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Research Methodology

The data presented in this report was collected using Tensor Social, a social intelligence platform that allows brands and marketers alike to optimize their influencer marketing campaigns. Using their software, we filtered through growth and engagement metrics from each social platform for Q1 of 2022.

From that data, we pulled the ten fastest growing creators on TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube. Once we identified the creators, we measured each creator's engagement rate throughout the quarter against their follower count in order to calculate individual growth rates.

With this data, we were able to break down the growth rates by social platform.

Additionally, by comparing the growth rates of each creator to one another, we gain insight into what it takes to be one of the fastest growing creators in the influencer marketing sphere.



Growth Metrics Across Platforms



TikTok Growth Metrics Q1 2022

Avg. Jan - Feb Growth ---- 581.94%

Avg. Feb - Mar Growth ---- 2990.19%

Avg. Engagements ----- 408,733

Avg. Total Follower Growth - - - 5751.83%



Instagram Growth Metrics Q1 2022

Avg. Jan - Feb Growth ---- 1788.00%

Avg. Feb - Mar Growth ---- 184.00%

Avg. Engagements - - - - - - - 118,894

Avg. Total Follower Growth - - - 4178.96%



YouTube Growth Metrics Q1 2022

Avg. Jan - Feb Growth ---- 344.00%

Avg. Feb - Mar Growth - - - - - 237.00%

Avg. Engagements - - - - - 63,636

Avg. Total Follower Growth - - - 1224.70%

Avg. Views Growth ---- 659.82%



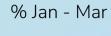




Top Growing Creators on TikTok in Q1







Imreddtv

1523%

Growth



% Jan - Apr

Kalani

3%

Growth



Haitham Amin

Growth



Emerald Gordon Wulf

119%

Growth



Ulises Orellana

3394%

Growth



bitesizedbryan

21%

Growth



Kieram Litchfield

45,800%

Growth



Buttered Side Down

6019%

Growth



Josh Gates

117%

Growth



Sara Underwood

163%

Growth



Imreddtv

@imreddtv





Imreddtv was one of the fastest growing creators on TikTok in Q4 of 2021. His comedy and prank content drew in **45,208 followers** on TikTok at the beginning of Q1. By the end of the quarter, he had **733,720**. This is an overall growth of **688,512 followers**. From January to February, his followers grew an impressive **467**%. From February to March, they grew **186**%.

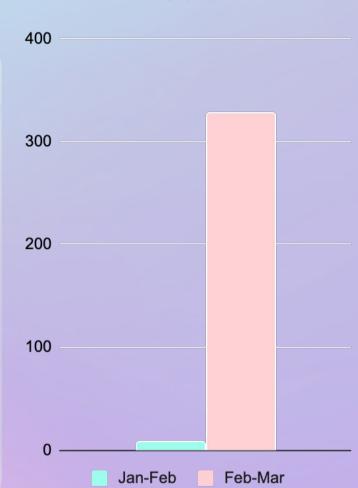
467 %	186%	5.2M	414K
Growth Jan - Feb	Growth Feb - Mar	Views	Engagement



Haitham Amin

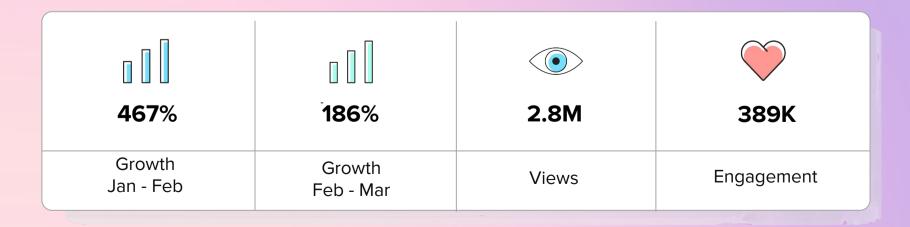
@haminlaw





Growth %

Haitham Amin is a creator, lawyer, and real estate broker posting legal advice on TikTok. Another one of the fastest growing creators on TikTok, his account grew from **45,480** to **208,918 followers** from January to March. That's an overall growth of **163,438 followers**. From January to February, his followers grew **467**% and **186**% from February to March.

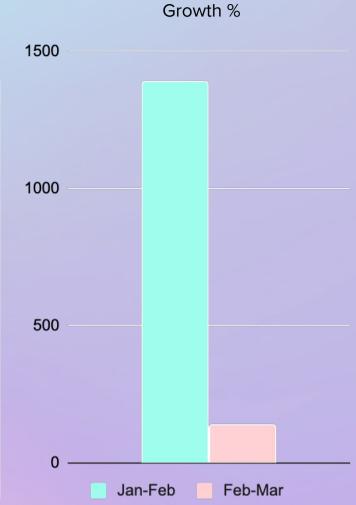




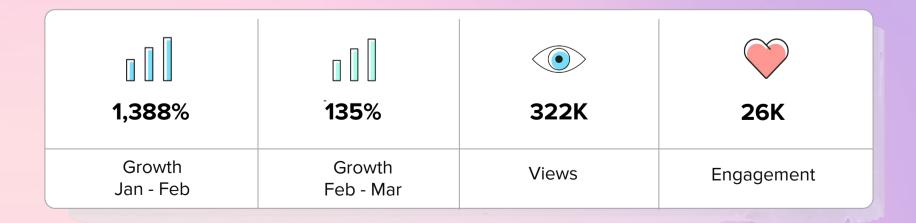
Ulises Orellana

@eldrywallboy





Ulises Orellana, a creator sharing drywall installations on his page, gained **703,624 followers**, growing from **20,732** to **724,356** over the span of the quarter. His followers grew **1,388**% from January to February, then **135**% from February to March.

