

Data-Driven Strategies for the New Algorithm Era

Fact: 73% of small businesses miss growth opportunities by using outdated digital tactics (Forrester, June 2024).

Here's what actually works now.

1. The 2024 Attention Shift

What Changed:

- Google's AI Overviews now answer **51% of queries** without clicks (SEMrush)
- LinkedIn posts with **native video**get 3x more reach than text (LinkedIn Data)
- Email open rates dropped **22**%post-Gmail's 2024 redesign (HubSpot)

Immediate Actions:

☐ Repurpose top content into 60-sec native videos (No YouTube links)
☐ Add "Updated [date]" to all blog posts (AI prefers fresh content)
☐ Segment emails by engagement level (Gmail now filters inactive subs)

2. The \$0 Competitive Edge

Tool: Google's SGE While Browsing(Free)

- Shows what searchers read before buying
- Reveals competitor content gaps

Case Study:



A bakery found customers researched "gluten-free party desserts" but found no local options. They created one blog post + in-store signage \rightarrow 28% revenue lift.

Your Move:

- 1. Search "[your industry] + [location]"
- 2. Note "People also browse" suggestions
- 3. Create content answering those queries

3. Small Biz AI That Works

Skip the hype. These tools deliver ROI under \$50/month: **OpusClip** - Turns long videos into viral shorts (67% faster content production) **Canva Docs** - AI writes first drafts of blogs/emails (Saves 5+ hrs/week) **Warmbox** - Stops cold emails from going to spam (42% higher deliverability)

Pro Tip: AI works best for **tasks you've already mastered** (e.g., if you write good emails, AI makes them faster).

Key Takeaways

- 1. **AI Overviews are coming** Optimize for citations, not just rankings
- 2. Video isn't optional 60% of small biz buyers watch before buying (Wyzowl)
- 3. **Email isn't dead** But unsegmented blasts are



Up Next: "How to Turn 1 Customer Into 10" (Issue 9)

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P.S. What's your biggest 2024 challenge? Reply and we'll cover it next issue.



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