

Advanced Competitor Content Gap Analysis Checklist

Systematically uncover and exploit your competitors' content blind spots using Semrush.

Based on [Advanced Semrush Techniques For Competitor Content Gap Analysis](#) by Casey's SEO

1. Competitor Identification & Categorization

Go beyond obvious rivals to find all competitors capturing your target traffic.

- Identify direct competitors ranking for identical keywords.
- Identify indirect competitors serving the same audience differently.
- Identify aspirational competitors ranking where you want to be.
- Categorize identified competitors for layered analysis.
- Analyze up to five competitor domains simultaneously.
- Use Semrush's Keyword Gap tool to identify initial competitors.
- Ensure competitor identification is based on keyword rankings, not assumptions.

2. Multi-Dimensional Keyword Gap Analysis

Discover missing, weak, and shared keywords, and understand their nuances.

- Identify missing keywords: topics competitors rank for that you don't cover.
- Identify weak keywords: topics where you rank below competitors and content needs improvement.
- Identify shared keywords: direct competitive areas where superior content can gain market share.
- Analyze keyword opportunities beyond basic comparisons.
- Utilize Semrush's Keyword Gap tool for detailed comparisons.

3. AI Overview & SERP Feature Gap Analysis

Uncover opportunities within Google's evolving search result features.

- Identify keywords triggering Google AI Overviews for competitors.
- Optimize content for inclusion in AI Overviews.
- Identify SERP feature opportunities (e.g., featured snippets) competitors are capturing.
- Analyze content format and structure for SERP feature success.
- Determine if competitors appear in featured snippets for gap keywords.

4. Backlink Gap Analysis

Find link-building opportunities by analyzing competitor backlinks.

- Identify specific domains that link to competitors but not to you.
- Analyze competitor content that attracts backlinks.
- Use backlink gap analysis to find targeted outreach opportunities.

- Leverage proven linking behavior for your own outreach efforts.

5. Opportunity Prioritization & Business Alignment

Focus your content creation efforts on opportunities that drive revenue.

- Categorize opportunities by search intent (informational, commercial).
- Assess how well opportunities align with your business goals.
- Evaluate the difficulty of competing for each opportunity.
- Prioritize high-commercial-intent keywords with moderate competition.
- Ensure content creation focuses on revenue-impacting opportunities.

6. Industry-Specific Content Gap Strategies

Tailor your gap analysis to unique industry needs.

- Develop location-specific content for local service businesses.
- Create comparison content for e-commerce product decision-making.
- Develop educational content explaining services for professional firms.
- Create content explaining your process for potential clients.
- Identify and target service area content gaps for local businesses.
- Develop strong category overview content for e-commerce.

7. Content Cluster & Intent-Based Development

Build topical authority and match content to user needs.

- Group related gap keywords into content clusters.
- Address entire topic areas through comprehensive cluster content.
- Create educational content for informational search intent gaps.
- Develop conversion-focused pages for commercial search intent gaps.
- Analyze competitor content to understand quality standards for each gap.
- Ensure new content aligns with search engine expectations for intent and format.

8. Advanced Techniques & Measurement

Leverage advanced Semrush features and track meaningful results.

- Utilize position-based gap analysis for existing content improvement.
- Identify opportunities for capturing specific SERP features (e.g., featured snippets).
- Perform seasonal gap analysis to capture timely traffic.
- Measure traffic quality using pages per session and time on page.
- Track conversion rates for gap-targeted content.
- Monitor competitive position tracking and share of voice changes.
- Measure business impact beyond simple traffic increases.

Resources & Further Reading

Use these pages while working through the checklist:

■ Colorado Springs SEO Blog

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

■ Colorado Springs Competitor Benchmarking: How to Analyze Your Local SEO Competition – Casey's SEO

<https://caseysseo.com/colorado-springs-competitor-benchmarking/>

■ Ai Powered Search Features Preparing For Google Sge And Bing Chat Integration – Casey's SEO

<https://caseysseo.com/ai-powered-search-features-preparing-for-google-sge-and-bing-chat-integration/>

■ Backlink Gap Analysis: Finding High-Authority Link Opportunities Your Competitors Miss – Casey's SEO

<https://caseysseo.com/backlink-gap-analysis-finding-high-authority-link-opportunities-your-competitors-miss/>

■ Find Your Local Results

<https://caseysseo.com/>

■ Colorado Springs Local SEO Company

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