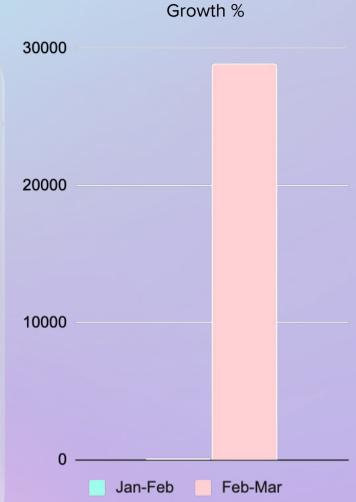




Kieram Litchfield

@kieram.litchfield





Posting survival advice on his page, Kieram Litchfield's audience grew from **1,117 followers** to **512,698** over the span of the quarter. He gained **511,581 followers** total with a **59%** increase from January to February and **29,000%** growth from February to March.

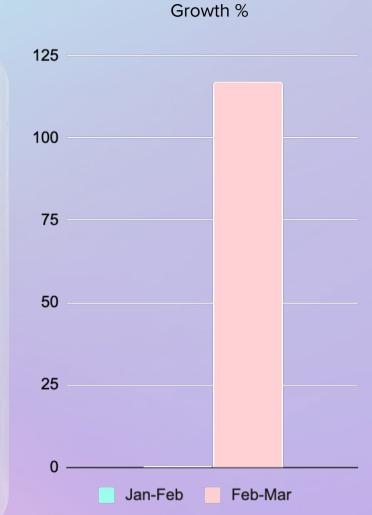




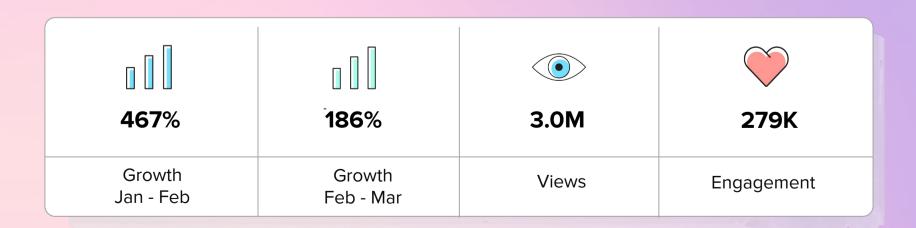
Josh Gates

@gatesytok





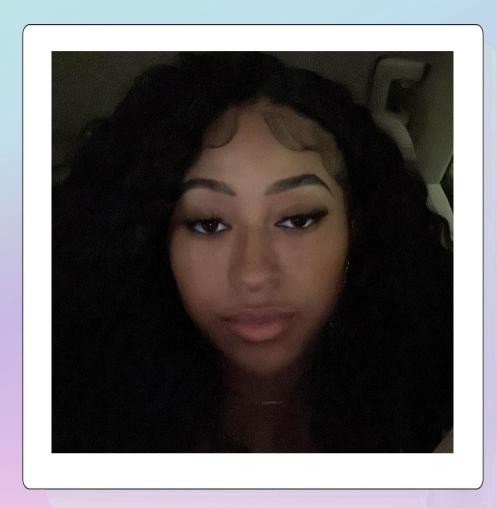
Josh Gates, host of *Expedition Unknown*, Gates posts mainly about the show and his various explorations. He gained **97,133 followers**, going from **82,700** to **179,833** over the quarter. From January to February, his followers grew by **467**%. From February to March, they grew **186**%.





Kalani

@kaalaanii





Kalana is a fitness and lifestyle creator whose following almost quadrupled from January to April. She grew from **124,491** followers to **482,830** followers, totaling a growth of **358,339** users. Her followers only grew **2% and 1%** from January to February and February to March, respectively. March to April shows the largest growth with an impressive **278%** increase.

