

Digital Marketing Channel Comparison

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SEO

- **Reach:** Organic search users over time
- **Cost Structure:** Low to moderate (ongoing investment in content and tech SEO)
- **Targeting Precision:** High (keyword and intent-based)
- **Measurability:** High (rankings, traffic, conversions)
- **Ideal Use Case:** Building long-term authority and sustainable traffic

PPC

- **Reach:** Immediate audience via paid ads
- **Cost Structure:** Pay-per-click; budget flexible
- **Targeting Precision:** Very high (demographics, keywords, time, device)
- **Measurability:** Very high (clicks, cost per acquisition, ROI)
- **Ideal Use Case:** Quick visibility for high-value keywords and offers

Content Marketing

- **Reach:** Owned audience and inbound traffic
- **Cost Structure:** Moderate (content creation and distribution)
- **Targeting Precision:** Medium (audience personas, topics)
- **Measurability:** High (engagement metrics, time on page)
- **Ideal Use Case:** Educating prospects and nurturing leads

Email Marketing

- **Reach:** Subscribers and existing customers
- **Cost Structure:** Low (platform fees and creative)
- **Targeting Precision:** High (segmentation by behavior and demographics)
- **Measurability:** Very high (opens, clicks, conversions)
- **Ideal Use Case:** Retention, repeat purchases, and lead nurturing

Social Media

- **Reach:** Platform users and followers
- **Cost Structure:** Low to moderate (organic); pay-to-play for ads
- **Targeting Precision:** High (interests, demographics, lookalikes)
- **Measurability:** High (engagement, impressions, conversions)
- **Ideal Use Case:** Brand awareness, community building, and social proof

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