

## Direct Mail Price Guide

Direct mail continues to be one of the most effective tools for reaching individuals who meet your target profile. Some might tell you direct mail is old school – and I guess it is – but nothing beats the impact of a physical, tangible message delivered into the hands of potential buyers.

### **Know why you're mailing**

It goes without saying that you should know your objective before you begin. By that, I mean are you generating leads, orders, free trials, store traffic, retail purchases, seminar attendance, subscriptions, donations? The reason is that different objectives call for different strategies, different offers, different formats and will very likely produce different response rates.

### **It starts with your list**

Most everyone agrees that the mailing list is the single most important element in your direct mail campaign. But finding the right mailing is tricky. First, don't start looking for lists until you have developed a customer profile. We can help you with that.

### **Don't overlook the offer**

While the list will help you reach the right people, the offer will help you generate the response. Take some time to develop an offer that fits your objective. Consider creating a lead magnet for a lead program, a discount or bonus for an order program, a coupon for a retail program or a free gift for a donation program. This is important. Don't overlook it.

### **Think before you write**

Writing is tough enough as it is, but you can make it easier on yourself if you know what you want to say. Take some time to identify your key selling points and how you want to arrange them in your message. Consider where you will place your offer and how prominent it will play in the message. Think about ways to build your credibility. And don't forget to explain how your prospects can respond.

### **Consider multiple response channels**

People like options and the more options you give them for responding, the better your results will be. When planning your direct mail campaign, think about all the ways response could be handled – by reply mail, phone, fax, landing page or (for retail) with a walk-in.

## Your direct mail production checklist

- ✓ Graphic design
- ✓ Mailing list rental or purchase
- ✓ Printing
- ✓ Addressing and personalization
- ✓ Mail processing
- ✓ Postal delivery
- ✓ Reply mail set up

## Consider these added services

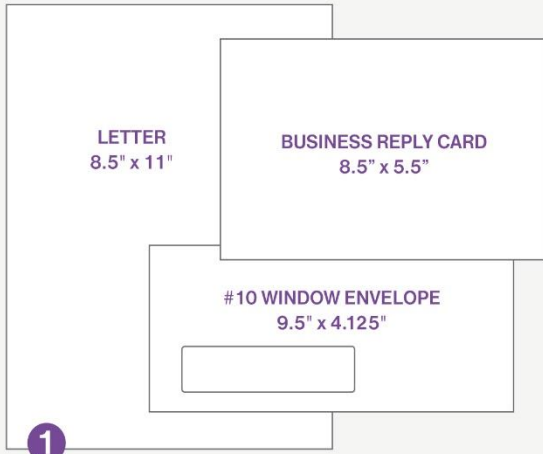
Our standard direct mail campaign provides you with everything you need to get your mail out to the door. There are some other services that may help your program:

- **A lead magnet.** For lead generation programs, your best chance for response is with an informational guide or tip sheet. We call these lead magnets. They are not absolutely necessary, but they help. If you don't have a lead magnet, we can create one for you.
- **Enhanced personalization.** Every direct mail needs to have some level of personalization just to get delivered – and we have included that in our direct mail pricing. But we could produce your piece with multiple levels of personalization on different pieces in the mail or with personalized headlines, images or maps. This is also known as variable data printing (VDP).

## Your choice of formats

Direct mail offers many different formats and sizes. For the purposes of this guide, we have provided pricing for four (4) common formats. But you are not limited to these. These include:

