

# Directory SEO

## COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT REPORT

**Website:** <https://www.yelp.com>

**Directory:** Restaurants, Dentists, Bars, Beauty Salons, Doctors

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**TOTAL SCORE**  
Directory SEO: 106/200 | AI Visibility: 14/100  
**120/300**

Section	Score	Max	Status
Structure & Architecture	26	50	Needs Work
On-Page SEO	30	50	Good
Content Quality	25	40	Good
Technical SEO	14	30	Needs Work
Authority & Trust	11	30	Critical
AI Visibility	14	100	Critical
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>F</b>

Your directory requires urgent attention. Implementing the recommendations in this report could dramatically improve your search visibility and user experience.

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Metric	Value
Listing Pages Analyzed	1
Category Pages Analyzed	2
Location Pages Found	0
Sitemap URLs	0
Schema Objects Found	10

## PRIORITY FIXES

Categories scoring below 50% that need immediate attention:

- [!] Location Structure (2/10): Create city/state landing pages (e.g., /restaurants/new-york/)
- [!] URL Structure (4/10): Use clean, readable URLs without query parameters
- [!] Editorial Content (4/10): Start a blog with weekly industry content
- [!] Content Freshness (3/10): Display last updated dates on listings and categories
- [!] Page Speed (4/10): Add async/defer to JavaScript files
- [!] Crawlability (2/10): Add Sitemap directive to robots.txt
- [!] Social Proof (0/10): Add links to active social media profiles
- [!] AI Crawler Access (0/10): Remove GPTBot block from robots.txt

## QUICK WINS

High-impact improvements you can make quickly:

- \* Listing Completeness: Add missing fields to listings: address, categories, name
- \* Meta Descriptions: Add unique meta descriptions to all pages
- \* Pagination & Canonicals: Block filter/sort URLs in robots.txt to prevent duplicate content
- \* User-Generated Content: Allow users to upload photos for listings
- \* Mobile Usability: Make phone numbers clickable with tel: links

# STRUCTURE & ARCHITECTURE (26/50)

How well your directory is organized - listings, categories, locations, and internal linking.

## [7/10] Listing Completeness

[!] Good listing completeness (62% average)

Analyzed 1 listing pages

**Recommendations:**

- > Add missing fields to listings: address, categories, name

## [5/10] Category Taxonomy

[OK] 2 category pages detected

[!] Flat category structure

[OK] BreadcrumbList schema implemented

**Recommendations:**

- > Implement hierarchical categories (e.g., /restaurants/italian/pizza/)

## [2/10] Location Structure

[X] No location-specific pages detected

[OK] Location data in schema markup

**Recommendations:**

- > Create city/state landing pages (e.g., /restaurants/new-york/)
- > Use location-based URL structure (/category/city/)

## [8/10] Internal Linking

[OK] Strong internal linking (82 internal links on homepage)

[OK] Related/similar listings sections found

[OK] Category hub/browse sections present

## [4/10] URL Structure

[X] Many URLs have query parameters (33% clean)

[OK] URLs use readable slugs (no numeric IDs)

[OK] URLs are lowercase with hyphens

**Recommendations:**

- > Use clean, readable URLs without query parameters
- > Use hierarchical URLs: /category/subcategory/listing-name/

# ON-PAGE SEO (30/50)

Title tags, meta descriptions, headings, schema markup, and canonicals.

## [6/10] Title Tag Optimization

- [OK] All 3 titles are unique
- [I] 1 titles are too long (>60 chars)
- [I] 1 titles are too short (<30 chars)

**Recommendations:**

- > Shorten title tags to 50-60 characters
- > Expand short titles with relevant keywords
- > Add search-intent keywords to titles (best, top, find, near me)

## [7/10] Meta Descriptions

- [X] 1 pages missing meta descriptions
- [OK] All meta descriptions are unique
- [OK] Meta descriptions include calls-to-action

**Recommendations:**

- > Add unique meta descriptions to all pages

## [5/10] Heading Structure

- [X] 1 page(s) missing H1
  - [I] Limited H2 tag usage
  - [OK] H3 tags used for subsections
  - [OK] H1 tags have appropriate length
- Recommendations:**
- > Add a single H1 tag to every page
  - > Use H2 tags to break content into logical sections

## [5/10] Schema Markup

Found schema types: Unknown, ItemList, FAQPage, WebPage, CollectionPage

- [OK] ItemList schema implemented
  - [OK] CollectionPage schema implemented
  - [OK] FAQPage schema implemented
  - [OK] WebSite schema implemented
- Recommendations:**
- > Add LocalBusiness schema markup
  - > AddBreadcrumbList schema markup
  - > Add AggregateRating schema markup

## [7/10] Pagination & Canonicals

[OK] Canonical tag present

[i] No pagination detected (may be single-page categories)

**Recommendations:**

> Block filter/sort URLs in robots.txt to prevent duplicate content

# CONTENT QUALITY (25/40)

Listing descriptions, user-generated content, editorial content, and freshness.

