



# DIGITAL IN 2018 IN VIETNAM

ESSENTIAL INSIGHTS INTO INTERNET, SOCIAL MEDIA, MOBILE, AND ECOMMERCE USE ACROSS VIETNAM

**we  
are  
social**



**Hootsuite™**



# GLOBAL OVERVIEW

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# DIGITAL AROUND THE WORLD IN 2018

KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS FOR THE WORLD'S INTERNET, MOBILE, AND SOCIAL MEDIA USERS

TOTAL  
POPULATION



7.593  
BILLION

URBANISATION:

55%

INTERNET  
USERS



4.021  
BILLION

PENETRATION:

53%

ACTIVE SOCIAL  
MEDIA USERS



3.196  
BILLION

PENETRATION:

42%

UNIQUE  
MOBILE USERS



5.135  
BILLION

PENETRATION:

68%

ACTIVE MOBILE  
SOCIAL USERS



2.958  
BILLION

PENETRATION:

39%

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are  
social



we  
are  
social



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# ANNUAL GROWTH

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE IN KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS

INTERNET  
USERS



we  
are  
social

**+7%**

SINCE JAN 2017

**+248 MILLION**

ACTIVE SOCIAL  
MEDIA USERS



**+13%**

SINCE JAN 2017

**+362 MILLION**

UNIQUE  
MOBILE USERS



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social

**+4%**

SINCE JAN 2017

**+218 MILLION**

ACTIVE MOBILE  
SOCIAL USERS



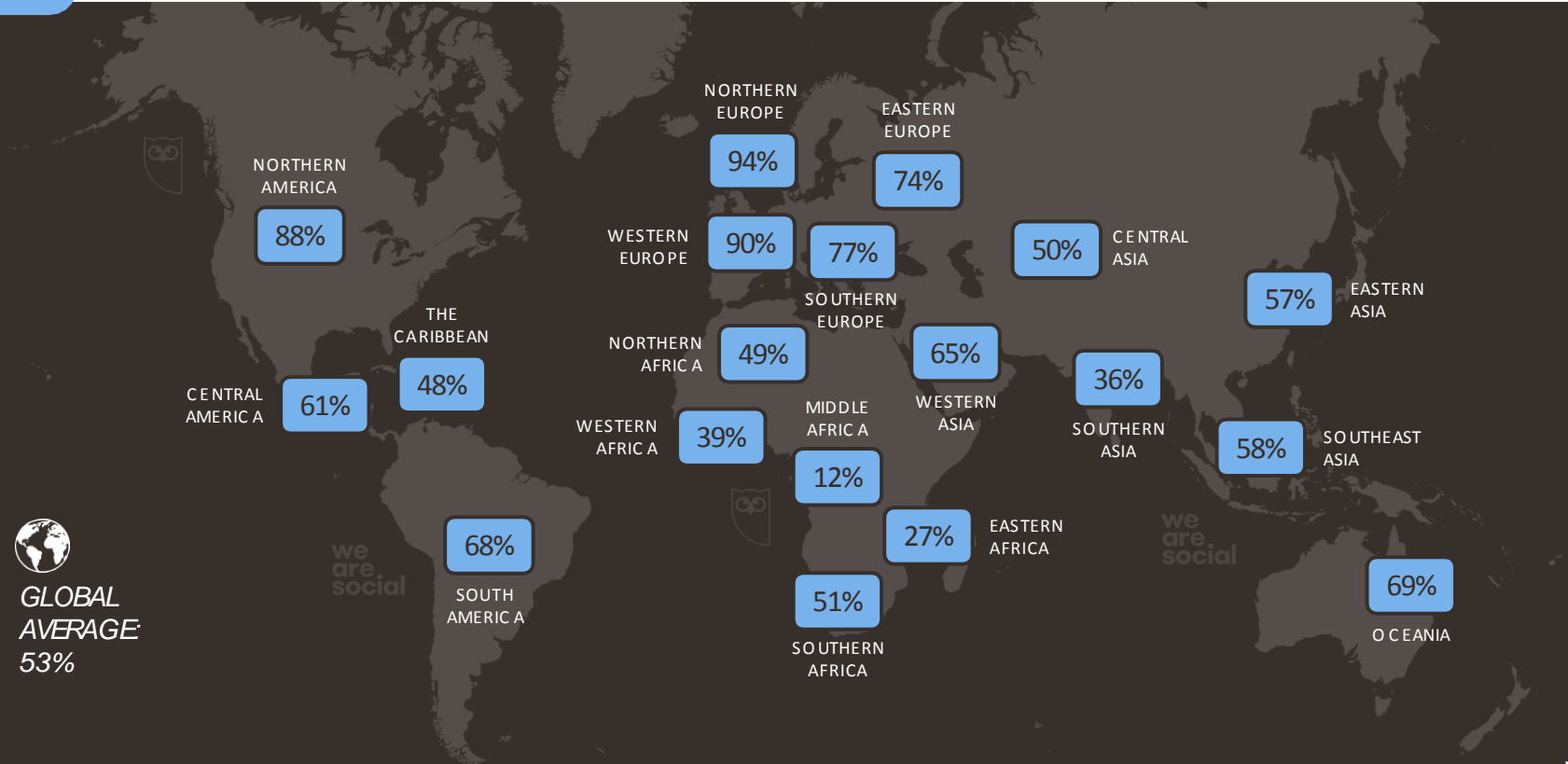
**+14%**

SINCE JAN 2017

**+360 MILLION**

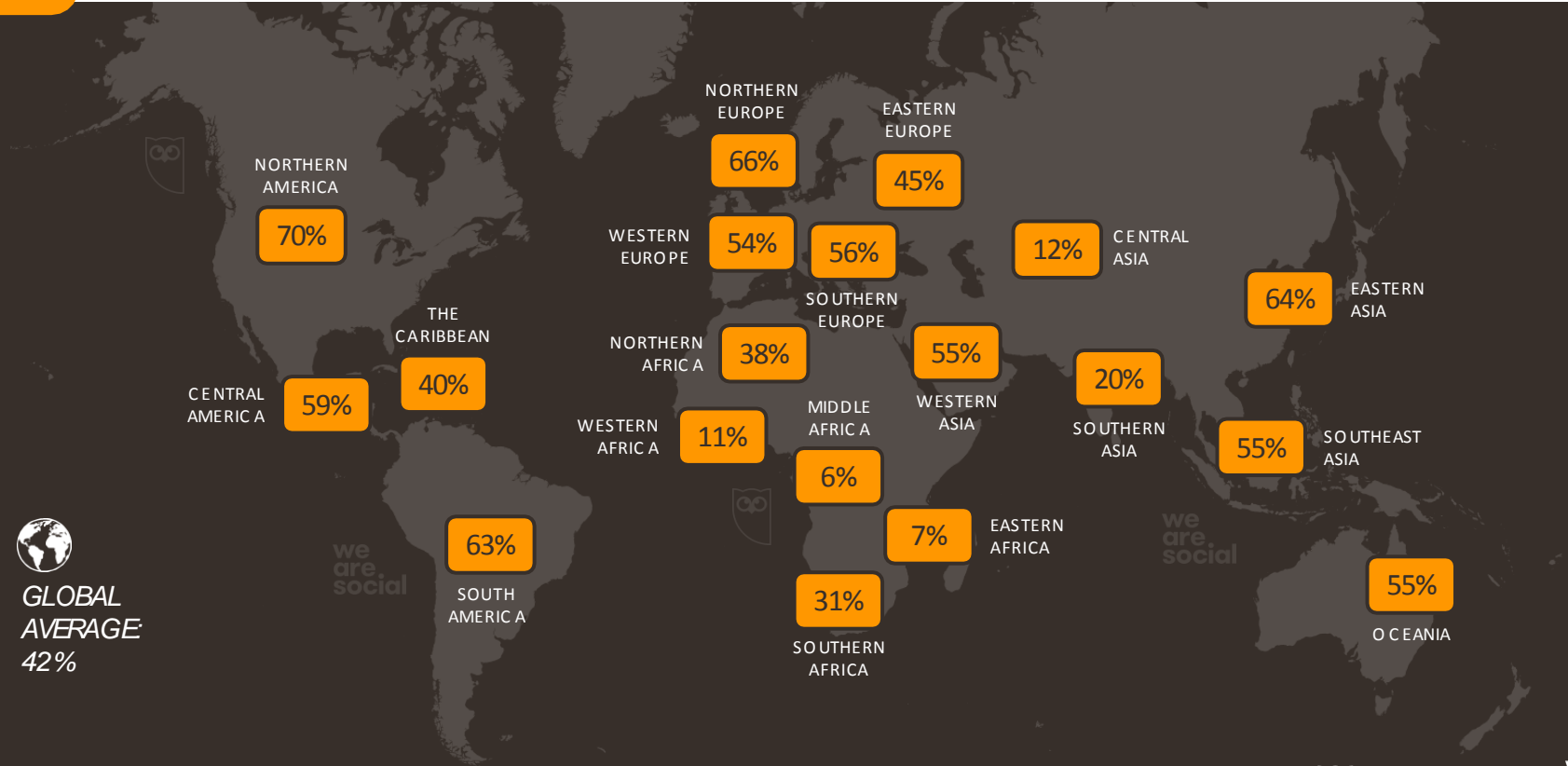
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# INTERNET PENETRATION BY REGION



