How to Grow Your Facebook Audience: 8 Success Tips

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Do you want a bigger Facebook audience?

Are you looking for ways to bring attention to your business on Facebook?

If you've sharing good content but aren've seeing Facebook audience growth, keep reading.



In this article Id share the eight ways to grow your Facebook audience, both organically and with advertising.



#1: Add a Facebook Like Button or Box to Your Website

People who visit your website are highly likely to become fans of your Facebook page. But how to move them from just visiting your website to liking your page on Facebook?

The easiest way to get a like from your website visitors is to include a Facebook Like button on your website. Using the button allows visitors to like your page without leaving your website. What could be easier than that?

To configure your Like button, simply follow the link above and enter the URL of your Facebook page. Then add the code to your website in the appropriate place.

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You can place the button wherever you like on your website- perhaps in the sidebar, header or footer.

You can also add the Facebook Like button to thank-you pages that appear after someone signs up for your mailing list, submits a lead form or makes a purchase. Since those visitors have already connected with your business in one manner, they will likely connect with you on Facebook as well.

#2: Include Your Facebook Page in Guest Author Bios

If you publish content on other websites, use your author bio to promote your Facebook page.

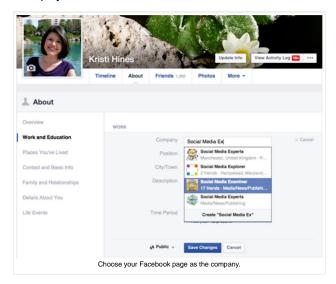


When filling out your author bio or profile on a website where you contribute content, look for a place to add your Facebook page link. If there more than one field to enter a link to your Facebook page, enter it multiple times. Some sites use plugins that will only pull from one field or another.

#3: Connect Profiles With Pages

Heres a simple thing you (and every company employee) can do to promote your Facebook page: Add your company as your current employer in your personal profile's Work section. When you do, youd be linking directly to the company page so others can click over at will.

Its easy to add the link. Go to your personal About page and edit your Work and Education information. Click Add a Workplace and select your Facebook page as the company.



After you enter details about your position, check the "I currently work here" box and choose the dates as applicable. Make sure the visibility is set to Public and click Save Changes.



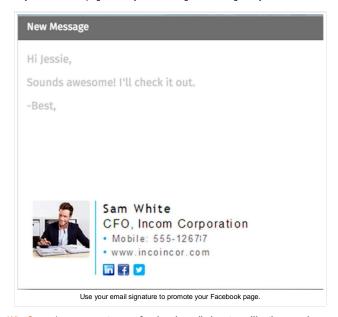
When you connect your page and profile and then participate in industry-related Facebook groups and comment on industry blogs that use the Facebook comment platform, youd build a lot of exposure for your Facebook page that could lead to more fans.

Facebook pages are linked to people on the Facebook comments platform.

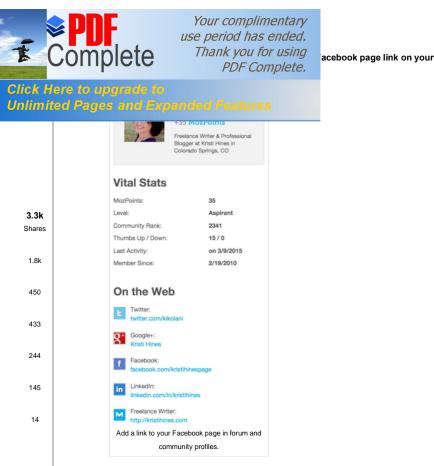
#4: Provide a Link in Signatures

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Whenever you send emails to your customers, colleagues, vendors and other contacts, add your Facebook page link in your email signature along with your website link.



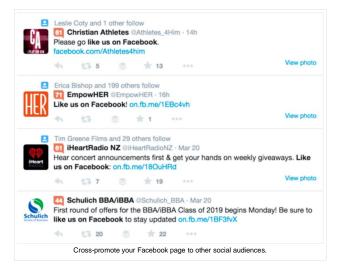
WiseStamp lets you create a professional email signature, like the one shown above, that links to your website and social media accounts. Alternatively, you can just create a simple email signature within your email service that says "Like us



Anyone who finds your posts helpful will either click on the link from your signature or go to your profile to learn more about you and connect that way.

#5: Share on Other Social Media Platforms

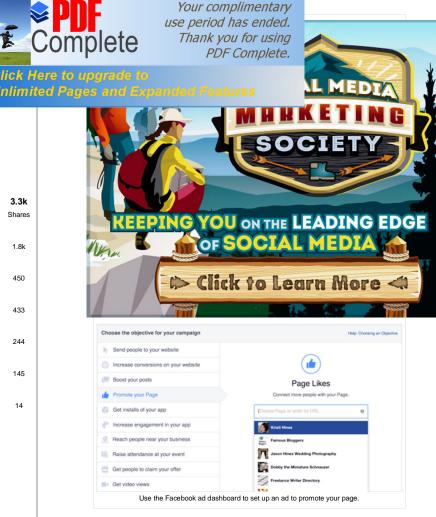
It never hurts to casually ask your audiences on other social networks like Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn or Google+ to like your Facebook page.