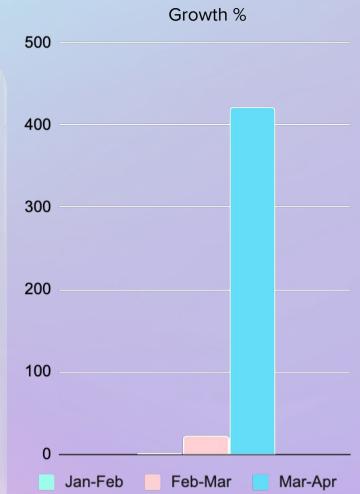




Emerald Gordon Wulf

@theemeraldgordonwulf





Emerald Gordon Wulf is a contortionist that has dedicated her rapidly growing page to the art. Her follower count grew from **15,309** to **390,800** over the quarter, which is an overall growth of **375,491 followers**. Her followers grew **1**% from January to February, then **118**% from February to March. At the end of the quarter, however, they grew **1063**%.





bitesizedbryan

@bitesizedbryan





Bryan is an ASMR TikToker who started the quarter with **73,982 followers** and ended with **464,550**. This increase of **390,568** followers splits into a **21**% growth from February to March and **420**% from March to April.

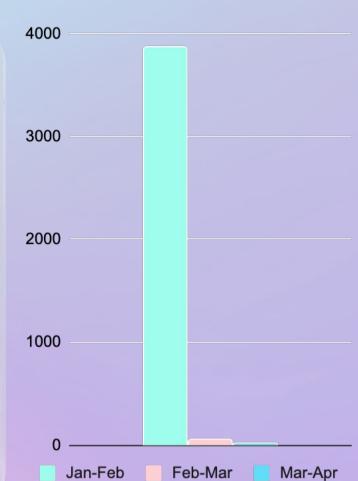




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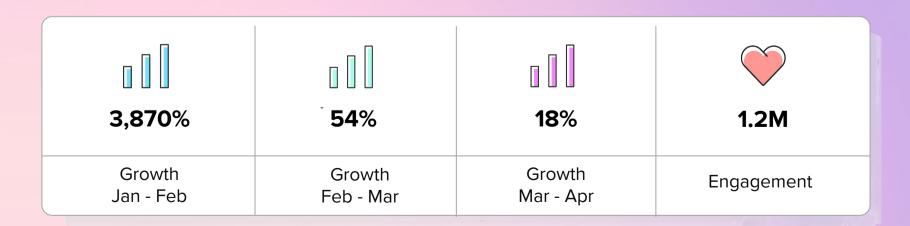
@thebutteredsidedown





Growth %

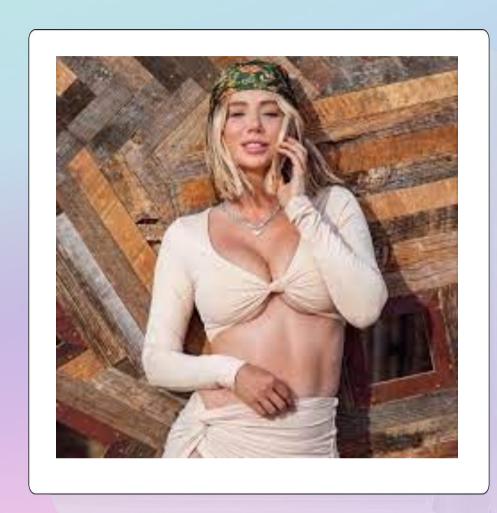
Reality defying comedy account Buttered Side Down gained **682,113** followers, jumping from **9,620** to **691,733** by the end of April. The page grew a whopping **3,870**% from January to February, **54**% from February to March, and **18**% from March to April.

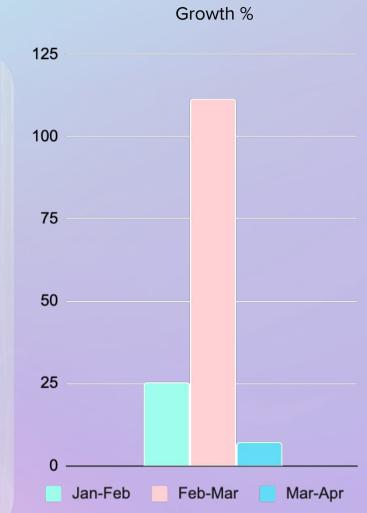




Sara Underwood

@sara_underwood





Sara Underwood is a lifestyle creator who posts about her life building forest cabins in the Pacific Northwest. Her following grew from **51,727** to **145,500** over the course of the quarter. This is an increase of **93,773 followers**, growing **25**% in the first months, **111**% from February to March, and slowing to **7**% between March and April.