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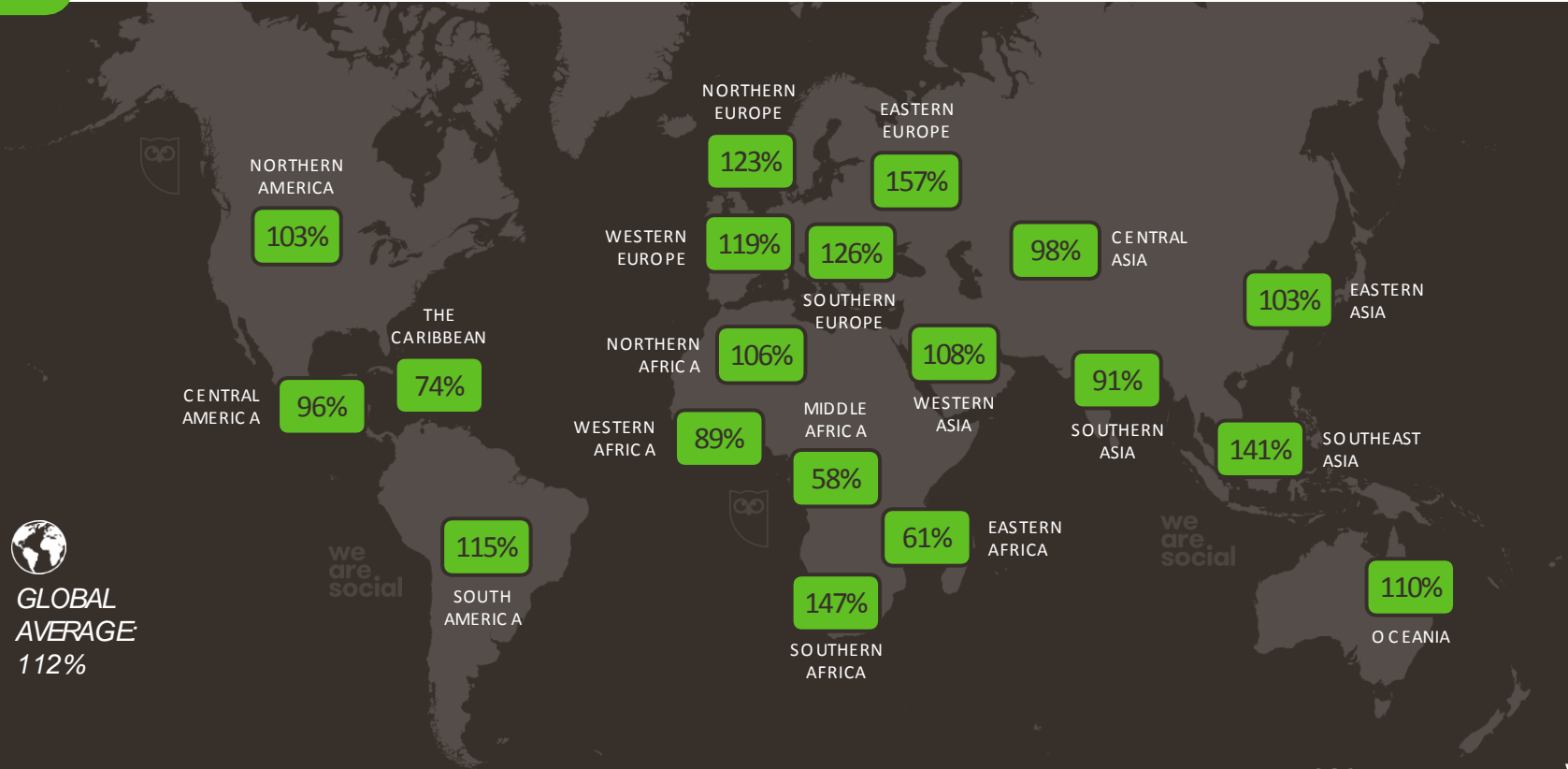
# SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION BY REGION



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# MOBILE CONNECTIVITY BY REGION

