





Get started with Audiences on LinkedIn



Who is **your audience**





Use **professional characteristics** to define your audience

Reach key buyers and decision makers

-  **61 million** senior level influencers and **65 million** decision-makers are on LinkedIn.
-  **Review a few member profiles** for inspiration, paying special attention to endorsed skills, current and past positions and seniority levels.
-  **Consider combining** function or interests with **seniority** or use lookalike audiences.
-  **For more focused targeting** use skills, member traits or **job title** targeting.





Include **people who influence** the purchase

Influence the influencers

-  **34%** of young millennials (19-25) and **41%** of older millennials (26-35) **have decision-making responsibilities**.
-  Consider targeting Senior individual contributors (ICs). Increasingly, **ICs have a large say in buying decisions**.
-  **Utilize interest targeting** or **groups targeting** to reach members with unique professional interests or expertise in areas relevant to your brand or product.
-  **To reach senior ICs** with lots of experience, target them by choosing Senior and combine that with the Years of Experience.




Consider **targeting your customer contacts**, key companies, website visitors or those who engaged with past ads

Increase consideration from a precise audience

-  **Help your brand or business stand out** with those most interested in your product or service.
-  Bring your customer data over to LinkedIn using one of our **data integration partners**.
-  **Upload a list of contacts or companies** to reach key buyers, influencers and decision makers.
-  Create an audience from those **who visited your website or engaged** with your Video Ads or Lead Gen Forms.




Expand your scope further by targeting audiences **similar to your existing customers**

Directly reach prospects similar to your existing customers, prospects or website visitors

-  Using **lookalike audiences** can **expand reach by 25-45%+***.
-  **Build an audience from current customers**, low funnel website visitors, or leads vetted by sales.
-  Use an uploaded list or website audience and create a lookalike audience which will identify **those who look like your current customers**.

*When compared to a **matched audience** alone

Checklist for finalizing a strategy

-  Validate your audience size is over 50k. A minimum of 300 members is required to launch a campaign.
-  Have a plan for experimenting, A/B testing, and optimization.
-  Leverage our targeting capabilities off-platform via [LinkedIn Audience Network](#).

Tips & tricks

-  When launching, **start broad** and then narrow down your audience with insights from campaign demographics.
-  Check that your target audience is **over 50,000**. If your audience gets too small, you'll have to bid higher and spend more to reach & drive conversions.
-  Turn on **Audience Expansion** if your audience is less than 50k.
-  Experiment and **A/B test** the same ad creative with different audiences.
-  If running global campaigns, **segment by region** to maximize daily pacing.
-  To expand your audience use 'or'. To narrow your audience use 'and'.
-  Use the **search bar** to find targeting attributes that match what you're looking for.

Your audience is on LinkedIn

706M+

More than **706M professionals** worldwide gather on LinkedIn to stay connected and informed, advance their careers, and work smarter.

200+

With over **200 different characteristics** to choose from, you'll be able to find the right target audience needed to make your campaign successful.



Job experience

Job functions*

- Human Resources
- Marketing
- Information Technology
- Finance
- Legal
- Operations
- Real Estate
- Sales
- Support

Job Seniority

- Owner
- Partner
- CXO
- VP
- Director
- Manager
- Senior
- Training
- Unpaid

Job Titles*

- Human Resource Manager
- Marketing Manager
- Procurement Analyst
- Security Engineer
- Head of Information Technology
- Financial Advisors
- Medical Doctors
- Logistics Supply Chain Specialist
- Event Planner
- Financial Analyst

Member Skills*

- Microsoft Excel
- Project Coordination
- Program Management
- Risk Management
- Medicine
- Public Affairs
- Event Marketing
- Financial Modeling

Years of Experience

Select a custom range from 1 - 12+ years



Education

Degrees*

- PhD
- Masters of Business
- Masters of Science
- Master of Architecture
- Master of Computer Applications
- Master of Education
- Master of Engineering
- Master of Social Work
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Technology
- Bachelor of Science
- Associates

Fields of Study*

- Economics
- Social
- Computer Science
- Business
- Marketing
- Law
- Medicine

Member Schools

Includes schools, colleges, universities or other learning institutions where a member has completed a course



Firmographics

Company connections

Reach the first-degree connections of employees of a selected company (with over 500 members)

Company Followers

Reach followers of your company page

Company Industries*

- Real estate
- Software & IT
- Internet
- Consumer Goods
- Education
- Entertainment
- Finance
- Media and Communications

Company Name

Company Size

- Myself
- 1-10 employees
- 11-50 employees
- 51-200 employees
- 201-500 employees
- 501-1000 employees
- 1001-5000 employees
- 5001-10000 employees
- 10001+ employees

Company Categories

Company Growth



Interest*

Member Groups*

- Finance Club
- HR & Talent Management Executive
- Digital Marketing
- The Logistics & Supply Chain Networking Group

Member Interests*

- SMBs
- Corporate financial planning
- Employee onboarding
- Leadership development
- Agile project management
- Office design
- Retail banking
- Insurance (like Liability insurance)
- Global economy (like emerging markets)
- Tax compliance
- B2B Marketing
- Digital Marketing
- Customer retention
- Public relations
- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine learning
- Video game development
- Antivirus and Malware
- Quantum computing
- Sales and retail

Member Traits*

- Frequent Contributor
- Frequent Traveler
- Job Seeker
- Open to Education
- Recently promoted
- Recently relocated



Matched audiences

- Website retargeting
- Contact targeting
- Account targeting
- Lookalike audiences
- Engagement retargeting
- Data integration partners



Demographics

- Age
- Gender