Instagram





O Top Growing Creators on Instagram in Q1



% Jan - Mar

Jaden

4366%

Growth



% Jan - Apr

Jarrette Jones

16,465%

Growth



Savannah Moss

Growth



Chris Sturniolo

Growth



Nick Trawick

6450%

Growth



Matthew Sturniolo

180%

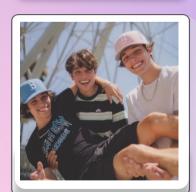
Growth



Bryan Major

373%

Growth



Nick Matt Chris

190%

Growth



Danielle **Ruhl-Thompson**

27,416%

Growth



Willow Pill

125%

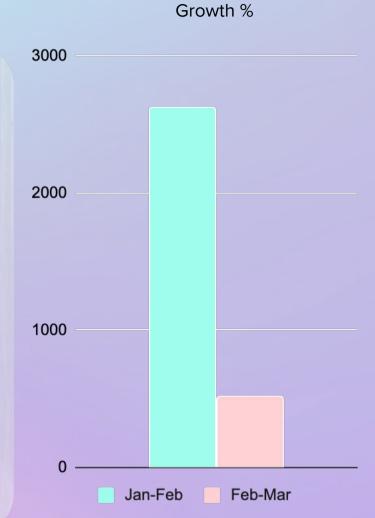
Growth



Jaden

@onwardjdub





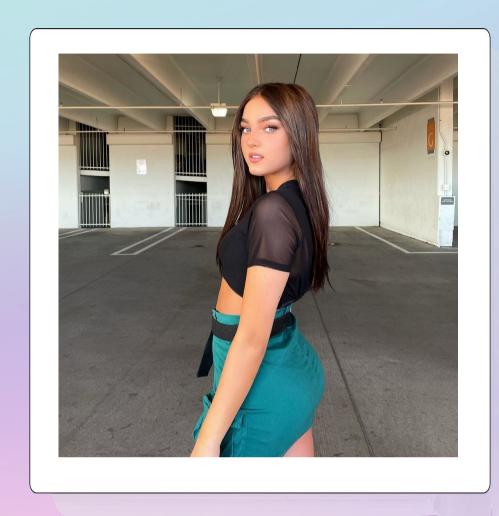
Jaden is a young baseball player who gained **830,945 followers** in Q1, growing from **19,032** to **849,977**. From January to February, his follower count grew **467**%. From February to March, it grew **186**%, smaller in comparison but still a hefty increase.

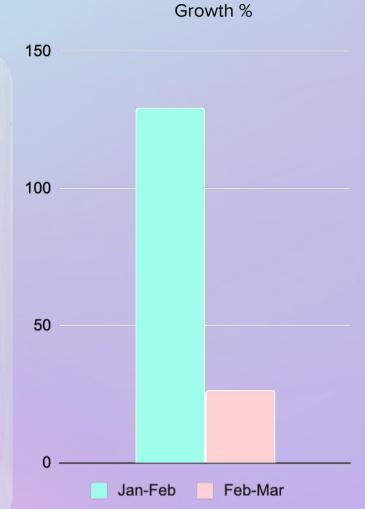




Savanah Moss

@savanahmosss





Savanah Moss is an actress newly popular on Instagram, beginning the year with **190,843 followers** and amassing **553,118** by the end, which is an increase of **362,275**. Her followers grew **129%** from January to February, then **26%** from February to March.

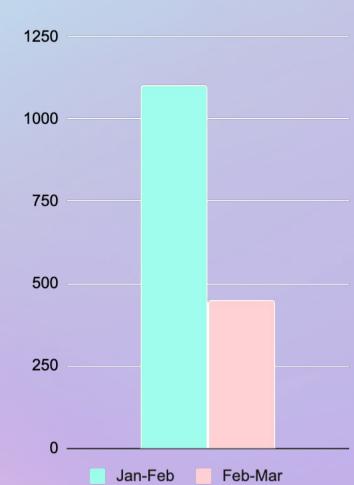




Nick Trawick

@nicktrawick13





Growth %

Throughout the quarter, comedy influencer Nick Trawick grew his audience from **6,145 followers** to **402,558**. From January to February, his account grew an impressive **1100**%. From February to March, it grew **446**%, contributing to a total growth of **396,413 followers**.





Bryan Major

@thecrystalcollector





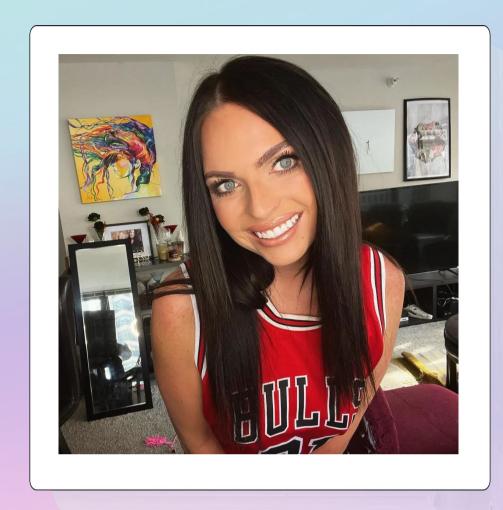
Bryan Major is a miner and crystal collector sharing his finds on Instagram. His account grew from **92,691 followers** to **438,456**, which is an increase of **345,765**. From January to February, his followers grew **7**% and **342**% from February to March.