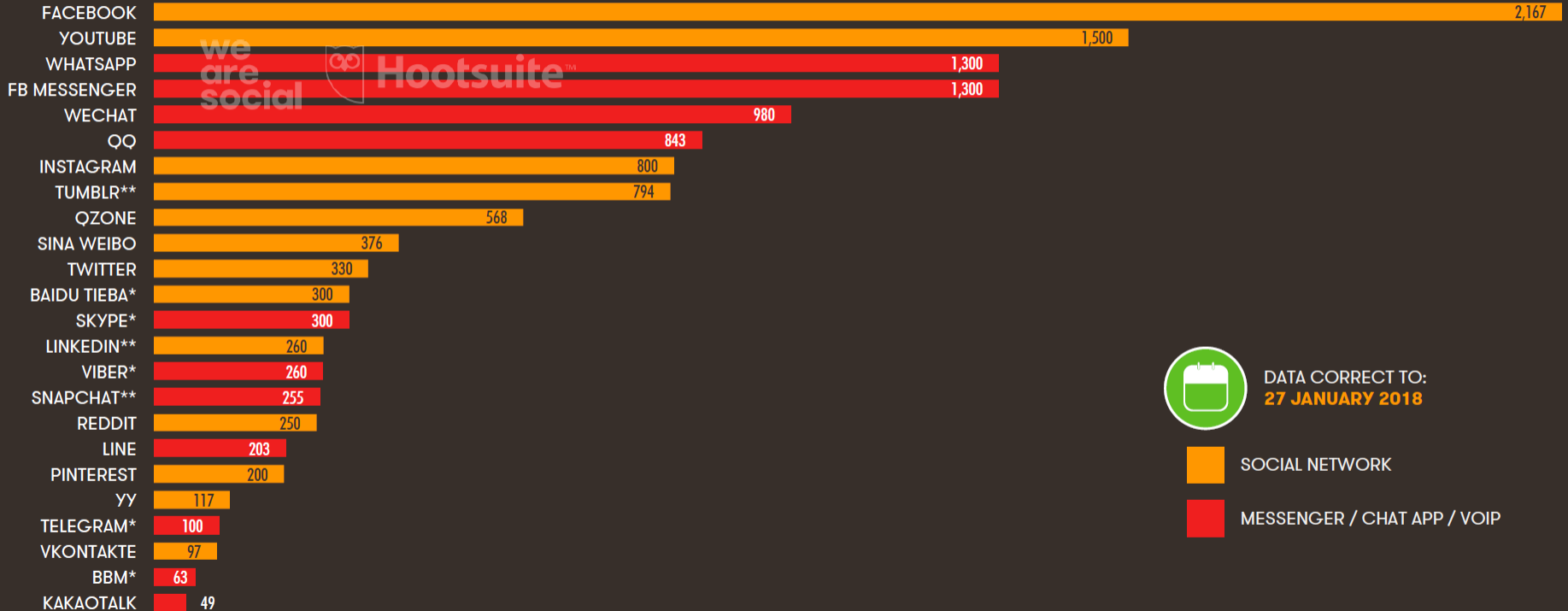
NOTE: NOT UNIQUE USERS



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# ACTIVE USERS OF KEY GLOBAL SOCIAL PLATFORMS

BASED ON THE MOST RECENTLY PUBLISHED MONTHLY ACTIVE USER ACCOUNTS FOR EACH PLATFORM, IN MILLIONS



DATA CORRECT TO:  
27 JANUARY 2018



SOCIAL NETWORK



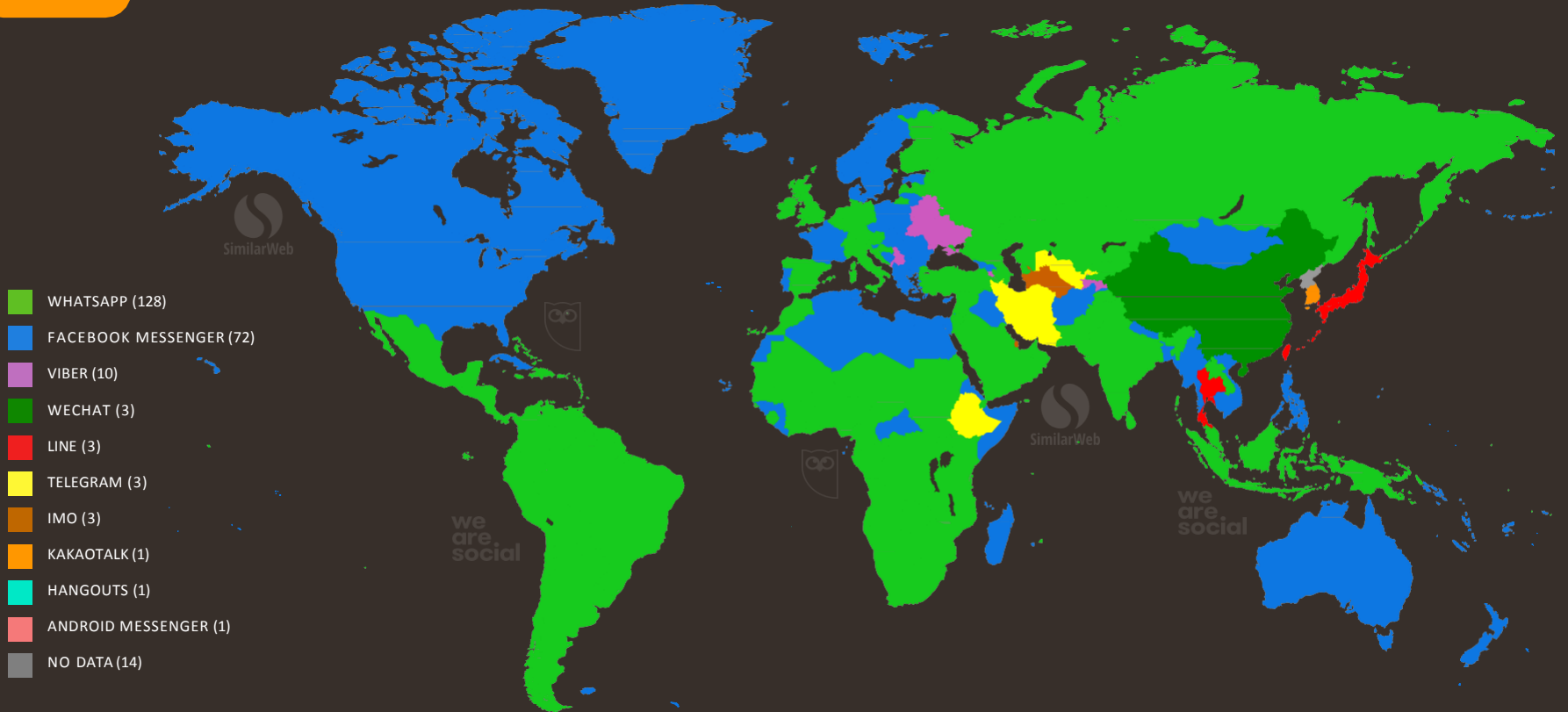
MESSENGER / CHAT APP / VOIP



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# TOP MESSENGER APPS BY COUNTRY

BASED ON THE GOOGLE PLAY STORE RANK FOR EACH COUNTRY IN DECEMBER 2017



# WE ARE SOCIAL'S ANALYSIS: DIGITAL IN 2018

With more than 4 billion people using the internet for an average of 6 hours each per day, digital has become an essential part of everyday life for most of us. We're using that connectivity in almost every aspect of our lives, whether it's chatting with friends, playing games, researching products, tracking our health, or even finding love.

As a result, brands need to evolve beyond today's siloed approach to digital, and build seamless digital integration into everything they do – just as our audiences already have. Here are some tips to help with that:



Start with what people really need and want, and not just what the technology can do



Focus on creating mutual value at every opportunity, instead of simply 'selling more stuff'



Make it easy for people to buy online as soon as they're ready, wherever they are



Harness digital tools to keep the conversation going, even after you make a successful sale

To learn more about what these Digital, Social and Mobile trends mean for your brand, [click here to download our Think Forward report.](#)

# HOOTSUITE'S PERSPECTIVE: 2018 SOCIAL TRENDS



**The evolution of social ROI.** It's the end of the road for vanity metrics. Expect to see more organisations evolve their metrics as they look to quantify social's contribution to tangible business challenges such as lowering costs, increasing revenue, mitigating risk, and attracting talent.



**Mobile fuels the growth of social TV.** In 2018, social networks will encourage brands to become broadcasters as mobile video and social-TV content take the spotlight. We advise caution here as the metrics that bump the stock price of social networks—such as mobile video views—might not help your organisation achieve your own business outcomes.



**Trust declines, while peer influence rises.** From Trump's tumultuous triumph over traditional media to the fake news phenomenon, we saw a shift in media culture in 2017. It's clear we're moving away from trusting traditional institutions—and moving towards smaller spheres of influence where customer communities and engaged employees matter more than ever.



**Humans, meet AI.** The machines have risen. And marketers have discovered they can be delightfully useful. But while marketers rush ahead with chatbots and AI-generated content, it's still unclear whether customers will value these human-less engagements.



**The promise (and reality) of social data.** From tying together analytics systems to CRM integrations, marketers underestimated the complexity of social data initiatives. Organisations must recalculate the effort and resources needed to turn social data into a true—and unified—source of customer insights.

[Click here to download our 2018 Social Media Trends Toolkit](#) to align your strategy with the year's key social network and digital trends.



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# DIGITAL IN VIETNAM

A SNAPSHOT OF THE COUNTRY'S KEY DIGITAL STATISTICAL INDICATORS



TOTAL  
POPULATION



96.02  
MILLION

URBANISATION:  
35%

INTERNET  
USERS



64.00  
MILLION

PENETRATION:  
67%

ACTIVE SOCIAL  
MEDIA USERS



55.00  
MILLION

PENETRATION:  
57%

UNIQUE  
MOBILE USERS



70.03  
MILLION

PENETRATION:  
73%

ACTIVE MOBILE  
SOCIAL USERS



50.00  
MILLION

PENETRATION:  
52%

we  
are  
social



we  
are  
social



**SOURCES:** POPULATION: UNITED NATIONS; U.S. CENSUS BUREAU; **INTERNET:** INTERNETWORLDSTATS; ITU; EUROSTAT; INTERNETLIVESTATS; CIA WORLD FACTBOOK; MIDEASTMEDIA.ORG; FACEBOOK; GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS; REGULATORY AUTHORITIES; REPUTABLE MEDIA; **SOCIAL MEDIA AND MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA:** FACEBOOK; TENCENT; VKONTAKTE; KAKAO; NAVER; DING; TECHRASA; SIMILARWEB; KEPIOS ANALYSIS; **MOBILE:** GSMA INTELLIGENCE; GOOGLE; ERICSSON; KEPIOS ANALYSIS. **NOTE:** PENETRATION FIGURES ARE FOR TOTAL POPULATION (ALL AGES).

