”

Source: Upwardengine

3.3: They diversify format intentionally

High-performing teams don't rely on one format — they design for balance.

Top-performing LinkedIn accounts actively manage format mix. They treat format as a strategic lever that shapes reach, engagement, and long-term visibility.

Across industries, top performers rarely rely on a single dominant format. Instead, they distribute content intentionally, typically following a pattern close to:

- 40% video
- 30% image
- 20% carousels
- 10% other

This mix is *nearly the reverse of the global average*, where static images dominate and video remains significantly underutilized.

By rotating formats, high performers increase surface area for engagement, reduce algorithm fatigue, and ensure that different audience segments encounter content in the format they respond to best.

3.4: They Post Frequently

One of the clearest predictors of LinkedIn success is publishing frequency. High performers act accordingly.

The data shows a strong correlation between posting often and achieving higher reach, stronger engagement, and more consistent follower growth. In our audits we constantly see that:

- Top-performing companies publish 3.5–5 times per week
- Companies posting once per week or less fall into the bottom performance quartile

- Increasing frequency from 1–2 posts/week to 3–4 posts/week leads to:

+28–65% more impressions

+25–40% more reactions

+2–3× more monthly follower growth

But why does frequency matter so much? Our data suggests that LinkedIn’s algorithm favors accounts, not just individual posts. That means:

1. *Each post earns algorithmic “credit” for the next one:* The more often you publish, the more trained your audience – and the algorithm – becomes to expect your content.
2. *Consistency compounds visibility:* When you post only occasionally, the algorithm treats each post like a fresh unknown. When you post frequently, your baseline reach stabilizes and grows.
3. *You diversify the surface area of engagement:* Different formats and themes land differently with different subgroups of your audience. More posts = more chances to hit the right audience with the right story
4. *High performers don’t wait for “perfect” content:* They rely on systematized formats and repeatable storytelling patterns, allowing them to publish more without increasing workload..

The sweet spot: 3–5 posts per week. That’s the range where you stay consistently visible, maximize engagement without oversaturation, and can gather enough data to actually optimize your content strategy

3.5: They remove friction

High performers use CTAs to drive interaction – not clicks.

No links, no “Learn more”, no “Click here.” Winners create engagement and conversations on the platform, and start with building trust and relationships.

The equation is straightforward:

Engagement-first → reach → exposure → conversions later.

4. Your 7-Day LinkedIn Optimization Sprint

Regardless of how your LinkedIn efforts are working, or how big improvements you can make, here are a couple of practical, immediate things you can try this week, to see what happens.

Day 1 — Move one post from Monday or Friday → Tuesday. See if your engagement increase.

Day 2 — Replace “Learn more” with a conversation-starting CTA. Try, for example: “What’s your experience with this?”

Day 3 — Add one metric or number to your next headline. Even a small stat boosts engagement.

Day 4 — Convert one article or blog into a LinkedIn carousel. Carousels consistently outperform static images.

Day 5 — Turn an existing asset into a short video. Use Storykit or any simple tool. The goal: diversify format.

Day 6 — Publish one “human-centered” post. An employee highlight, a customer testimonial, an internal moment, or leadership reflection.

Day 7 — Review insights and plan your next month. Identify what worked — then scale it.

5. Get Your Customized LinkedIn Content Audit

When you're ready to establish a clear baseline – let's see exactly where you stand, based on your own data.

This ebook gives you the patterns. But your performance lives in *your* numbers. So, let's diagnose your real opportunities.

Every Storykit audit follows a rigorous structure:

1. We collect your 50 most recent LinkedIn posts
2. Categorize them across the Four Elements
3. Benchmark against industry norms
4. Analyze engagement patterns
5. Identify strengths, gaps & opportunities
6. Deliver a tailored action plan

With a Storykit LinkedIn Content Audit, you get:

- A full benchmark analysis
- Format, frequency, and theme performance
- CTA insights
- A prioritized opportunities map
- A tactical recommendations list
- A roadmap for improving your content output immediately
- A 30 minute walkthrough of the audit with a Storykit expert.

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