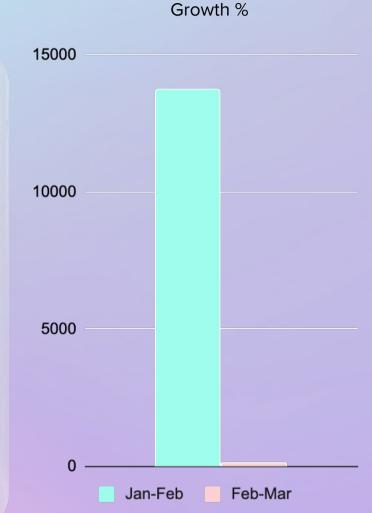




Danielle Ruhl-Thompson

@dnellruhl





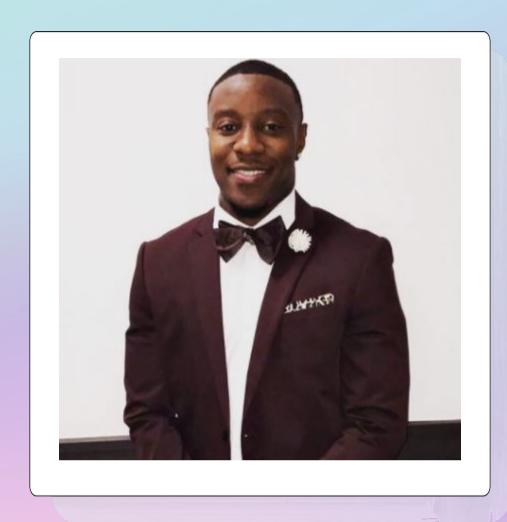
Danielle Ruhl-Thompson is a lifestyle creator who rose to fame after appearing on the Netflix reality dating show, *Love is Blind*. She gained **430,164 new followers**, boosting her numbers from **1,569** to **431,733**. From January to February, her followers increased by **13,708**%, then **99**% from February to March.

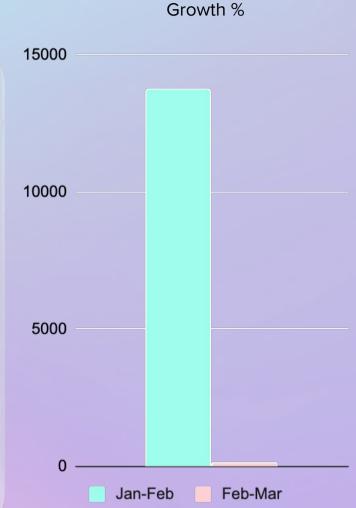




Jarrette Jones

@thejjones_05





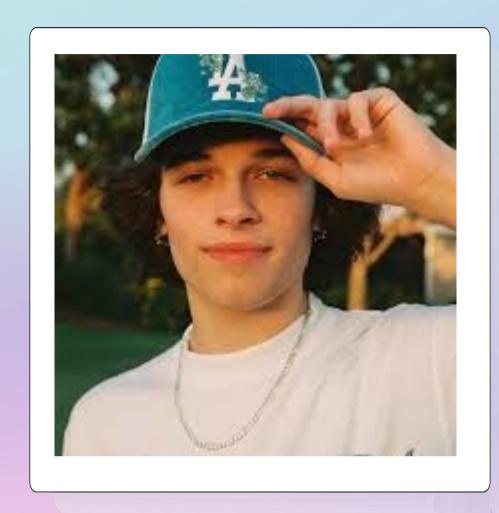
Jarrette Jones, like Danielle, gained fame after appearing on *Love is Blind* and has since been working as a content creator. His following increased by **439,610 followers** over the course of the quarter, growing from **2,670** to **442,280**. From January to February, his follower count grew **8,232**%. From February to March, it grew **99**%.

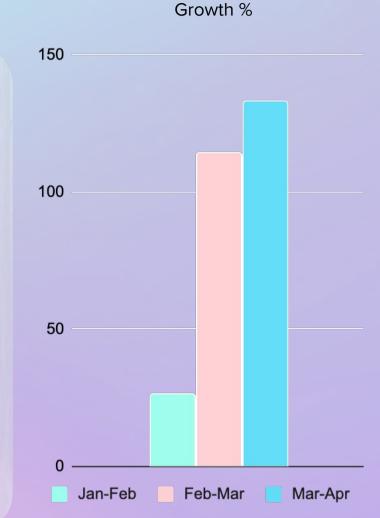




Chris Sturniolo

@christophersturnolio





Chris Sturniolo is an Instagram lifestyle creator who grew from **117,437 followers** to **742,016, 430,164 followers** throughout the first quarter. The **624,579 follower** jump began across January to February with a **26%** increase. From February to March, they increased by **114%**. Finally, from March to April, they grew **133%**.





Matthew Sturniolo

@matthew.sturniolo





Growth %

Matthew Sturniolo is a lifestyle creator who, like his brother, was one of the fastest growing creators of Q1 on Instagram. He gained **550,992 followers** in Q1, growing from **82,134** to **633,126**. From January to February, his follower count grew **25**%, from February to March, it grew **111%**, and, in the final stretch, grew **7**%.