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# ANNUAL DIGITAL GROWTH

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE IN KEY STATISTICAL INDICATORS



INTERNET  
USERS



**+28%**

SINCE JAN 2017

**+14 MILLION**

ACTIVE SOCIAL  
MEDIA USERS



we  
are  
social

**+20%**

SINCE JAN 2017

**+9 MILLION**

UNIQUE  
MOBILE USERS



**+0.1%**

SINCE JAN 2017

**+79 THOUSAND**

ACTIVE MOBILE  
SOCIAL USERS



**+22%**

SINCE JAN 2017

**+9 MILLION**

**SOURCES:** POPULATION: UNITED NATIONS; U.S. CENSUS BUREAU; **INTERNET:** INTERNETWORLDSTATS; ITU; EUROSTAT; INTERNETLIVESTATS; CIA WORLD FACTBOOK; MIDEASTMEDIA.ORG; FACEBOOK; GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS; REGULATORY AUTHORITIES; REPUTABLE MEDIA; **SOCIAL MEDIA AND MOBILE SOCIAL MEDIA:** FACEBOOK; TENCENT; VKONTAKTE; KAKAO; NAVER; DING; TECHRASA; SIMILARWEB; KEPIOS ANALYSIS; **MOBILE:** GSMA INTELLIGENCE; GOOGLE; ERICSSON; KEPIOS ANALYSIS. **GROWTH DATA:** WE ARE SOCIAL & HOOTSUITE'S *DIGITAL IN 2017* REPORT.

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# POPULATION & ECONOMIC INDICATORS

ESSENTIAL DEMOGRAPHICS AND KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS



TOTAL  
POPULATION



we  
are  
social

96.02  
MILLION

FEMALE  
POPULATION



50.5%

MALE  
POPULATION



we  
are  
social

49.5%

ANNUAL CHANGE IN  
POPULATION SIZE



+1.0%

MEDIAN  
AGE



30.9  
YEARS OLD

POPULATION LIVING  
IN URBAN AREAS



35%

GDP PER  
CAPITA



we  
are  
social

\$6,435

LITERACY  
(TOTAL)



95%

FEMALE  
LITERACY



we  
are  
social

93%

MALE  
LITERACY



96%

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# DEVICE USAGE

PERCENTAGE OF THE ADULT POPULATION\* THAT CURRENTLY USES EACH KIND OF DEVICE [SURVEY-BASED]



MOBILE PHONE  
(ANY TYPE)



97%

we  
are  
social

SMART  
PHONE



72%

Google

LAPTOP OR  
DESKTOP COMPUTER



43%



TABLET  
COMPUTER



13%

TELEVISION  
(ANY KIND)



97%

Google

DEVICE FOR STREAMING  
INTERNET CONTENT TO TV



5%



E-READER  
DEVICE



[N/A]

we  
are  
social

WEARABLE  
TECH DEVICE



1%



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# TIME SPENT WITH MEDIA

SURVEY-BASED DATA: FIGURES REPRESENT RESPONDENTS' SELF-REPORTED ACTIVITY



AVERAGE DAILY TIME  
SPENT USING THE  
INTERNET VIA ANY DEVICE



6H 52M



AVERAGE DAILY TIME  
SPENT USING SOCIAL  
MEDIA VIA ANY DEVICE



2H 37M

we  
are  
social

AVERAGE DAILY TV VIEWING TIME  
(BROADCAST, STREAMING  
AND VIDEO ON DEMAND)



2H 43M



AVERAGE DAILY TIME  
SPENT LISTENING TO  
STREAMING MUSIC



1H 21M

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# ATTITUDES TOWARDS DIGITAL

HOW INTERNET USERS\* PERCEIVE THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY, AND THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON PRIVACY ISSUES



BELIEVE THAT NEW  
TECHNOLOGIES OFFER MORE  
OPPORTUNITIES THAN RISKS



Google

61%

PREFER TO COMPLETE  
TASKS DIGITALLY  
WHENEVER POSSIBLE



63%

BELIEVE DATA PRIVACY  
AND PROTECTION ARE  
VERY IMPORTANT



we  
are  
social

76%

DELETE COOKIES FROM  
INTERNET BROWSER  
TO PROTECT PRIVACY



45%

USE AN AD-BLOCKING  
TOOL TO STOP ADVERTS  
BEING DISPLAYED



38%

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# INTERNET USE

BASED ON REPORTED INTERNET USER DATA, AND USER-CLAIMED MOBILE INTERNET USE



TOTAL NUMBER  
OF ACTIVE  
INTERNET USERS



64.00  
MILLION

we  
are  
social

INTERNET USERS AS A  
PERCENTAGE OF THE  
TOTAL POPULATION



67%



TOTAL NUMBER  
OF ACTIVE MOBILE  
INTERNET USERS



61.73  
MILLION



MOBILE INTERNET USERS  
AS A PERCENTAGE OF  
THE TOTAL POPULATION



64%

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# INTERNET USERS: DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

REPORTS OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERNET USERS FROM DIFFERENT DATA PROVIDERS



INTERNET  
WORLD STATS



64.00  
MILLION

ITU (INTERNATIONAL  
TELECOMMUNICATION UNION)



44.65  
MILLION

INTERNET  
LIVE STATS



49.06  
MILLION

CIA WORLD  
FACTBOOK



50.60  
MILLION

we  
are  
social



we  
are  
social

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# FREQUENCY OF INTERNET USE

HOW OFTEN INTERNET USERS ACCESS THE INTERNET FOR PERSONAL REASONS (ANY DEVICE)



EVERY  
DAY



94%

we  
are  
social

AT LEAST ONCE  
PER WEEK



6%

Google

AT LEAST ONCE  
PER MONTH



0%



LESS THAN ONCE  
PER MONTH



0%

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# INTERNET CONNECTIONS: SPEED & DEVICES

AVERAGE INTERNET CONNECTION SPEEDS, AND THE DEVICE THAT PEOPLE USE MOST OFTEN TO ACCESS THE INTERNET



AVERAGE INTERNET  
SPEED VIA FIXED  
CONNECTIONS



OOKLA

24.77  
MBPS

AVERAGE INTERNET  
SPEED VIA MOBILE  
CONNECTIONS



20.33  
MBPS

ACCESS THE INTERNET  
MOST OFTEN VIA A  
COMPUTER OR TABLET



9%

ACCESS EQUALLY VIA  
A SMARTPHONE AND  
COMPUTER OR TABLET



we  
are  
social

16%

ACCESS THE INTERNET  
MOST OFTEN VIA A  
SMARTPHONE



Google

68%

**SOURCES:** OOKLA SPEEDTEST, NOVEMBER 2017; GOOGLE CONSUMER BAROMETER, JANUARY 2018. GOOGLE'S FIGURES BASED ON RESPONSES TO A SURVEY.  
**NOTES:** DATA REPRESENTS ADULT RESPONDENTS ONLY; PLEASE SEE THE NOTES AT THE END OF THIS REPORT FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GOOGLE'S METHODOLOGY AND THEIR AUDIENCE DEFINITIONS. DEVICE USAGE PERCENTAGES MAY NOT SUM TO 100% DUE TO "DON'T KNOW" OR INCOMPLETE ANSWERS.

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# SHARE OF WEB TRAFFIC BY DEVICE

BASED ON EACH DEVICE'S SHARE OF ALL WEB PAGES SERVED TO WEB BROWSERS



LAPTOPS &  
DESKTOPS



**73%**

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

**+23%**

MOBILE  
PHONES



**24%**

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

**-31%**

TABLET  
DEVICES



**3%**

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

**-53%**

OTHER  
DEVICES



[N/A]

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

[N/A]

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# SIMILARWEB'S RANKING OF TOP WEBSITES

RANKINGS BASED ON AVERAGE MONTHLY TRAFFIC TO EACH WEBSITE IN Q4 2017



#	WEBSITE	CATEGORY	MONTHLY TRAFFIC	TIME PER VISIT	PAGES PER VISIT
01	GOOGLE.COM.VN	SEARCH	375,300,000	12M 26S	6.8
02	FACEBOOK.COM	SOCIAL	351,400,000	25M 04S	21.7
03	YOUTUBE.COM	TV & VIDEO	329,900,000	27M 15S	11.9
04	GOOGLE.COM	SEARCH	323,200,000	13M 24S	15.3
05	VNEXPRESS.NET	NEWS & MEDIA	73,400,000	9M 07S	4.2
06	ZING.VN	SOCIAL	61,900,000	14M 47S	6.6
07	YAHOO.COM	NEWS & MEDIA	41,200,000	5M 49S	4.6
08	COCCOC.COM	SEARCH	37,500,000	6M 54S	2.6
09	NEWS.ZING.VN	NEWS & MEDIA	32,400,000	7M 11S	3.6
10	KENH14.VN	NEWS & MEDIA	32,100,000	7M 31S	4.8

**SOURCE:** SIMILARWEB, JANUARY 2018, BASED ON AVERAGE MONTHLY DATA FOR Q4 2017. **NOTES:** MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPRESENTS TOTAL VISITS TO EACH SITE, NOT UNIQUE VISITORS. DATA FOR SOME COUNTRIES REPRESENTS DESKTOP TRAFFIC, WHILST OTHERS REPRESENTS TRAFFIC FROM BOTH DESKTOP AND MOBILE DEVICES. **ADVISORY:** SOME WEBSITES REFERENCED ON THIS SLIDE MAY CONTAIN ADULT CONTENT, OR CONTENT THAT IS UNSUITABLE FOR THE WORKPLACE. PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN VISITING UNKNOWN WEBSITES.