## [10/10] Listing Descriptions

- [OK] Substantive descriptions (avg 714 words)
- [OK] All descriptions appear unique
- [OK] Descriptions are not templated

## [8/10] User-Generated Content

- [OK] Review system detected
  - [OK] Rating system (stars) present
  - [OK] Comments or Q&A; feature detected
- Recommendations:**
- > Allow users to upload photos for listings
  - > Add AggregateRating schema for rich snippets

## [4/10] Editorial Content

- [!] Limited editorial content (1 section)
- Found: best\_of
- [OK] 'Best of' or comparison content present
- Recommendations:**
- > Start a blog with weekly industry content
  - > Create how-to guides for your audience

## [3/10] Content Freshness

- [!] No recent dates visible
  - [OK] Date metadata in schema markup
- Recommendations:**
- > Display last updated dates on listings and categories
  - > Add 'Recently Added' or 'New Listings' section

# TECHNICAL SEO (14/30)

Page speed, mobile usability, and crawlability.

## [4/10] Page Speed

- [!] 4 render-blocking scripts in head
  - [!] Limited lazy loading (0/10 images)
  - [X] Heavy HTML (463KB)
  - [OK] CDN detected
  - [OK] Resource hints present (preload/preconnect)
- Recommendations:**
- > Add async/defer to JavaScript files
  - > Implement lazy loading for below-fold images
  - > Convert images to WebP format

## [8/10] Mobile Usability

- [OK] Mobile viewport configured correctly
  - [OK] Strong responsive design indicators
  - [OK] Touch-friendly buttons present
- Recommendations:**
- > Make phone numbers clickable with tel: links

## [2/10] Crawlability

- [OK] robots.txt exists
  - [X] No sitemap found
- Recommendations:**
- > Add Sitemap directive to robots.txt
  - > Consider blocking filter/sort URLs: Disallow: /\*?sort
  - > Create XML sitemap with all listing and category pages

# AUTHORITY & TRUST (11/30)

Backlink profile, social proof, and E-E-A-T signals.

## [6/10] Backlink Profile

- [i] DataForSEO not configured - using on-site indicators
  - [OK] Press/media mentions present
- Recommendations:**
- > Use Ahrefs, Moz, or DataForSEO for detailed backlink analysis
  - > Build links through digital PR and industry outreach

## [0/10] Social Proof

- [X] Limited social media links
- [X] No trust badges or signals

**Recommendations:**

- > Add links to active social media profiles
- > Display review counts prominently (e.g., '500+ reviews')
- > Add trust badges (BBB, industry certifications)

## [5/10] E-E-A-T Signals

- [OK] About page linked
- [X] Limited contact information
- [OK] Privacy Policy and Terms present
- [OK] HTTPS enabled

**Recommendations:**

- > Add clear contact page with phone, email, and address
- > Add 'How We Rate' or 'Our Methodology' page
- > Add team bios with credentials

# AI VISIBILITY (14/100)

How well the site is optimized for AI crawlers, LLMs, and AI-powered search engines.

## [0/10] AI Crawler Access

- [X] ChatGPT/OpenAI (GPTBot) is BLOCKED
- [X] Claude/Anthropic (ClaudeBot) is BLOCKED
- [X] Claude Web (Claude-Web) is BLOCKED
- [X] Anthropic AI (anthropic-ai) is BLOCKED
- [X] Perplexity (PerplexityBot) is BLOCKED

**Recommendations:**

- > Remove GPTBot block from robots.txt
- > Remove ClaudeBot block from robots.txt
- > Remove Claude-Web block from robots.txt

## [2/10] Structured Data Quality

- Found 1 schema object(s): Unknown
- [X] No LocalBusiness/LegalService schema
  - [X] No FAQPage schema
  - [OK] Review/rating schema found

**Recommendations:**

- > Add LocalBusiness schema with full NAP and hours
- > Add FAQPage schema for rich results and AI visibility
- > Add Organization schema with logo, social profiles

## [3/10] Content Structure

- [OK] Single H1: "Top 100 Places to Eat in 2026..."
  - [!] Only 2 H2 tags
  - [X] Thin content (42 words)
  - [i] Reading level: College graduate (very difficult)
- Recommendations:**
- > Expand content to 1,500+ words for competitive rankings
  - > Add bullet/numbered lists for better AI comprehension

## [0/10] E-E-A-T Signals

- [X] No expertise credentials found
- Recommendations:**
- > Add specific experience metrics (years, case count)
  - > Highlight attorney credentials, awards, and certifications
  - > Add media mentions, awards, and professional memberships