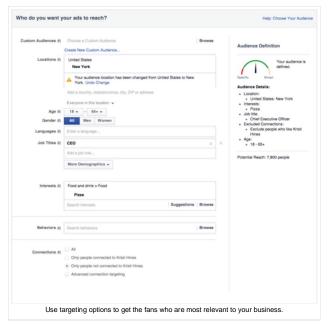
On Twitter and LinkedIn, you can create promoted tweets or sponsored updates (respectively) to reach people beyond your followers and target the specific audiences you want to convert to Facebook fans.

#6: Promote to the Right Audiences

Instead of using the Promote Page option on your Facebook page itself, **go to the Facebook Ads Manager and create an ad to promote your page**. Facebook ads allow you to target your page promotion ads to the specific audiences you want as Facebook fans.



By using Facebook ads, you have the opportunity to tap into Facebooks powerful audience targeting options. For example, you can target your promote page ad to CEOs who live in New York City who like pizza. Or target female dog owners in the United States. You can even target your ad to homeowners in Nebraska who also own a motorcycle. The options are endless.



With custom audiences, you can also target page ads to your email list subscribers, leads, customer database and website visitors who don't already like your page. As I mentioned previously, people who are already familiar with your company are apt to like your page, so it makes sense to seek them out.



Even if people familiar with your business arend interested in your post or website link, theyd be reminded that they havend liked your page yet and may do so when they see the ad.

#7: Interact as Your Page

Most users peruse Facebook as themselves (using their personal profile), but if youqe looking to grow your pages audience, consider using Facebook as your page.

Use the drop-down at the top right of your Facebook dashboard, and choose to use Facebook as your page instead of as your personal profile.



Once you've chosen to use Facebook as your page, you can **go to other related pages in your industry** (but not competitors, preferably) and **comment on those pages' posts as your page**. This way, you've bringing attention to your page, not your personal profile.

Those who enjoy your comment can visit your page or like it directly by hovering over the page name by the comment.



You can also use your Facebook page to comment on some event pages, as well as public posts that your page has been tagged in (even if the original post is from a personal profile).

#8: Create Facebook Groups

Facebook groups have several benefits. For example, most groups on Facebook get a higher organic reach than pages do. That partly because when people join a group, notifications are already set and they dl know when new posts are added in the group (fans have to set up page notifications manually). Other perks include sharing files with your group members and tagging other members for conversational purposes.

In groups you'de interacting with others through your personal profile, but you can focus on your business, industry and related subjects.

You can take the approach of creating a group specifically about your business or you could create general groups based on a particular industry, interest or location.

For example, Post Planner has their own experts group where they discuss Facebook and the Post Planner app, as well as share content from the Post Planner blog.



If youqd like to be more general, you can do that. Letqs say youqe a search marketing agency. You could create a general group about search marketing and as members join and ask questions, employees of your company can jump in and answer them.

As group members recognize the value of the answers, theydl hover over the names of the people to learn more about them and realize that they all work for the same search marketing agency. When they decide they want to hire a search marketing agency for their business, guess who will be top of mind?

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months since you last posted, or that every post is a push to buy something, then they will leave without liking your page.

If youre not sure what types of updates get the most response in your niche, try out tools like Rival IQ and analyze other businesses in your industry to see their top content on Facebook based on engagement.

If your page has a good mixture of content and isnq overly promotional, visitors are more likely to convert to fans.

Some Final Thoughts

Posting and promoting engaging content is key to growing your Facebook audience. Share interesting news about your industry, start discussions on topics pertaining to your niche, tell special stories about your business and pose questions to get to know your audience.

But don't just rely on your page updates for reach and leads-pull out all the stops and promote everywhere. Including a link to your Facebook presence in everything from personal profiles to signatures to ads impacts your growth.

What do you think? How do you grow your Facebook audience? What other tips do you have? Please share in the comments below!

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SocialQuant * a day ago

Great suggestions Kristi.

Definitely will consider adding a Facebook group. One of our customers just shared with us that she grew her Facebook group recently to over 2000 members using messaging on Twitter. We've recently started over the last 3 months to ask on Twitter occasionally for folks to visit our FB page and have received 1900 likes for our Startup. We've got to add other strategies and will definitely add some of the above.

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Kristi Hines → SocialQuant ~ a day ago

Thanks! And thanks for sharing your experience of how a Twitter campaign can support the growth of your FB presence. :)

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Ellen Allard ~ 17 hours ago

This was an excellent article! I've already used some of your suggestions. Thank you!



Tami Iseli * 14 hours ago

Just yesterday I came up with an idea to set up a FB group to facilitate discussion on a topic related to my page. Thank you for validating this as a strategy - I now feel more inspired to get on and actually do it!

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LJ Melville ~ 13 hours ago

Great tips :)

I've seen good results by adding the "Like box" directly below the main image on blog posts - the box is easily configured to the same width as your blog so it looks appealing as well!

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Guest * 13 hours ago

Excellent article, definitely

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Excellent article!! These are great suggestions, I've been using some of these tips and they definitely do work!

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WindyCityParrot * 11 hours ago

I work hard to get traffic to my site - why do I want to put a like box on my site encouraging people to leave my site as soon as they get there?

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Alicia Henderson ~ 8 hours ago

Thanks for sharing. I am going to look into getting Wise Stamp.

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Web Outsourcing Gateway ~ 4 hours ago

Hi Kristi

Great read. My team suggested those things to me so I thought of doing some research... and here's what I found. I think my team and your article convinced me to go ahead with the plan. The adding of the "Like" button has also received positive reviews from what I've read. Thanks. :)

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