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# ALEXA'S RANKING OF TOP WEBSITES

RANKINGS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO EACH SITE, AND THE NUMBER OF PAGES VIEWED ON EACH SITE PER VISIT



#	WEBSITE	TIME	PAGES
01	COCCOC.COM	1M 04S	1.26
02	GOOGLE.COM.VN	6M 39S	10.32
03	YOUTUBE.COM	8M 18S	4.79
04	GOOGLE.COM	7M 32S	8.56
05	DKN.TV	3M 53S	2.26
06	FACEBOOK.COM	10M 21S	4.00
07	VTV.VN	2M 10S	1.96
08	ZING.VN	6M 54S	4.07
09	VNEXPRESS.NET	8M 25S	4.43
10	TAIMIENPHI.VN	2M 12S	1.80

#	WEBSITE	TIME	PAGES
11	24H.COM.VN	7M 25S	5.64
12	KENH14.VN	7M 35S	4.78
13	DANTRI.COM.VN	6M 04S	3.65
14	THETHAO247.VN	3M 52S	3.40
15	PHIMMOI.NET	4M 13S	4.49
16	YAHOO.COM	4M 02S	3.61
17	LAZADA.VN	7M 29S	5.55
18	MANGVIECLAM.COM	2M 22S	1.70
19	BAOMOI.COM	2M 52S	2.36
20	VIETNAMNET.VN	4M 43S	2.92

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# WEEKLY ONLINE ACTIVITIES BY DEVICE

PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL POPULATION\* ENGAGING IN EACH ACTIVITY AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK [SURVEY-BASED]



USE A SEARCH  
ENGINE



we  
are  
social

SMARTPHONE:

44%

COMPUTER:

19%

VISIT A SOCIAL  
NETWORK



Google

SMARTPHONE:

52%

COMPUTER:

21%

PLAY  
GAMES



SMARTPHONE:

24%

COMPUTER:

9%

WATCH  
VIDEOS



Google

SMARTPHONE:

53%

COMPUTER:

21%

LOOK FOR PRODUCT  
INFORMATION



SMARTPHONE:

14%

COMPUTER:

6%

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# TOP GOOGLE SEARCH QUERIES IN 2017

RANKING OF THE TOP SEARCH TERMS ENTERED INTO GOOGLE'S SEARCH ENGINE THROUGHOUT 2017



#	QUERY	INDEX
01	PHIM	100
02	FACEBOOK	60
03	BAO	41
04	XSMB	37
05	YOUTUBE	32
06	GOOGLE	30
07	BONG DA	28
08	NHAC	25
09	SO XO	23
10	24H	22

#	QUERY	INDEX
11	XSMN	21
12	DICH	20
13	XO SO	15
14	TIN TUC	15
15	GAME	14
16	GMAIL	13
17	XEM PHIM	12
18	FB	11
19	ZING	11
20	GOOGLE DICH	11

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# FREQUENCY OF WATCHING ONLINE VIDEO

HOW OFTEN INTERNET USERS WATCH ONLINE VIDEOS (ANY DEVICE)



WATCH ONLINE  
VIDEOS EVERY DAY



we  
are  
social

71%

WATCH ONLINE  
VIDEOS EVERY WEEK



Google

22%

WATCH ONLINE  
VIDEOS EVERY MONTH



3%

WATCH ONLINE VIDEOS  
LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH



Google

1%

NEVER WATCH  
ONLINE VIDEOS



2%

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# HOW INTERNET USERS WATCH TELEVISION

COMPARISON OF THE METHODS AND DEVICES USED FOR ACCESSING AND DISPLAYING 'TELEVISION' CONTENT



REGULAR  
TELEVISION  
ON A TVSET



95%

we  
are  
social

RECORDED  
CONTENT  
ON A TVSET



7%

Google

CATCH-UP /  
ON-DEMAND  
SERVICE ON TVSET



16%



ONLINE CONTENT  
STREAMED ON  
A TV SET



11%

Google

ONLINE CONTENT  
STREAMED ON  
ANOTHER DEVICE



23%

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# SOCIAL MEDIA USE

BASED ON THE MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS REPORTED BY THE MOST ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM IN EACH COUNTRY



TOTAL NUMBER  
OF ACTIVE SOCIAL  
MEDIA USERS



55.00  
MILLION

ACTIVE SOCIAL USERS  
AS A PERCENTAGE OF  
THE TOTAL POPULATION



57%

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF SOCIAL USERS  
ACCESSING VIA MOBILE



50.00  
MILLION

ACTIVE MOBILE SOCIAL  
USERS AS A PERCENTAGE  
OF THE TOTAL POPULATION



52%

we  
are  
social

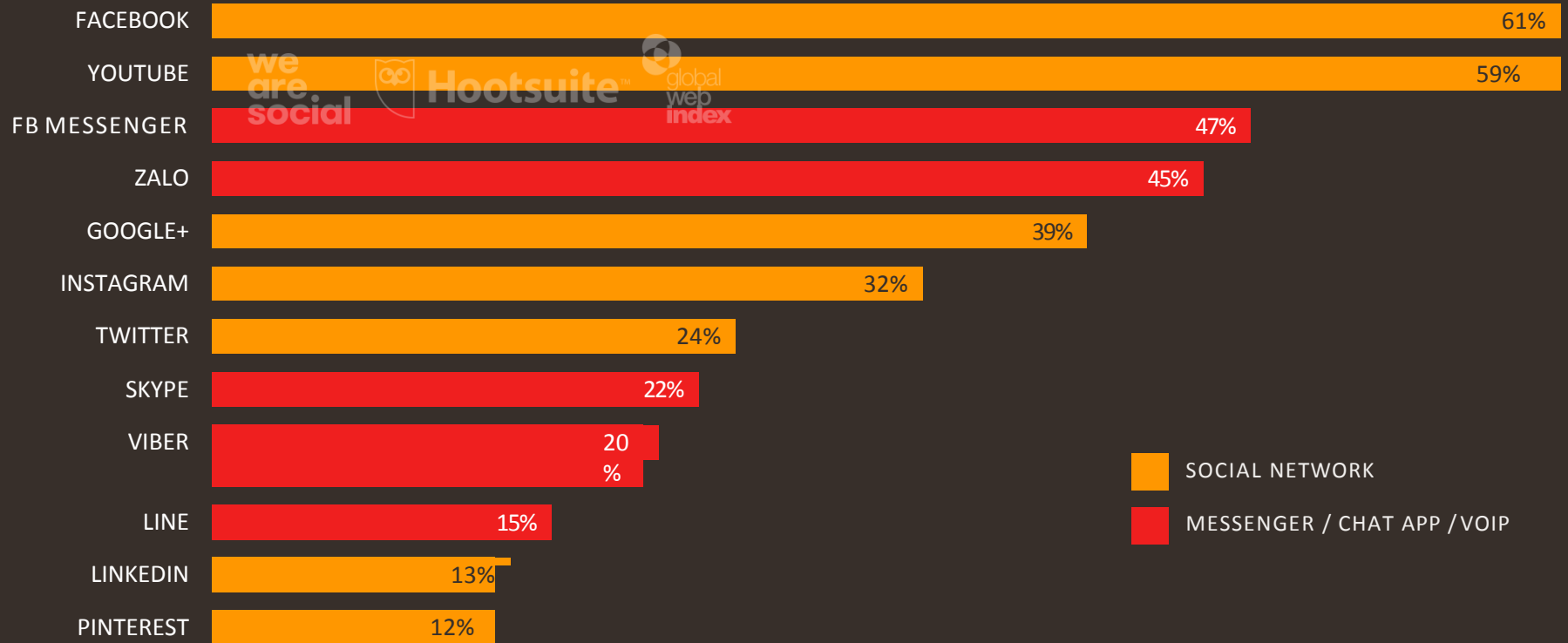


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# MOST ACTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

