

Advanced Semrush Competitor Content Gap Analysis Checklist

Systematically uncover and exploit your competitors' content blind spots.

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

1. Define Your Competitive Landscape

Identify and categorize all relevant competitors, not just obvious ones.

- Identify direct competitors who target identical keywords.
- Identify indirect competitors who serve the same audience differently.
- Identify aspirational competitors who rank where you want to be.
- Analyze competitor keyword rankings to discover actual traffic capturers.
- Analyze up to five competitor domains simultaneously in Semrush.
- Map out content opportunities across your entire competitive landscape.

2. Conduct Multi-Dimensional Gap Analysis

Go beyond basic keyword comparisons to uncover deeper content opportunities.

- Use Semrush's Keyword Gap tool to find missing keywords.
- Identify weak keywords where competitors rank higher than you.
- Highlight shared keywords where superior content can gain market share.
- Analyze competitors' AI Overview content opportunities.
- Utilize Semrush's Backlink Gap tool to find link-building targets.
- Identify specific domains that link to competitors but not to you.

3. Prioritize Opportunities by Search Intent

Focus on opportunities that align with business goals and user needs.

- Categorize gap opportunities by search intent (informational, commercial, etc.).
- Assess how well each opportunity aligns with your business goals.
- Evaluate the difficulty of competing for each keyword opportunity.
- Prioritize high-volume keywords that align with your revenue model.
- Prioritize keywords with high commercial intent and moderate competition.
- Match content type to the specific search intent of gap keywords.

4. Develop Industry-Specific Strategies

Tailor your gap analysis approach to your specific industry needs.

- Identify location-specific content gaps for local service businesses.
- Analyze service area content opportunities for local businesses.

- Create comparison content for e-commerce product decision-making.
- Develop category-level overview content for e-commerce sites.
- Create educational content explaining professional services.
- Develop content that explains the process of working with professionals.

5. Build Content Clusters for Topical Authority

Organize content creation around comprehensive topic areas.

- Group related gap keywords into content clusters.
- Address entire topic areas through thorough content coverage.
- Build topical authority by creating comprehensive resources.
- Create fewer, more comprehensive resources instead of many individual pieces.
- Ensure new content aligns with search engine expectations for topic coverage.

6. Refine Content Using Advanced Techniques

Optimize content based on competitor analysis and SERP features.

- Analyze current ranking content for gap keywords to understand quality standards.
- Examine content depth, format, and user experience of top-ranking pages.
- Identify position-based gap opportunities (competitors rank 1-3, you rank 4-10).
- Optimize existing content for immediate improvement opportunities.
- Identify SERP feature opportunities (e.g., featured snippets, AI Overviews).
- Optimize content for capture of specific SERP features.

7. Leverage Seasonal and Strategic Timing

Capitalize on time-sensitive opportunities and market trends.

- Identify seasonal keywords with predictable traffic spikes.
- Analyze competitors' seasonal ranking patterns.
- Create content in advance of peak demand periods.
- Time content creation to capture traffic during high-value seasonal periods.

8. Measure Gap Analysis Success

Track content performance against business goals and competitive positioning.

- Measure traffic quality, not just volume, for gap-targeted content.
- Track pages per session for gap content.
- Monitor time on page for gap content.
- Analyze conversion rates for gap-targeted content.
- Track ranking improvements for target gap keywords.
- Monitor overall visibility increases in your industry.
- Measure changes in your competitive position and share of voice.

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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