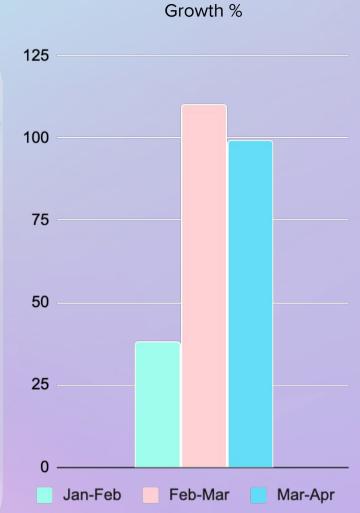




Nick Matt Chris

@sturniolo.triplets





The Sturniolo Triplets, Nick, Matt, and Chris, also run a group page. Their following on Instagram grew from **72,373** to **419,259** over the course of the quarter, increasing by **346,886 followers**. For each set of months, their followers grew **38%**, **110%**, then **99%**.





Willow Pill

@willowpillqueen





Willow Pill is a beauty and fashion creator who won season 14 of *RuPaul's Drag Race*. She gained **378,978 new followers**, growing from **166,386 followers** to **545,364**. Her followers grew **22%** from January to February, **84%** from February to March, and **46%** to close out the quarter.



YouTube







Top Growing Creators on YouTube in Q1



PaulVuTV





Love YourSelf

-**1%**Growth



Jake Ceja

2175%Growth



Hoàng Hôn Official

887%Growth



Huyen Tran

2282%Growth



Jonny Englsh

3,173%Growth



Landen Purifoy

822%Growth



Liv Pearsall

1,498% Growth



Ethobot

229%Growth



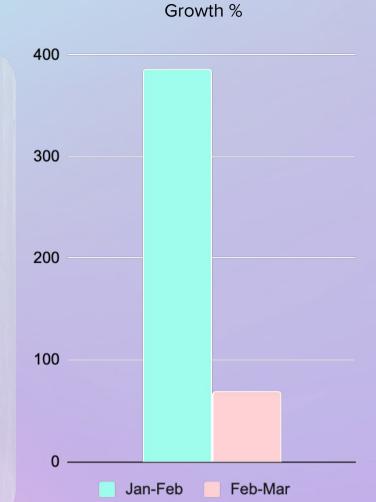
Creative Carrah

460%Growth



PaulVuTV



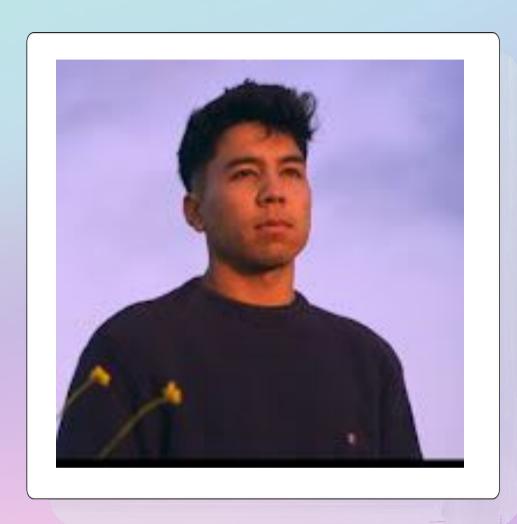


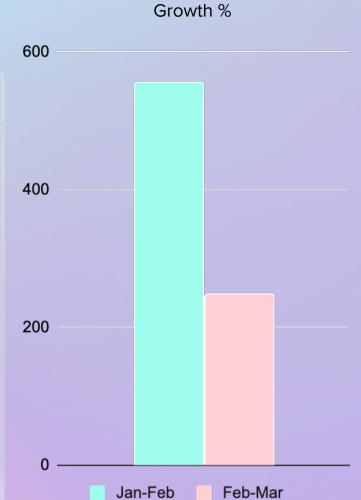
Paul Vu posts comedy and prank content, often in the form of YouTube Shorts. He gained an impressive **2,141,000** subscribers in Q1, growing from **297,000** to **2,438,000**. From January to February, his subscriber count grew **385**%. From February to March, it grew **69**%.





Jake Ceja





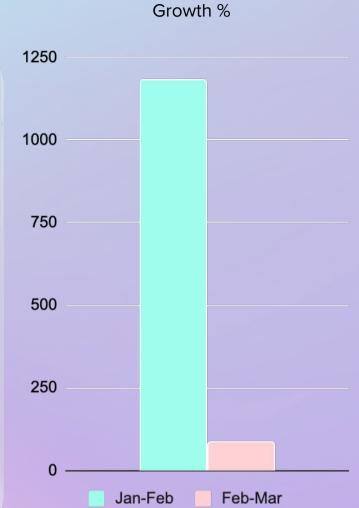
Jake Ceja is a photographer who posts videos of spontaneous photoshoots with breathtaking results on YouTube. By the end of the quarter he had gained **463,367 new followers**, going from **21,300 subscribers** to **484,667**. His subscribers grew **555**% from January to February and **247**% from February to March.