SURVEY-BASED DATA: FIGURES REPRESENT USERS' OWN CLAIMED / REPORTED ACTIVITY



**SOURCE:** GLOBALWEBINDEX, Q2 & Q3 2017. BASED ON A SURVEY OF INTERNET USERS AGED 16-64. **NOTES:** DATA FOR PLATFORMS WITH AN ASTERISK (\*) IS COLLECTED IN A DIFFERENT PART OF THE SURVEY TO OTHER PLATFORM DATA. ALL DATA HAS BEEN REBASED TO SHOW TOTAL NATIONAL PENETRATION, REGARDLESS OF AGE. **ADVISORY:** FIGURES ARE BASED ON RESPONSES TO A SURVEY, AND MAY NOT CORRELATE TO SOCIAL MEDIA PENETRATION FIGURES SHOWN ELSEWHERE IN THIS REPORT; FOR FULL DETAILS, SEE THE NOTES AT THE END OF THIS REPORT.

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# FACEBOOK USAGE ANALYSIS

A CLOSER LOOK AT FACEBOOK USE, BROKEN DOWN BY MOBILE USE AND SELF-DECLARED GENDER OF USERS



TOTAL NUMBER OF  
MONTHLY ACTIVE  
FACEBOOK USERS



55.00  
MILLION

we  
are  
social

ANNUAL CHANGE IN  
FACEBOOK USERS  
vs. JANUARY 2017



+20%



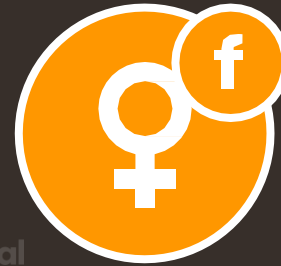
PERCENTAGE OF  
FACEBOOK USERS  
ACCESSING VIA MOBILE



91%

we  
are  
social

PERCENTAGE OF  
FACEBOOK PROFILES  
DECLARED AS FEMALE



47%



PERCENTAGE OF  
FACEBOOK PROFILES  
DECLARED AS MALE



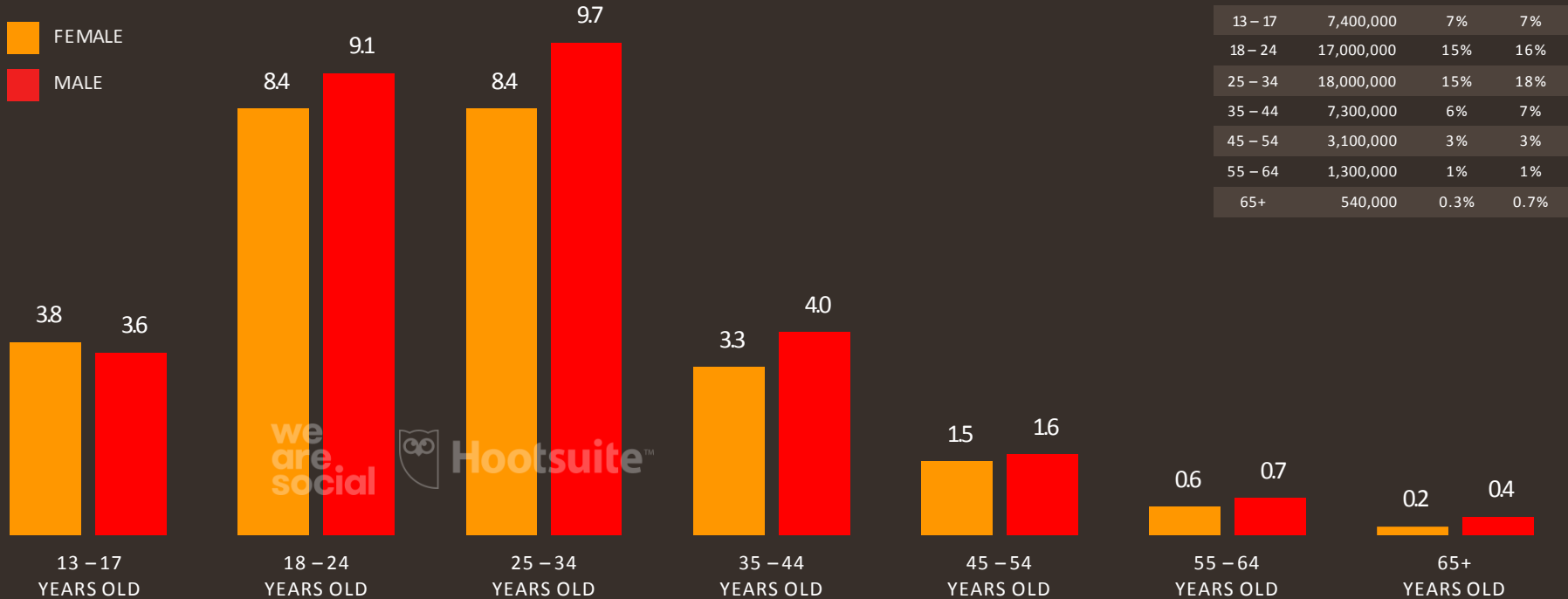
53%



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# PROFILE OF FACEBOOK USERS

A BREAKDOWN OF THE COUNTRY'S FACEBOOK'S USERS BY AGE AND GENDER, IN MILLIONS



**SOURCE:** EXTRAPOLATION OF FACEBOOK DATA, JANUARY 2018. **NOTES:** THE 'TOTAL' COLUMN OF THE INSET TABLE SHOWS ORIGINAL VALUES, WHILE GRAPH VALUES HAVE BEEN DIVIDED BY ONE MILLION. TABLE PERCENTAGES REPRESENT THE RESPECTIVE GENDER AND AGE GROUP'S SHARE OF TOTAL NATIONAL FACEBOOK USERS. TABLE VALUES MAY NOT SUM EXACTLY DUE TO ROUNDING IN THE SOURCE DATA.

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# AVERAGE FACEBOOK PAGE POST REACH

AVERAGE MONTHLY GROWTH IN PAGE LIKES ('FANS'), AVERAGE REACH OF PAGE POSTS vs. PAGE LIKES, AND PAID MEDIA



AVERAGE MONTHLY  
CHANGE IN PAGE LIKES



+1.16%

AVERAGE POST REACH  
vs. PAGE LIKES



17.6%

AVERAGE ORGANIC  
REACH vs. PAGE LIKES



6.7%

PERCENTAGE OF PAGES  
USING PAID MEDIA



28.2%

AVERAGE PAID REACH  
vs. TOTAL REACH



39.2%

**SOURCE:** LOCOWISE, JANUARY 2018, DATA REPRESENTS AVERAGE FIGURES FOR FULL-YEAR 2017. **NOTE:** REACH FIGURES COMPARE THE NUMBER OF TIMES THAT A POST WAS SERVED IN USERS' NEWSFEEDS TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGE 'FANS' (I.E. USERS THAT HAD LIKED THE PAGE) AT THE TIME THAT THE POST WAS PUBLISHED.

