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Top Twenty Five Social Networking Sites – Feb 2009

February 17, 2009

Interesting information from <u>Compete.com</u> that shows Facebook surging past MySpace in Monthly Unique Visitors and that Twitter has moved from #22 to #3 in the rankings of the top 25 social networking sites by monthly visits.

Facebook is now the most visited social network, with nearly 1.2 billion visits in January 2009. That is an increase of 36% over December, and 256% over the previous twelve months. MySpace slipped into second place at the end of 2008 and since September of that year has been seeing visits levelling at about 810 thousand a month.

The big winner in the social networking area has been Twitter which jumoed from the 22nd most visited social network at the start of 2008, to third most visited in January. A growth of 1,227% in 12 months.

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Top 25 Social Networks Re-Rank

(Ranked by Monthly Visits, Jan '09)

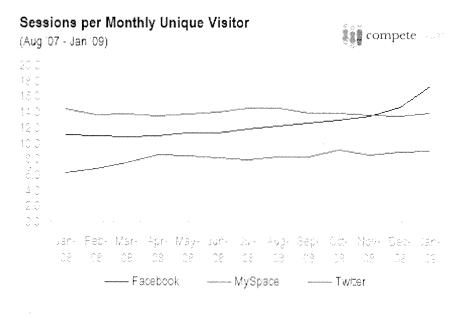


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. 3	twitter.com	5,979,052	54,218,731	22
4	fixster.com	7,645,423	53,389,974	16
5	linkedin.com	11,274,160	42,744,438	9
6	tagged com	4,448,915	39,630,927	10
7	classmates.com	17,296,524	35,219,210	3
8	myyearbook.com	3,312,898	33,121,821	4
9	livejournal.com	4,720,720	25,221,354	6
10	imeem.com	9,047,491	22,993,608	13
. 11	reunion.com	13,704,990	20,278,100	11
12	ning.com	5,673,549	19,511,682	23
13	blackplanet.com	1,530,329	10,173,342	7
14	bebo.com	2,997,929	9,849,137	5
15	hi5.com	2,398,323	9,416,265	8
16	yuku.com	1,317,551	9,358,966	21
17	cafemom.com	1,647,336	8,586,261	19
18	friendster.com	1,568,439	7,279,050	14
19	xanga.com	1,831,376	7,009,577	20
20	360.yahoo.com	1,499,057	5,199,702	12
21	orkut.com	494,464	5,081,235	15
22	urbanchat.com	329,041	2,961,250	24
23	fubar.com	452,090	2,170,315	17
. 24	asiamown net	81,245	1,118,245	25
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So Twitter.com is the big mover in the last twelve months, gaining 19 spots. Other big winner was Flixster (up 12 spots) a social movie review site. Two social networking sites that are going backwards are Bebo and Hi5.

One of the key metrics that Compete measures revolves around the activity of the user base – visits per unique visitor and time on site. While Facebook has excelled in both areas, MySpace has remained flat or fallen off, with new hot property Twitter climbing the ranks.

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MySpace is still the clear number two player in the big categories, but its trends in some key areas aren't quite so dominatingland, at least in those areas, they could be looking up at more than Facebook soon.

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Ryan Lewis February 17, 2009 at 1:05 pm

Great Posting. Lots of good information and it is amazing to see the growth of Twitter. I can see twitter getting much more formalized and organized for businesses to build on their platform. I also see an explosion of features coming out of their recent 35 million infusion of cash.

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JustinSMV February 17, 2009 at 5:06 pm

I am glad to see Facebook reigning King for now but sadly as we all know in the web 2.0 world this might change very soon and with contendors like Twitter it might become a reality one day.

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Scott Baxt February 19, 2009 at 1:14 pm

Interesting post. I wonder where twitter would be if it counted all those who use outside applications rather than actually visiting the site (like twhirl, tweetdeck, etc.). Still a way to go to catch MySpace and FB, but I would assume it would give it some padding over the next batch of sites.

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Casper February 27, 2009 at 11:26 am

Nice Information about Social Marketing sites.

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	Great intro into social networking.
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	David Wilson March 1, 2009 at 10:31 pm
	Thank you Debbie. I appreciate it
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Orkut still at 15. Good improvement for twitter.com

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joe July 10, 2009 at 12:20 pm

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Stacey July 21, 2009 at 6:58 pm

I am so hooked to emotionr.com – I think that is the next twitter in the world of social networking sites...

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Adam October 1, 2009 at 7:25 am

Twitter is fine but i think facebook is a bit more attractive

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bayilik November 1, 2009 at 11:50 am

I am using Linked In as active. For me the best one is Linked In for marketing as corporate.

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Truelovespoint November 11, 2009 at 6:23 am

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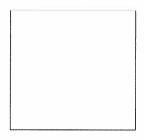


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