

NZ women spend more time social networking than men - study

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND: comScore has released a study on Internet usage in New Zealand from its comScore Media Metrix service. The study found that social networking ranks as the leading online activity in New Zealand, accounting for 1 of every 5 minutes spent online in May.



The study also found that females spent more time on social networking sites (5.4 hours per month) than males (3.7 hours per month). These findings among others are covered in comScore's *State of the Internet New Zealand*.

"As one of the more mature markets in the Asia Pacific region, New Zealand is home to a digitally savvy audience base," said Amy Weinberger, comScore vice president for Australia and New Zealand. "New Zealanders have a strong propensity to connect online, whether it is to other people through social networking or to content and information through access points such as entertainment and news destinations. Finding ways to reach and engage these audiences presents significant marketing opportunities to both local and global brands."

Top web properties in New Zealand

In May 2011, Microsoft Sites topped the list as the most-visited web property in New Zealand, reaching 97% of web users age 15 and older in the country. Google Sites ranked second reaching 93.5% of visitors, followed by Yahoo! Sites at #3 reaching 86.4% of users. Facebook.com saw the strongest engagement of the top 10 properties with visitors averaging more than 5 hours on the site during the month. Web properties based in New Zealand or Australia captured the next three positions in the ranking with Fairfax Media, APN News & Media and Trade Me all reaching more than half of the online population in New Zealand.

Top Web Properties in New Zealand by Percent Reach of Unique Visitors May 2011 Total New Zealand - Age 15+ Home or Work Locations* Source: comScore Media Metrix		
	% Reach	Average Minutes per Visitor
Total Internet : Total Audience	100.0%	1,249.8
Microsoft Sites	97.0%	122.1
Google Sites	93.5%	163
Yahoo! Sites	86.4%	62.9
Facebook.com	78.8%	310.9
Fairfax Media	67.9%	36
APN News & Media	67.8%	30.2
Trade Me	59.1%	133.6
Wikimedia Foundation Sites	40.3%	15.5
Glam Media	39.9%	8.4
Apple Inc.	34.3%	4.5

*Excludes visitation from public computers such as Internet cafes or access from mobile phones or PDAs.

Social networking accounts for most online minutes in New Zealand

When looking at how New Zealanders spent their time online in May, Social Networking led as the most engaging online activity accounting for 21.1% of all online minutes in the country. Portals followed in second at 14.3% of total minutes, with Entertainment sites ranking third at 12.1% of minutes. Rounding out the top 5 were the News/Information (6.8% of time

spent) and Auctions (6.7%) categories.

Top Categories by Percent of Time Spent May 2011 Total New Zealand - Age 15+ Home or Work Locations*	
Source: comScore Media Metrix	
	% Share of Total Online Minutes
Social Networking	21.1%
Portals	14.3%
Entertainment	12.1%
News/Information	6.8%
Auctions	6.7%
Other	39.0%

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Females more prolific social networkers than males in New Zealand

Further analysis of the Social Networking category showed that although males and females account for nearly the same percentage of visitors to the category, females exhibit far stronger engagement with the category. Overall, females averaged nearly 50% more time on Social Networking sites than males (5.4 hours vs. 3.7 hours). Females age 15-24 averaged the most time social networking at 7.4 hours per visitor, while males age 15-24 averaged 6.4 hours during the month. When compared to an average Internet user, females were 15% more likely to view pages on social networking destinations (Index of 115), while males were 16% less likely to consume pages (Index of 84).

Top Categories by Percent of Time Spent May 2011 Total New Zealand - Age 15+ Home or Work Locations*					
Source: comScore Media Metrix					
	Social Networking				
	Target Audience (000)	% Composition Unique Visitors	Composition Index** Unique Visitors	Composition Index** Page Views	Average Hours per Visitor
Total Audience	2,671	100.0%	100	100	4.6
All Males (15+)	1,301	48.7%	99	84	3.7
Male: 15-24	274	10.3%	103	135	6.4
Males: 25-34	255	9.6%	103	90	4.2
Males: 35-44	244	9.1%	98	72	3.2
Male: 45-54	233	8.7%	97	74	3.3
Male: 55+	295	11.0%	94	38	1.6
All Females (15+)	1,370	51.3%	101	115	5.4
Female: 15-24	282	10.5%	104	176	7.4
Females: 25-34	262	9.8%	103	124	5.2
Females: 35-44	260	9.7%	101	98	4.5
Female: 45-54	248	9.3%	100	115	5.0
Female: 55+	319	11.9%	99	77	4.7

*Excludes visitation from public computers such as Internet cafes or access from mobile phones or PDAs.

**Index = % of Segment/% of Total Users x 100; Index of 100 indicates average representation

To download a complimentary copy of *The State of the Internet New Zealand*, go to

http://www.comscore.com/Press_Events/Presentations_Whitepapers/2011/State_of_the_Internet_New_Zealand