

SOCIAL MEDIA POSTING TIMES

REVIEW 2026

When to Post on Every Platform for Maximum Engagement

Data-Backed Strategies Built for Solopreneurs
Based on 2025 Research from Hootsuite, Sprout Social & More



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Note: All times are in **EST (Eastern Standard Time)**. Adjust if targeting other time zones. These are starting benchmarks. Always test and adjust based on YOUR audience data.

THE GOLDEN RULES

Before diving into platform specifics, here are the three universal engagement windows that hold true across every platform in 2025. These are the building blocks your entire schedule sits on.

MORNING COMMUTE 7:00 – 9:00 AM People scroll before the day starts. Strong across most platforms.	LUNCH BREAK 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Quick tips, news, short content. Catches mid-day scroll breaks.	EVENING WIND-DOWN 6:00 – 8:00 PM Prime for longer content. People have time to actually engage.
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Key Insight: Monday to Thursday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM is the single strongest window across all platforms. Mid-morning to early afternoon consistently outperforms everything else.

INSTAGRAM

Instagram peaks in the afternoon and evening. Fridays are the strongest day overall. Avoid posting between midnight and 4 AM.

DAY	BEST TIME	WINDOW	NOTES
Monday	3:00 – 9:00 PM	Evening	Strongest engagement window
Tuesday	5:00 – 8:00 AM	Early Morning	Also strong 3:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	3:00 – 7:00 PM	Afternoon	Mid-week dip helps visibility
Thursday	5:00 – 7:00 PM	Evening	Solid mid-week performer
Friday	7:00 – 9:00 AM	Morning	Best day — also strong 3–7 PM
Saturday	—	Avoid	Lower engagement all day
Sunday	—	Avoid	Lowest engagement day

FACEBOOK

Early mornings are king on Facebook. Users check feeds before the day kicks off, making 7–9 AM your reliable sweet spot. One of the few platforms where the same schedule works every day.

DAY	BEST TIME	WINDOW	NOTES
Monday	7:00 – 9:00 AM	Morning	Catch users in their morning routine
Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 AM	Morning	Consistent performer
Wednesday	7:00 – 9:00 AM	Morning	Try the 12–1 PM lunch window too
Thursday	7:00 – 9:00 AM	Morning	Double window: morning + lunch
Friday	7:00 – 9:00 AM	Morning	Post before 10 AM — weekend mode hits
Saturday	—	Avoid	Engagement drops significantly
Sunday	—	Avoid	Lowest day

LINKEDIN

LinkedIn is all about working professionals. Tuesdays through Thursdays own this platform. Two strategic windows each day: early morning and lunch. Weekends are dead.

DAY	BEST TIME	WINDOW	NOTES
Monday	—	Avoid	People settling into the work week
Tuesday	8:00 AM / 12:00 PM	Two Windows	Morning kickoff + lunch break
Wednesday	8:00 AM / 12:00 PM	Two Windows	Strongest mid-week day
Thursday	8:00 AM / 12:00 PM	Two Windows	Matches Wednesday performance
Friday	Before 10:00 AM	Early Only	People check out after 10 AM
Saturday	—	Avoid	Engagement drops hard
Sunday	—	Avoid	Worst day of the week

X (TWITTER)

X is relatively consistent throughout the day, but weekday mornings pull ahead. The 8–11 AM window catches people during their morning routine or first work break. Mid-week leads.

DAY	BEST TIME	WINDOW	NOTES
Monday	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Late Morning	People catching up on the week
Tuesday	9:00 – 11:00 AM	Late Morning	Consistent performer
Wednesday	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Morning	Best day — widest window
Thursday	8:00 – 11:00 AM	Morning	Strong mid-week energy
Friday	8:00 – 10:00 AM	Early Morning	Window narrows — post early
Saturday	—	Avoid	Avoid late night posts
Sunday	—	Avoid	Lower engagement all day

TIKTOK

TikTok is entertainment first — peak times are almost entirely in the evening. Unlike most platforms, it actually performs well on weekends too.

DAY	BEST TIME	WINDOW	NOTES
Monday	7:00 – 9:00 PM	Evening	Post-dinner scrolling
Tuesday	7:00 – 9:00 PM	Evening	Consistent evening window
Wednesday	7:00 – 9:00 PM	Evening	Mid-week peak
Thursday	7:00 – 9:00 PM	Evening	Pre-weekend energy
Friday	5:00 – 9:00 PM	Extended Evening	Wider window — people relaxing early
Saturday	7:00 – 9:00 PM	Evening	Works well unlike most platforms
Sunday	7:00 – 9:00 PM	Evening	Solid weekend engagement

PINTEREST

Pinterest is a search engine in disguise. Content keeps getting views weeks or months later. Late evenings on weekdays are your strongest window.

