

Content Velocity Checklist

Benchmark and improve your content publishing speed.

Based on [Content Velocity Benchmarking How Fast Competitors Publish And Why It Matters](#) by Casey's SEO

1. Understanding Content Velocity

Grasp the core concept of content velocity and its importance.

- Define content velocity as the speed of publishing new content.
- Recognize that content velocity is about consistent, smart publishing, not just quantity.
- Understand that matching competitor rhythm while maintaining quality signals activity to search engines.
- Acknowledge that content velocity is a competitive advantage.
- Note that companies publishing 16+ blog posts/month get 3.5x more traffic than those publishing <4.
- Understand that Google rewards consistent, helpful publishers.
- Recognize that content velocity builds trust and positions you as an expert.

2. Why Publishing Speed Matters

Learn the benefits of a consistent publishing schedule.

- Understand that Google bots visit sites with fresh content more often.
- Recognize that each new piece of content is a chance to rank for niche keywords.
- See that consistently publishing helpful content establishes expertise.
- Know that regular content keeps your brand visible and builds trust.
- Understand that consistent publishing makes you the natural choice for customers.
- Realize that a regularly updated website signals an active and current business.
- Note that consistent content sharing demonstrates engagement and knowledge.

3. Benchmarking Competitors: Manual Method

Manually track your competitors' content output.

- Identify your top three to five competitors.
- Visit competitor websites and examine their blog, news, and update sections.
- Note publication dates for their content.
- Create a spreadsheet to track competitor name, content type, publication date, and topic.
- Track competitor content for at least one month to identify patterns.
- Observe competitor focus areas (e.g., blog posts vs. service pages vs. case studies).
- Determine the publishing frequency for different content types by competitor.

4. Identifying Publishing Patterns

Analyze common competitor content publishing strategies.

- Look for competitors who 'sprint and stall' (inconsistent bursts).
- Identify 'Steady Eddie' competitors with a consistent, moderate pace.
- Recognize 'Content Machine' gurus publishing at a very high frequency.
- Note industry-specific norms for publishing speed (e.g., professional services, home services, retail).
- Consider if competitors focus on specific content types (e.g., case studies, blog posts).
- Analyze if competitors update existing content or only publish new pieces.

5. Setting Your Content Goals

Establish realistic and effective content publishing targets.

- Determine a sustainable publishing frequency for your business.
- Set goals that align with industry standards and competitor activity.
- Prioritize quality over quantity to avoid thin content and penalties.
- Ensure your publishing speed matches your available resources.
- Define what 'consistent' means for your content calendar.
- Set specific, measurable goals for content output (e.g., X posts per week/month).

6. Overcoming Content Roadblocks

Address common challenges in content creation and publishing.

- Brainstorm solutions for a 'dry idea well' (lack of topics).
- Find ways to make content creation feel less like a marathon.
- Develop strategies to manage content production when 'life happens'.
- Implement content batching to improve efficiency.
- Utilize content templates to speed up creation.
- Build or refine your content calendar for better planning.
- Explore smart outsourcing options for content tasks.

7. Improving Content Velocity

Implement strategies to increase your publishing speed effectively.

- Repurpose existing content into new formats (e.g., blog to video).
- Create and use content templates for recurring content types.
- Develop a detailed content calendar to schedule future publications.
- Assign specific roles and responsibilities for content creation.
- Streamline your content creation workflow.
- Consider using tools that simplify content production or scheduling.
- Focus on publishing consistently, even if it's not the highest volume.

8. Measuring Success

Track your progress and evaluate the impact of your content velocity efforts.

- Monitor website traffic trends.

- Track keyword rankings for your target terms.
- Observe how often Google bots visit your site.
- Assess if you are becoming a recognized expert in your field.
- Measure customer engagement with your content.
- Evaluate if your content is keeping your brand front-of-mind.
- Compare your current publishing speed to your initial benchmark.

Resources & Further Reading

Use these pages while working through the checklist:

■ Colorado Springs SEO Blog

<https://caseysseo.com/seo-blog>

■ Find Your Local Results

<https://caseysseo.com/>

■ Finding Your Competitors' Content Blind Spots: Advanced Semrush Gap Analysis, Made Easy – Casey's SEO

<https://caseysseo.com/advanced-semrush-techniques-for-competitor-content-gap-analysis/>

■ Google vs Bing: Why Your SEO Strategy Needs to Account for Both (And How They're Actually Pretty Different) – Casey's SEO

<https://caseysseo.com/bing-vs-google-algorithm-differences-complete-ranking-factor-comparison-guide/>

■ Colorado Springs Local SEO Company

<https://caseysseo.com/colorado-springs-local-seo/>

■ The Local Business Owner's Real Talk Guide to Merchant Association Directories – Casey's SEO

<https://caseysseo.com/local-merchant-association-directory-optimization-guide/>

■ Emergency Service Seo Strategies For 247 Home Service Companies – Casey's SEO

<https://caseysseo.com/emergency-service-seo-strategies-for-247-home-service-companies/>

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Publish consistently and strategically to outrank competitors and engage your audience.