Huyen Tran



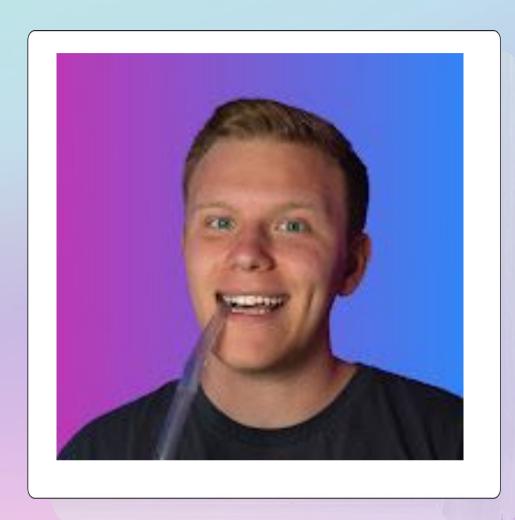


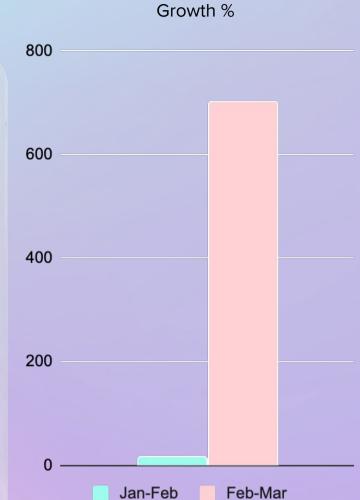
Huyen Tran, a comedy creator, gained **350,637 subscribers** in Q1, growing from **15,363** to **366,000 subscribers**. From January to February, her subscriber count grew **1,181**%. From February to March, it grew **86**%.





Landen Purifoy



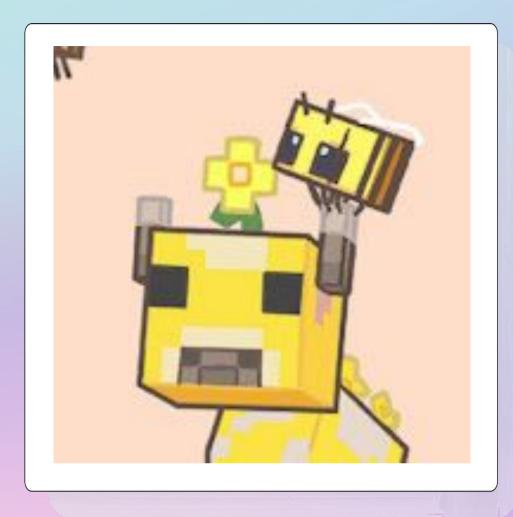


Landon Purifoy posts music videos on the platform using a Talkbox. Over the quarter, he grew from **37,000 subscribers** to **121,900**, gaining **84,900 new subscribers**. He saw **15**% growth from January to February, then **702**% from February to March.





Ethobot





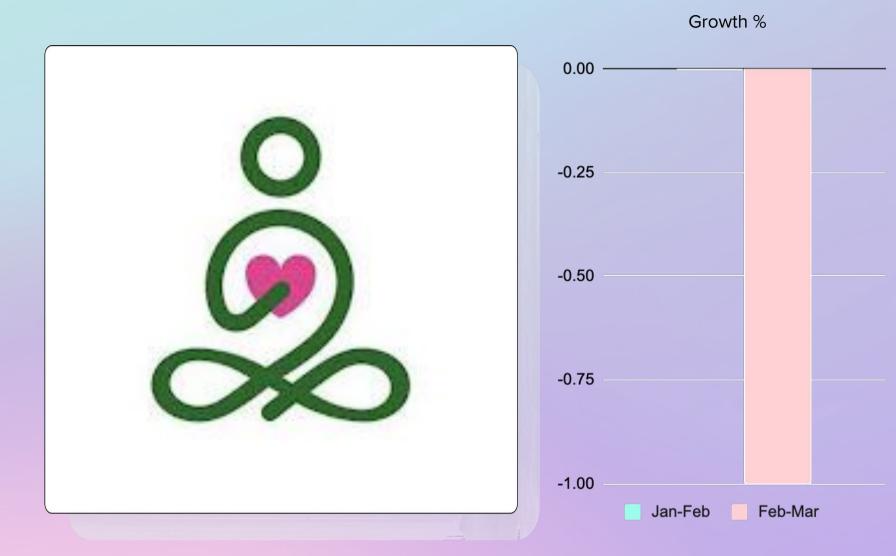
Growth %

Ethobot, a channel featuring various Minecraft variations, grew from **25,950 subscribers** to **239,250**. To gain these **213,300** new viewers, their subscriber count grew **8%** from January to February and **204%** from February to March.





Love YourSelf



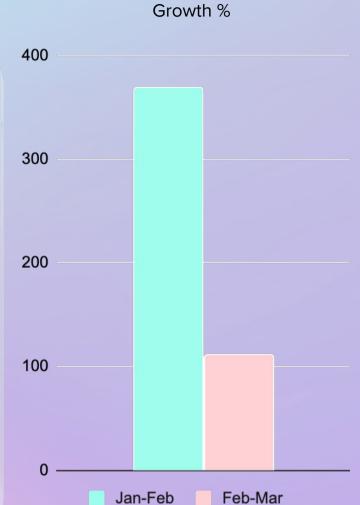
Love YourSelf is a YouTube account posting hours of relaxing music. As one of the fastest growing accounts in Q1, their subscriber count went from **154,000** to **153,200**. Their following grew 0% from January to February and decreased by **1**% during the last months.