DAY	BEST TIME	WINDOW	NOTES
Monday	—	Lower	Less planning activity
Tuesday	8:00 – 11:00 PM	Late Evening	Planning and browsing picks up
Wednesday	8:00 – 11:00 PM	Late Evening	Consistent mid-week
Thursday	8:00 – 11:00 PM	Late Evening	Strong pre-weekend planning
Friday	8:00 – 11:00 PM	Late Evening	Best day overall
Saturday	Throughout	Lifestyle	Great for lifestyle & DIY
Sunday	Throughout	Lifestyle	Weekend planning works well

YOUTUBE

Weekday afternoons are strongest. Weekend mornings also perform. On YouTube, consistency and posting schedule matter more than nailing the exact minute.

DAY	BEST TIME	WINDOW	NOTES
Mon – Fri	12:00 – 4:00 PM	Afternoon	Lunch through afternoon browsing
Saturday	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Morning	Weekend viewers active in AM
Sunday	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Morning	Good Sunday morning engagement

THREADS

Still evolving, but Tuesday – Thursday is consistently strong. Two windows each day. Threads hit 160M+ monthly users in Q1 2025 with 63% growth — worth being early on.

DAY	BEST TIME	WINDOW	NOTES
Monday	—	Lower	Less activity early week
Tuesday	9–11 AM / 6–8 PM	Two Windows	Morning + evening
Wednesday	9–11 AM / 6–8 PM	Two Windows	Best day overall
Thursday	9–11 AM / 6–8 PM	Two Windows	Strong mid-week
Friday	—	Lower	Weekend shift begins
Sat – Sun	—	Avoid	Lowest engagement

YOUR WEEKLY POSTING SCHEDULE

This is your optimized 3-posts-per-week starting point. Load this into Content 360, run it for two weeks, then let your analytics tell you where to adjust.

DAY	PLATFORM	TIME (EST)	CONTENT ANGLE
MONDAY	Facebook	8:00 AM	Educational / Data Post
	Instagram	5:00 PM	Same image — evening audience
WEDNESDAY	Facebook	8:00 AM	Problem-Focused / Story Angle
	Instagram	5:00 PM	Same image — swap the caption
	LinkedIn	8 AM or 12 PM	Professional take on the stat
FRIDAY	Facebook	8:00 AM	Drive traffic to landing page
	Instagram	7:00 AM	Best Instagram day — go early

IF YOU WANT TO POST DAILY

DAY	TIMES	PRIMARY	SECONDARY
Monday	8 AM + 5 PM	Facebook	Instagram
Tuesday	8 AM + 7 PM	LinkedIn	TikTok
Wednesday	8 AM + 5 PM	Facebook	Instagram
Thursday	12 PM + 7 PM	LinkedIn	TikTok
Friday	8 AM + 5 PM	Facebook	Instagram

METRICS & PRO TIPS

METRICS TO TRACK IN CONTENT 360

METRIC	WHAT IT TELLS YOU	TARGET
Engagement Rate	Which posts get interaction	3%+
Click-Through Rate	Which posts drive traffic to your landing page	1%+
Save Rate	High-value signal — people bookmarking your content	As high as possible
Share Rate	Organic reach — content going beyond your followers	Any shares = win
Profile Visits	Growing interest in your brand	Upward trend

PRO TIPS FOR MAXIMUM RESULTS

■ **Vary your approach.** Mix data posts with stories. Alternate heavy stats with conversational takes. Rotate design styles. Test controversial angles against safe ones.

■ **Maximize each post.** 3–4 design variations per stat. 5+ caption angles each. That is 15–20 unique posts per concept — 80+ posts from just 4 stats.

■ **A/B test everything.** Which design wins? Which caption tone drives clicks? What time outperforms? Which hashtags work? Let data be the decision maker.

■ **Repurpose across platforms.** Instagram feed (1080x1080), Stories (1080x1920), Facebook (same images), LinkedIn (professional captions), X (pull key stats as text).

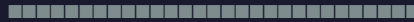
■ **Consistency beats perfection.** Posting regularly at good times always outperforms posting sporadically at perfect times. Show up. Be consistent. Let the algorithm work.

■ **Check your analytics monthly.** The times in this guide are starting points. Your own data is the final answer. Adjust, test again, repeat.

Remember: These times are your starting point. Algorithms, audiences, and platforms evolve constantly. Check your analytics regularly. Adjust. Test again. And trust your own data over any guide. Now go post.

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Thank you for reading.
Now go execute.



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