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# AVERAGE FACEBOOK ENGAGEMENT RATES

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE WITH A FACEBOOK PAGE'S POSTS vs. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT THOSE POSTS REACH



AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT  
RATE FOR FACEBOOK  
PAGE POSTS (ALLTYPES)



we  
are  
social

4.30%

AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT  
RATE FOR FACEBOOK  
PAGE VIDEO POSTS



locowise

9.56%

AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT  
RATE FOR FACEBOOK  
PAGE PHOTO POSTS



6.29%

AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT  
RATE FOR FACEBOOK  
PAGE LINK POSTS



locowise

5.28%

AVERAGE ENGAGEMENT  
RATE FOR FACEBOOK  
PAGE STATUS POSTS



5.17%

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# INSTAGRAM USAGE ANALYSIS

AN OVERVIEW OF MONTHLY ACTIVE INSTAGRAM USERS, BROKEN DOWN BY GENDER



TOTAL NUMBER OF  
MONTHLY ACTIVE  
INSTAGRAM USERS



5.90  
MILLION

we  
are  
social

ACTIVE INSTAGRAM  
USERS AS A PERCENTAGE  
OF TOTAL POPULATION



6%



FEMALE USERS AS A  
PERCENTAGE OF ALL  
ACTIVE INSTAGRAM USERS



58%

we  
are  
social

MALE USERS AS A  
PERCENTAGE OF ALL  
ACTIVE INSTAGRAM USERS



42%

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# MOBILE USERS vs. MOBILE CONNECTIONS

COMPARING THE NUMBER OF UNIQUE MOBILE USERS TO THE NUMBER OF MOBILE CONNECTIONS



NUMBER OF UNIQUE  
MOBILE USERS (ANY  
TYPE OF HANDSET)



we  
are.  
social

70.03  
MILLION

MOBILE PENETRATION  
(UNIQUE USERS vs.  
TOTAL POPULATION)



GSMA

73%

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF MOBILE  
CONNECTIONS



146.5  
MILLION

MOBILE CONNECTIONS  
AS A PERCENTAGE OF  
TOTAL POPULATION



GSMA

153%

AVERAGE NUMBER OF  
CONNECTIONS PER  
UNIQUE MOBILE USER



2.09

SOURCES: UNIQUE MOBILE USERS: GSMA INTELLIGENCE, JANUARY 2018; GOOGLE CONSUMER BAROMETER, JANUARY 2018;  
MOBILE CONNECTIONS: GSMA INTELLIGENCE, Q4 2017. NOTE: PENETRATION FIGURES ARE FOR TOTAL POPULATION, REGARDLESS OF AGE.

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# MOBILE CONNECTIONS BY TYPE

BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CELLULAR CONNECTIONS (NOTE: NOT UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS)



TOTAL NUMBER  
OF MOBILE  
CONNECTIONS



146.5  
MILLION

we  
are  
social

MOBILE CONNECTIONS  
AS A PERCENTAGE OF  
TOTAL POPULATION



153%

GSMA

PERCENTAGE OF  
MOBILE CONNECTIONS  
THAT ARE PRE-PAID



88%



PERCENTAGE OF  
MOBILE CONNECTIONS  
THAT ARE POST-PAID



12%

GSMA

PERCENTAGE OF MOBILE  
CONNECTIONS THAT ARE  
BROADBAND (3G & 4G)



34%

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# MOBILE CONNECTIVITY INDEX

GSMA INTELLIGENCE'S ASSESSMENT OF THE COUNTRY'S KEY ENABLERS AND DRIVERS OF MOBILE CONNECTIVITY



OVERALL COUNTRY  
INDEX SCORE



59.65

OUT OF A MAXIMUM  
POSSIBLE SCORE OF 100

MOBILE NETWORK  
INFRASTRUCTURE



41.30

OUT OF A MAXIMUM  
POSSIBLE SCORE OF 100

AFFORDABILITY OF  
DEVICES & SERVICES



68.70

OUT OF A MAXIMUM  
POSSIBLE SCORE OF 100

CONSUMER  
READINESS



74.02

OUT OF A MAXIMUM  
POSSIBLE SCORE OF 100

AVAILABILITY OF RELEVANT  
CONTENT & SERVICES



60.30

OUT OF A MAXIMUM  
POSSIBLE SCORE OF 100

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# MOBILE ACTIVITIES

SURVEY-BASED DATA: FIGURES REPRESENT RESPONDENTS' SELF-REPORTED ACTIVITY



PERCENTAGE OF THE  
POPULATION USING  
MOBILE MESSENGERS



61%

PERCENTAGE OF THE  
POPULATION WATCHING  
VIDEOS ON MOBILE



60%

PERCENTAGE OF THE  
POPULATION PLAYING  
GAMES ON MOBILE



53%

PERCENTAGE  
OF THE POPULATION  
USING MOBILE BANKING



30%

PERCENTAGE OF THE  
POPULATION USING  
MOBILE MAP SERVICES



50%





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# SMARTPHONE LIFE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL POPULATION USING A SMARTPHONE TO PERFORM EACH TASK [SURVEY-BASED]



USE THE ALARM  
CLOCK FUNCTION



43%



MANAGE DIARY  
OR APPOINTMENTS



24%

Google

CHECK THE  
WEATHER



22%

we  
are  
social

TRACK HEALTH, DIET,  
OR ACTIVITY LEVELS



7%

TAKE PHOTOS  
OR VIDEOS



47%

Google

CHECK  
THE NEWS



36%

we  
are  
social

READ E-BOOKS  
OR E-MAGAZINES



33%



MANAGE LISTS  
(E.G. SHOPPING, TASKS)



15%

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# TOP APP RANKINGS

RANKINGS OF TOP MOBILE APPS BY MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS AND BY NUMBER OF DOWNLOADS



## RANKING OF MOBILE APPS BY MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS

#	APP NAME	DEVELOPER / COMPANY
01	FACEBOOK	FACEBOOK
02	FACEBOOK MESSENGER	FACEBOOK
03	ZALO	VNG
04	ZING MP3	VNG
05	VIBER	RAKUTEN
06	GRAB	GRAB
07	INSTAGRAM	FACEBOOK
08	NHACCUATUI	NCT
09	SKYPE	MICROSOFT
10	UBER	UBER TECHNOLOGIES

## RANKING OF MOBILE APPS BY NUMBER OF DOWNLOADS

#	APP NAME	DEVELOPER / COMPANY
01	FACEBOOK MESSENGER	FACEBOOK
02	FACEBOOK	FACEBOOK
03	ZALO	VNG
04	ZING MP3	VNG
05	CAMERA360	PINGUO
06	B612	NAVER
07	NHACCUATUI	NCT
08	SNOW SELFIE CAMERA	NAVER
09	WIFI MASTER KEY	SHANGHAI LANTERN NETWORK
10	SHOPEE	GARENA ONLINE

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# FINANCIAL INCLUSION FACTORS

PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION AGED 15+ THAT REPORTS OWNING OR USING EACH FINANCIAL PRODUCT OR SERVICE



HAS A BANK  
ACCOUNT



31%

we  
are  
social

HAS A  
CREDIT CARD



2%



MAKES AND / OR RECEIVES  
MOBILE PAYMENTS VIA GSM



0.5%

we  
are  
social

MAKES ONLINE PURCHASES  
AND / OR PAYS BILLS ONLINE



9%

PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN  
WITH A CREDIT CARD



2%



PERCENTAGE OF MEN  
WITH A CREDIT CARD



2%

we  
are  
social

PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN  
MAKING INTERNET PAYMENTS



8%



PERCENTAGE OF MEN  
MAKING INTERNET PAYMENTS



11%

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# E-COMMERCE ACTIVITIES IN PAST 30 DAYS

SURVEY-BASED DATA: FIGURES REPRESENT RESPONDENTS' SELF-REPORTED ACTIVITY



SEARCHED ONLINE  
FOR A PRODUCT  
OR SERVICE TO BUY



we  
are  
social

57%

VISITED  
AN ONLINE  
RETAIL STORE



global  
web  
index

54%

PURCHASED A  
PRODUCT OR  
SERVICE ONLINE



47%

MADE AN ONLINE  
PURCHASE VIA A LAPTOP  
OR DESKTOP COMPUTER



global  
web  
index

33%

MADE AN ONLINE  
PURCHASE VIA A  
MOBILE DEVICE



33%

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# E-COMMERCE SPEND BY CATEGORY

TOTAL ANNUAL AMOUNT SPENT ON CONSUMER E-COMMERCE CATEGORIES, IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS



FASHION  
& BEAUTY



**\$358.3**  
MILLION

we  
are  
social

ELECTRONICS &  
PHYSICAL MEDIA



**\$840.7**  
MILLION

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FOOD &  
PERSONAL CARE



**\$232.7**  
MILLION



FURNITURE &  
APPLIANCES



**\$367.9**  
MILLION

TOYS, DIY  
& HOBBIES



**\$386.3**  
MILLION

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TRAVEL (INCLUDING  
ACCOMMODATION)