Hoàng Hôn Official





Hoàng Hôn's comedy account gained **231,640**, growing from **26,110** subscribers to **257,750**. From January to February, his subscribers grew the most with a **368**% increase. From February to March, they still grew **111**%.



Jonny Englsh





Jonny Englsh, a comedy creator making use of the YouTube Shorts feature, grew from **6,592 subscribers** to **215,750**. This increase of **209,158 subscribers** came from a **394**% growth during January and February, and **563**% growth from February to March.





Liv Pearsall

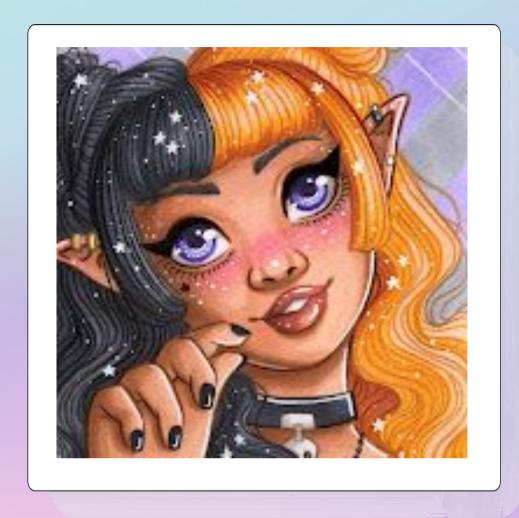


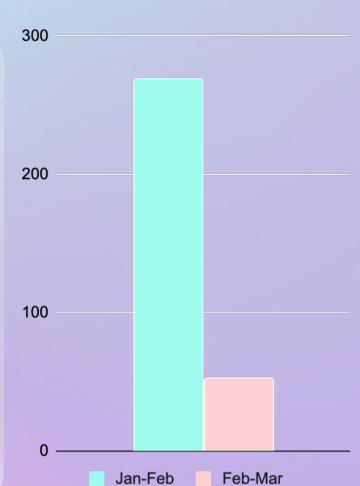


Lifestyle creator Liv Pearsall grew her subscriber count from **12,300** to **196,500** over the course of the quarter, gaining a total of **184,200 new subscribers**. From January to February, her following grew **264**%. Then, from February to March, it grew **339**%.



Creative Carrah





Growth %

YouTube artist Creative Carrah gained **166,738 subscribers** in Q1, growing from **36,262** to **203,000.** From January to February, her subscriber count grew **269**%, and from November to December it grew **52**%.



Editor's Note

This report highlights the 30 fastest growing creators of Q1 of 2022. We identified creators from the three most influential platforms in the industry: YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok. With growth rates up to 29,000% over the span of one month, many of these individuals saw their lives and opportunities change overnight. That's the beauty of the creator economy.

And while creators are only one aspect, they are at its center. They are the focal point around which every other aspect revolves – and they are absolutely essential to its prosperity.

Today, we are seeing creators harness this power like never before. Social media platforms are incredibly fast-paced, and there are millions of creators trying to make their way to the top. While it's easy to say that blowing up on a platform is a result of pure luck, it takes much more to achieve monumental and lasting success. For these fastest growing creators, this is only the beginning. Their next challenge is to maintain that growth and continue making their mark on the industry.



Get in Touch

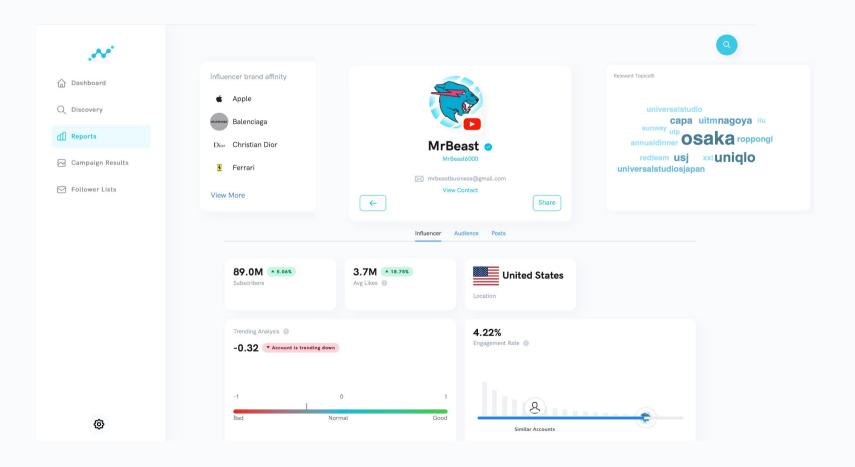
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