## [2/10] Brand Presence

- [X] Limited social media presence
  - [OK] Review platform mentions: yelp
  - [i] Full brand mention analysis requires external API
- Recommendations:**
- > Add links to active social media profiles
  - > Add video content to increase engagement and AI visibility
  - > Build Reddit presence in legal subreddits

## [0/10] Content Freshness

- [X] No datePublished in schema
  - [!] No recent dates visible in content
  - [X] No blog section found
- Recommendations:**
- > Add datePublished and dateModified to schema markup
  - > Display publication/update dates on content
  - > Start a blog with weekly content updates

## [0/10] Question-Based Content

- [X] No FAQPage schema
  - [X] Only 0 questions in content
- Recommendations:**

- > Add an FAQ section answering common client questions
- > Add FAQPage schema for rich snippets in search
- > Add more question-format headings that mirror user queries

## [2/10] Citations & Sources

- [X] No authoritative (.gov, .edu) sources cited
- [OK] Strong internal linking (10 links)

**Recommendations:**

- > Cite government and educational sources for credibility
- > Add statistics with source attribution

## [3/10] Technical Performance

- [OK] HTTPS enabled
- [OK] Good security headers (50%)
- [OK] Mobile viewport configured
- [X] Heavy HTML (463KB)

**Recommendations:**

- > Reduce page size for faster loading
- > Implement lazy loading for images

## [2/10] AI Platform Presence

- [i] To verify AI visibility:
  - Ask ChatGPT: 'What law firms handle [your practice] in [your city]?'
  - Ask Perplexity the same question
  - Check if you appear in AI Overview results

**Recommendations:**

- > Create YouTube content and embed on site
- > Test AI visibility by querying ChatGPT/Claude about your practice area
- > Enable YouTube transcripts for AI training

# 30-DAY DIRECTORY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

## Week 1: Foundation & Structure

- [ ] Audit and fix URL structure for consistency
- [ ] Implement or fix BreadcrumbList schema
- [ ] Ensure all listings have canonical tags
- [ ] Block filter/sort URLs in robots.txt
- [ ] Submit updated sitemap with all listing pages

## Week 2: Schema & On-Page

- [ ] Implement LocalBusiness schema on all listing pages
- [ ] Add ItemList schema to category pages
- [ ] Ensure unique title tags (50-60 chars) per page
- [ ] Write unique meta descriptions (150-160 chars)
- [ ] Fix heading hierarchy (single H1, structured H2/H3)

## Week 3: Content Quality

- [ ] Expand thin listing descriptions to 300+ words
- [ ] Add/improve review and rating system
- [ ] Create 'Related Listings' sections
- [ ] Start blog with 'Best [Category] in [Location]' posts
- [ ] Add visible dates (last updated) to listings

## Week 4: Authority & Growth

- [ ] Add About, Contact, Privacy, and Terms pages
- [ ] Implement social sharing and links
- [ ] Create 'How We Rate' methodology page
- [ ] Begin outreach for backlinks and partnerships
- [ ] Set up Google Search Console monitoring

## DIRECTORY-SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Listing Page Template:** Ensure every listing has: name, description (300+ words), address, phone, hours, images, categories, reviews, and external website link.
- **Category Hub Strategy:** Create pillar category pages with unique intro content, filtering options, and internal links to subcategories and top listings.
- **Location Pages:** If geo-relevant, create city/state landing pages targeting '[category] in [city]' searches.

- **User-Generated Content:** Encourage and display reviews - this creates unique content and builds trust with users and search engines.
- **Schema for Rich Results:** LocalBusiness, AggregateRating, ItemList, and FAQPage schemas can earn rich snippets in search results.
- **Programmatic SEO:** Use templates + unique data points to generate valuable pages at scale without thin content issues.

# COMPLETE CATEGORY BREAKDOWN

#	Category	Score	Max	%
1	Listing Completeness	7	10	70%
2	Category Taxonomy	5	10	50%
3	Location Structure	2	10	20%
4	Internal Linking	8	10	80%
5	URL Structure	4	10	40%
6	Title Tag Optimization	6	10	60%
7	Meta Descriptions	7	10	70%
8	Heading Structure	5	10	50%
9	Schema Markup	5	10	50%
10	Pagination & Canonicals	7	10	70%
11	Listing Descriptions	10	10	100%
12	User-Generated Content	8	10	80%
13	Editorial Content	4	10	40%
14	Content Freshness	3	10	30%
15	Page Speed	4	10	40%
16	Mobile Usability	8	10	80%
17	Crawlability	2	10	20%
18	Backlink Profile	6	10	60%
19	Social Proof	0	10	0%
20	E-E-A-T Signals	5	10	50%

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**Need help implementing these recommendations?**  
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