

# The Impact of COVID-19 on Online Usage

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# **Time online**



#### **Time Online % Change by Demographics: Jan-Mar 2020** Total Minutes increased by 8% - higher among 18-24s and 55+





Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform, Adults 18+, Jan & Mar 2020, UK



#### **Average Time Spent Online Per Day by Demos Jan-Mar 2020** 18+ Average Time Online increased by 17 mins to 3hrs 43 mins.



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# **All Categories**



# Major Category Unique Visitor Change: Jan-Mar 2020 (%)

Government, Education & Health all witnessed uplifts



#### **Category Unique Visitor Change: Jan-Mar 2020 (Millions)** News Sub-Categories added most visitors



Unique Visitor Decrease (Millions)

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**Unique Visitor Increase (Millions)** 

Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform, Adults 18+, Jan & Mar 2020, UK

## Major Category Time Online Change: Jan-Mar 2020 (%)

**Government & Education experienced biggest % uplifts** 



## **Category Time Online Change: Jan-Mar 2020** Social Networking, News and IM added most minutes

Total Minutes Increase (Millions)

Total Minutes Decrease (Millions)



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## **Growth Categories**















# Retail: Food/Grocery

- Unique Visitors +9%
- Unique Visitors +2.6m
- Visits +49%
- Minutes +48%



## **Grocery Retailers\*: Unique Visitor Change Jan-Mar 2020** All Main Grocery Brands experienced uplifts

#### **Unique Visitors (Millions)**





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## Food Retailers\*: Unique Visitor Change Jan-Mar 2020 Food Delivery services benefited from lockdown



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## **Other Food Retailers: Unique Visitor Change Jan-Mar 2020** Smaller food and drink retailers experienced uplift in visitors



■ Jan-2020 ■ Mar-2020

Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform, Adults 18+, Jan & Mar 2020, UK





# News & Information

- Total Minutes +28%
- Ave Mins/visitor +103mins
- Business/Financial News UVs +7m
- Politics News UVs +65%



### All News/Information: Unique Visitor Change Jan-Mar 2020 **Top 10 News Properties all witnessed gains**

#### 40.4 **Reach Group** 41.6 **35**.4 **3**9.4 **BBC Sites** ▲ 36.0 ▲ 39.3 Mail Online / Daily Mail 35.4 38.4 The Sun Online 29.4 37.0 23.7 The Guardian 35.2 16.6 **Sky News** 32.1 19.5 **Telegraph Media Group** 28.1 17.8 USA TODAY Network 26.2 <u>17.9</u> **JPIMedia** 21.6

**Unique Visitors (Millions)** 

Jan-2020 Mar-2020

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% Increase





#### **News Categories: Usage Metrics % Change Jan-Mar 2020 People are consuming MORE news from a wide range of sources**



Unique Visitors

Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform, Adults 18+, Jan & Mar 2020, UK





#### UK Online Daily Newspapers: Unique Visitors Jan-Mar 2020 The Qualities all experienced >25% growth in visitors

#### **Unique Visitors (Millions)**

The Sun UK THEGUARDIAN.COM DAILYMAIL.CO.UK INDEPENDENT.CO.UK MIRROR.CO.UK EXPRESS.CO.UK METRO.CO.UK TELEGRAPH.CO.UK STANDARD.CO.UK THETIMES.CO.UK DAILYSTAR.CO.UK **INEWS.CO.UK** 



#### % Increase



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#### **Business/Finance News: Unique Visitors Jan-Mar 2020** An additional 7m adults visited Business News sites +23%

Unique Visitors (Millions)





Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform, Adults 18+, Jan & Mar 2020, UK





## **Politics & US News\* Brands: Unique Visitors Jan-Mar 2020** UK Online users increasingly consuming Global content

Unique Visitors (Millions)

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**Unique Visitors (Millions)** 





Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform, Adults 18+, Jan & Mar 2020, UK

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#### **Technology News: Unique Visitors Jan-Mar 2020** An additional 4m adults visited Technology News sites +13%



■ Jan-2020 ■ Mar-2020

Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform, Adults 18+, Jan & Mar 2020, UK



MMX Multi-Platform includes desktop browsing, desktop video streams, smartphone browsing & apps, tablet browsing & apps \* Channels within the Media Title Future Tech



### **Facts & Stats : Unique Visitors Jan-Mar 2020 Growing use of 'credible sources' & 'official stats'**





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# **Social Networking**

- Total Minutes +8%
- Ave Mins/visitor +205mins



#### **Social Networking : Unique Visitors Jan-Mar 2020** TikTok and Change.Org add most visitors

42.4 42.3 **FACEBOOK** 27.4 INSTAGRAM 28.6 24.3 26.6 Twitter 15.5 Pinterest 15.015.3 Linkedin 14.7 12.7 12.4 Snapchat, Inc 11.4 11.7 Reddit 5.1 CHANGE.ORG 10.9 5.6 Bytedance (TikTok) 9.2 3.2 3.8 ■ Jan-2020 ■ Mar-2020 Nextdoor

**Unique Visitors (Millions)** 

% Increase





Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform, Adults 18+, Jan & Mar 2020, UK. MMX Multi-Platform includes desktop browsing, desktop video streams, smartphone browsing & apps, tablet browsing & apps.

