Trending Ecommerce Niches of 2017-2018

Here's a short list of the trending ecommerce niches of 2017-2018 that will likely give way to new business opportunities and niche product offerings.

- **Baby Equipment** No matter what is happening in the world with the economy or in politics, babies need to be taken care of. The baby equipment niche (cribs, strollers, swings, etc.) targets parents of babies, of course, but also aunts, uncles, grandmothers, grandfathers, and friends of the parents.
- **Self-Care Products and Cosmetics** These products are a big deal right now. Specialty items like scented body wash and lotion, grooming kits, makeup, essential oils, and many others are selling like hotcakes. Organic and eco-friendly alternatives are selling big as well.
- **Craft Supplies** In the age of Pinterest and how-to tutorials, you can see why craft supplies is a growing niche market. Just about everyone has some sort of DIY hobby these days, and they need the supplies to do it.
- Food This may not seem like it would be a niche market, but it is. That's especially true of specialty diet options like vegan, gluten-free, and organic food. The area that is going to have the biggest influence in consumer buying in this niche is convenience. Most customers who buy food online are willing to pay more for the convenience than supermarket shoppers.
- Clothing Recent ecommerce trends have shown that there is a huge demand for online clothing stores. Some of the popular trends in clothing are androgynous clothing, plussized clothing, and petite clothing that doesn't look like it was made for a child. Also, there is a trend in big and tall clothing for men, as a lot of brick-and-mortar stores in that niche are closing.
- **Subscriptions** Subscription boxes are big right now. You've probably heard of monthly snack boxes, pet supplies, books, even socks, that are delivered at regular intervals chosen by the customer. These are an easy way to begin an ecommerce store because they are easy, popular, and encourage repeat customers.
- Men's Grooming Products Men are not to be left out of the self-care niche. They take care of themselves now more than ever. And that shows in all the websites that are popping up. They cater to men, providing grooming products, beard care products, dollar razors, and more. Get in on this market before it reaches its saturation point.

How to Find Your Ecommerce Niche And Product

Still don't know what to sell? There are some easy ways that you can research the viability of products and see what might work best for you.

Google Trends

If you're not certain about the feasibility of selling a product, you can find out its popularity by entering it into <u>Google Trends</u>. The tool is free and it gives you an overall picture of search volume, trends over time, and whether its popularity is on the rise or the decline.

Find Online Marketplaces' Popular Products

It's easy to find out what the best sellers are on sites like eBay and Amazon. Regardless of what sales channels you plan to use, conducting market research on two of the world's largest online marketplaces will help you understand which types of products are doing well.

- <u>eBay Top Products</u>
- Amazon Best Sellers

Look to Ecommerce Niche Influencers

This may take more time, but you will find valuable information. As you are researching the products that you are considering, you will begin to run into the same names and companies again and again. It's likely that these are influencers within the niche you are looking at. Pay attention to them. They probably have blogs and social media articles that discuss specific products and trends. See what they are talking about – you may just find your niche product there.

Read Trend Publications and Blogs

There are a number of trend publications and blogs that you can subscribe to. You'll find information about trending products, business advice, and be better able to determine what people are buying online.

Here are a few options:

- Trend Hunter
- Trend Watching
- Springwise

Sources

<u>Create an Online Store</u> <u>Best Online Store Builder</u>

TOP ECOMMERCE NICHS

What is a niche product?

A good or service with features that appeal to a **particular market subgroup**. A typical niche product will be easily distinguished from other products, and it will also be **produced and sold for specialized uses** within its corresponding niche market.

Niche Marketing Breakdown

	General Marketing	Niche Marketing
Customer Interest	Targets many people with no specific interest in a product	Targets a small group of people that are likely to buy a specific product or service
Conversion Rates	Low conversion rate, but higher number of leads	High conversion rate, but lower number of leads
Keywords	Uses broad keywords in marketing assets	Uses long-tail (less common but more specifically targeted) keywords in marketing assets

Why do niche products sell so well online?

Larger Audience

Community created around an unordinary product Low online search competition

Low Advertising Costs

Smaller target group

Better Targeting Tools

Traffic efforts well-focused and specific

8-12%
The National Retail Federation expects US online retail to grow 8% to 12% in 2017

Niche Product Search Breakdown



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