How To Make Money On YouTube
9 Ways Influencers Monetize Their YouTube Channels

YouTube has become a content phenomenon. According to Statistics Brain a staggering 1,325,000,000 people use YouTube, watching 4,950,000,000 videos every day. 3.25 billion hours of video are watched on YouTube each month. Is it any surprise, therefore, that YouTube stars are often more influential than traditional celebrities?

What are the main ways you can earn money from YouTube?

1. Advertising Revenue
   - For a start, you share the advertiser’s money with Google. Google keeps about 45% of what advertisers pay. You will earn somewhere between $1 and $2 per 1000 views (CPM)

2. Joining an MCN (Multi-Channel Network)
   - If you join an MCN, you will have the advantage of an additional 5% - 20% of the money you earn. The MCN will also help you with various other services such as production and promotion.

3. Earning Rewards as a YouTube Partner
   - YouTube provides extra promotion to their YouTube Partners, and includes them in various advertising programs worldwide, both online and offline. They are very much like talent agents. In return for a percentage of your AdSense revenue (or any other form of income the MCN arranges for you), they will broker deals for you and connect you with other YouTube talent. If you live in the right place, your MCN may even provide you with studio space to produce your content.

4. Merchandising
   - Once you have made a name for yourself you will have followers - your personal fanbase. These followers will often be happy to spend money on any merchandise you sell. You could, for instance, create a range of shirts or hats that promote your site. Some of the more influential YouTubers gain enough fame and traction that they can use this fame to help launch new products.

5. Ancillary Products
   - Affiliates Links
     - If the visitor ends up buying the product, the owner of the YouTube video receives a percentage of the purchase price. Affiliate links are something of a gray area in relation to YouTube’s rules. However, they are relatively common, and as long as you use them sensibly, YouTube appears to accept them.

6. Sponsorship, Endorsements, Product Placement
   - If your videos are good enough, and tremendously popular with a large audience, companies recognize your influence on your audience as being nearly as important as that of mainstream media.

7. Subscription Fees
   - If you can build up a solid following of people who see true value to themselves in your videos, you may consider creating gated content in a premium paid Subscriber-only channel. This is clearly not an option for beginners.

8. Crowdfunding Support
   - Crowdfunding is rapidly becoming a common business model for the funding of many types of products and services. Crowdfunding is where people go to a specific page on a website and donate money.

9. Did you know that…
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   - The Most Watched Video is Gangnam Style (more than 2.5 billion views)
   - Everyone’s Uploading Cat Videos
   - The First Video Was “Me At The Zoo”
   - Of the co-founders, Jawed Karim, uploaded the very first video on YouTube on 23rd April 2005. It’s basically just him checking out some elephants at the San Diego Zoo.

The Highest-Paid YouTube Stars 2016

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