**\$541.1**  
MILLION



DIGITAL  
MUSIC



**\$9.3**  
MILLION

we  
are  
social

VIDEO  
GAMES



**\$186.1**  
MILLION

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# E-COMMERCE GROWTH BY CATEGORY

ANNUAL CHANGE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT ON CONSUMER E-COMMERCE CATEGORIES, IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS



FASHION  
& BEAUTY



+34%

we  
are  
social

ELECTRONICS &  
PHYSICAL MEDIA



+16%

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FOOD &  
PERSONAL CARE



+20%



FURNITURE &  
APPLIANCES



+18%

TOYS, DIY  
& HOBBIES



+21%

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TRAVEL (INCLUDING  
ACCOMMODATION)



+27%



DIGITAL  
MUSIC



+8%

we  
are  
social

VIDEO  
GAMES



+14%

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# E-COMMERCE DETAIL: CONSUMER GOODS

AN OVERVIEW OF THE E-COMMERCE MARKET FOR CONSUMER GOODS, WITH VALUES IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS



TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
PURCHASING CONSUMER  
GOODS VIA E-COMMERCE



**35.08**  
MILLION

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

**+6%**

PENETRATION OF CONSUMER  
GOODS E-COMMERCE  
(TOTAL POPULATION)



**37%**

VALUE OF THE CONSUMER  
GOODS E-COMMERCE MARKET  
(TOTAL ANNUAL SALES REVENUE)



**\$2.186**  
BILLION

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

**+20%**

AVERAGE ANNUAL REVENUE  
PER USER OF CONSUMER  
GOODS E-COMMERCE (ARPU)



**\$62**

YEAR-ON-YEAR CHANGE:

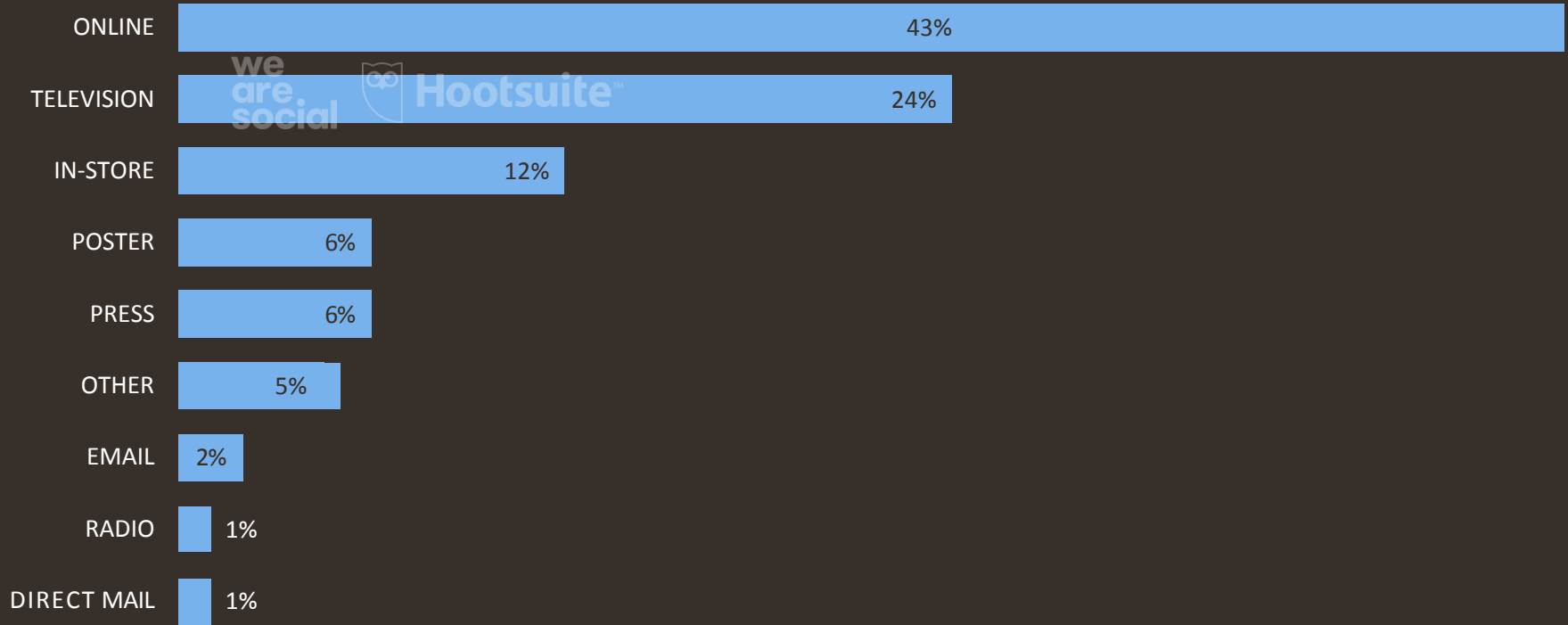
**+14%**

**SOURCE:** STATISTA DIGITAL MARKET OUTLOOK, E-COMMERCE INDUSTRY, ACCESSED JANUARY 2018. **NOTES:** FIGURES REPRESENT SALES OF PHYSICAL GOODS VIA DIGITAL CHANNELS ON ANY DEVICE TO PRIVATE END USERS, AND DO NOT INCLUDE DIGITAL MEDIA, DIGITAL SERVICES SUCH AS TRAVEL OR SOFTWARE, B2B PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, RESALE OF USED GOODS, OR SALES BETWEEN PRIVATE PERSONS (P2P COMMERCE). PENETRATION FIGURE REPRESENTS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL POPULATION, REGARDLESS OF AGE.

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THE CHANNEL THAT FIRST INTRODUCED INTERNET USERS\* TO A PRODUCT OR SERVICE THAT THEY SUBSEQUENTLY PURCHASED







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78% OF GLOBAL  
INTERNET POPULATION



50 DIGITAL  
ECONOMIES



90% OF WORLDWIDE  
ECONOMIC POWER



MORE THAN 30,000  
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REGISTERED USERS



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150 COUNTRIES



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\*GlobalWebIndex manages a panel of more than 18 million connected consumers, collecting data every quarter across 40 countries around the world, and representing 90% of the global internet population. Visit <http://www.globalwebindex.net> for more details.

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# NOTES ON DATA VARIANCE, MISMATCHES, AND CURIOSITIES

This report uses data from a wide variety of sources, including market research agencies, internet and social media companies, governments and public bodies, news media, journalists, and our own internal analysis.

Wherever possible, we've prioritised data sources that provide broader geographical coverage, in order to minimise the potential variations between data points, and offer more reliable comparison across countries. However, where we believe that an individual metric provides a more reliable reference, we've used such individual numbers to ensure the most accurate reporting.

Furthermore, due to differing data collection and preparation methodologies used by these organisations, as well as the different sample periods during which the data were collected, there may be significant differences in the reported metrics for similar data points throughout this report.

In particular, data collected via surveys often vary from one report to another, even if those data have been collected by the same

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Similarly, reports of internet user numbers vary considerably between different sources, due to the complex nature of collecting this data. In part, this is because there are fewer commercial imperatives for governments and regulators to collect and publish regular internet user data compared to, for example, the regular user number updates published by social media companies, who depend on such data to sell their products and services.

However, the latest user numbers published by these companies can be a useful proxy for the number of internet users in countries where no other reliable data are available, because all active social media users must have an active internet connection in order to access social media.

Because of this, on occasion, we've used the latest monthly active user data from social media companies to inform our internet user numbers, especially in less-developed economies, where 'official' internet user

numbers are published less frequently. As a result, there are a number of countries in this report where the number of social media users equals the number of internet users.

It's unlikely that 100 percent of internet users in any given country will use the same social media platform though, so in cases where internet and social media user numbers are the same, it's likely that the actual number of internet users will be higher than the number we've reported.

Lastly, in some instances in this year's report, metrics may have decreased year-on-year due to corrections in the source data, actual declines in user numbers, and changes in the primary data source we've used in our reporting due to reasons such as increased reliability, or the non-availability of updated numbers from previous providers.

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