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## **Social Networking: Ave Minutes Per Visitor Jan-Mar 2020** Facebook visitors spend an additional 77 minutes on the service

#### **Average Minutes Per Visitor**

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#### % Increase

22.8





71.2

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# IM and Video Chat

- IM minutes +32%
- IM Ave Mins/visitor +149mins



#### IM & Video Chat\*: Unique Visitors Jan-Mar 2020 Consumers in lockdown have turned to Video Chat/Conferencing





Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform, Adults 18+, Jan & Mar 2020, UK. MMX Multi-Platform includes desktop browsing, desktop video streams, smartphone browsing & apps, tablet browsing & apps.

\*These properties were added manually to the list from a NON-IM category for comparison purposes . \* Facebook IM data under investigation by Comscore

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### IM & Video Chat\*: Average Minutes per Visitor Jan-Mar 2020 Visitors are spending a lot more time on IM & Video chat apps

#### **Average Minutes Per Visitor**

% Increase





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\*These properties were added manually to the list from a NON-IM category for comparison purposes and the category has been relabelled 'Video Chat'

# Government

- Unique Visitors +19%
- Unique Visitors +5.6m



## **Government : Unique Visitors Jan-Mar 2020** <u>www.gov.uk</u> adds almost 10m visitors in a month



#### **Unique Visitors (millions)**



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# Health

- Unique Visitors +2m
- Visits +27%



#### Health Sites & Retailers: Unique Visitor Change Jan-Mar 20 Consumers are seeking health information and health products online

#### Health Sites: Additional Unique Visitors (millions)

Healthcare\* Retailers: Unique Visitors (Millions)





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\*These were not listed in the Health and Healthcare retail categories so were manually added for comparison purposes

# Education

- UVs +5% (+9% with kids)
- Mins +39% (+43% with kids)
- Visits +19% (+32% with kids)



## **Education: Unique Visitors Jan-Mar 2020** Home schooling has contributed to visitor growth across sites



**Unique Visitors (millions)** 





Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform, Adults 18+, Jan & Mar 2020, UK



# Entertainment

- Mins +5%
- Ave Mins/visitor +65mins



#### **Entertainment Apps Time Online Growth: Jan-Mar 2020** An additional 2.1 billion minutes on YouTube's App is driving the increase



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Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform, Adults 18+, Jan & Mar 2020, UK


### **Categories Negatively Impacted Jan-Mar 2020**







## **Top Growth Properties & Mobile Apps**

Jan-Mar 2020



## **Properties adding MOST Unique Visitors: Jan-Mar 2020**



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## Mobile Apps adding MOST Unique Visitors: Jan-Mar 2020





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## Mobile Apps adding MOST Minutes: Jan-Mar 2020



#### Additional Minutes (Billions): Jan to Mar 2020

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## **Top 20 Properties**

Key Changes: Jan-Mar 2020



## **Top 20 'UV' Properties: Unique Visitor Change Jan-Mar 2020**





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## **Top 20 'Time' Properties: Time Online Change Jan-Mar 2020**

Time Online (mins) Change %: Mar 20 v Jan 20





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#### WhatsApp's UK Audience

Facebook recently revealed that on New Year's Eve 100 billion messages were sent worldwide on WhatsApp with UK users sending over 900 million of them. UKOM looks at the popularity and growth of WhatsApp among different demographics in the UK over the last year.





#### New Mobile Finance Apps

Each month, UKOM's partner, Comscore, reports usage data for nearly 2800 mobile apps, over 50 of which are in the financial services category.

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Fashion week, UKOM explores usage of the category and identifies winners and losers over the last year.

**Fashion Retailers** 

In July 2019, 27 million UK adults visited

clothing retailers online and every month

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'Retail – Apparel'. To coincide with London

which are classified under the category

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### **Categories Negatively Impacted Jan-Mar 2020**



#### Travel

Hotels/home sharing -30% Uvs (-5.1m) Online Travel agents -25% Uvs (-6.1m) Travel info -18% Uvs (-6m) Airlines -22% Uvs (-2.8m) Ground/Cruise -19% Uvs (-3.5m)



#### **Real Estate/Property**

Unique Visitors -12% (-3.6m) Minutes -25%



#### **Non-Grocery Retail**

Tickets -27% Uvs (-3m) Clothing Apparel -7% Uvs (-2m) Luxury goods/jewellery -16% Uvs



#### Automotive/Maps

Total Unique Visitors -8% (-2.2m) Total Minutes -35% Autos Manufacturer Uvs -5% Autos Manufacturer Mins -47% Maps/GPS/Traffic - 8% Uvs (-2.9m)

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#### **Career Services & Development**

Career Resources -30% mins Job Search -26% mins



#### Sport

Total Minutes -39% Ave Mins/visitor -42 mins



## Methodology and Definitions

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