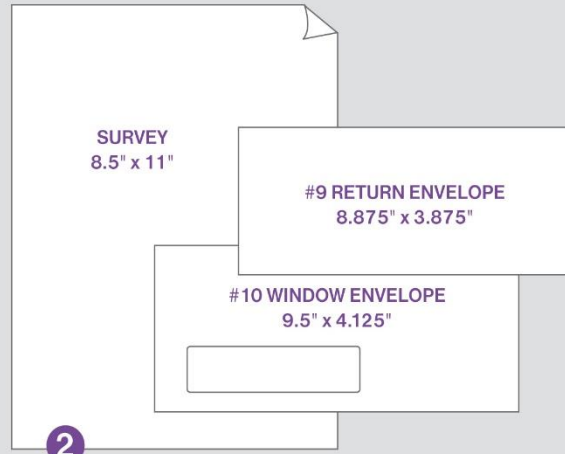
- **6x11 Postcard** – Postcards are one of the most popular formats today. A 6x11 postcard is the largest size available for basic (letter rate) postage.
- **Letter Package** – The letter package includes a #10 window envelope, a 1 or 2-page letter and business reply card. Reply card is personalized.
- **Survey Mailer** – This package includes a #10 window envelope, a 1-page/2-sided survey and #9 business reply envelope. Survey is personalized.
- **Folded Self-Mailer** – The folded self-mailer is a one-piece format that includes three panels plus a business reply card. Measures 6x28 inches, folding down to a 6x9 mailer.



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### Survey Mailer

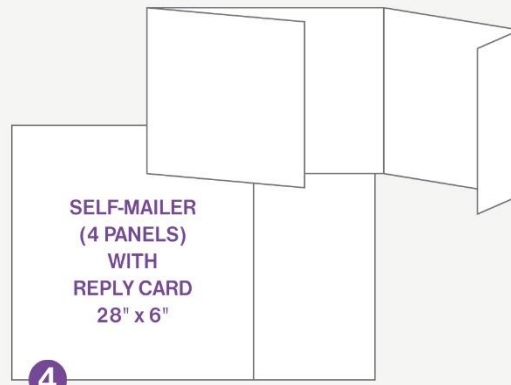
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### 11 x 6 Postcard

Postcards are one of the most popular formats today. A 11 x 6 postcard is the largest size available for basic (letter rate) postage.



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### Folded Self-Mailer

The self-mailer is a one-piece format that includes three panels plus a business reply card. Measures 28 x 6 inches, folding down to a 9 x 6 mailer.

Please note you are not limited to these formats or dimensions. If you have an idea for a variation of these formats – or an entirely new format – let us know and we'll work up an estimate for you.

We have also provided pricing for four quantities, but again, you're not locked into those quantities. You can mail any quantity you want – even tiny quantities of 100 pieces.

# Services & Pricing

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## Our Services

Choose from three service options – (1) Copy/Creative only, (2) Full-Service Campaigns and (3) Consulting/Coaching.

### 1-Copy/Creative only

Looking for a copywriter or creative team for your direct mail? Here you go ...

	<u>Copy</u>	<u>w/Design</u>
6x11 Postcard	\$1,500	\$2,500
Letter Package	\$1,500	\$2,500
Survey Mailer	\$1,500	\$2,500
Folded Self-Mailer	\$2,000	\$3,500

Same creative may be used for multiple mailings. Simple modifications or tweaks may be made for minimal extra cost. Will quote other formats as well.

### 2-Full-Service Campaigns

Full-service pricing includes everything: creative services, mailing list, printing, addressing, mail processing and standard/bulk rate postage plus one landing page.

	<u>QTY</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
6x11 Postcard		\$4,370	\$5,911	\$9,046	\$15,346
Letter Package		\$4,912	\$6,590	\$9,942	\$16,680
Survey Mailer		\$4,870	\$6,647	\$10,196	\$17,366
Folded Self-Mailer		\$7,022	\$8,880	\$12,656	\$20,150

Non-Profits – reduce costs by 10 cents per piece

Please call for specific quantities or format variations. If you don't need some of the services shown above, call and we'll re-run the estimates to match your needs

### 3-Consulting/Coaching

Need advice on a campaign or an overall program? Looking for ways to increase response, or improve lead quality? We can help you with any aspect of your direct mail campaign – lists, offers, formats, copy, design, response, production, tracking and measuring, testing and more.

Project Fees start at \$2,500

Monthly Fees start at \$1,000 per month (\$1,500 first month)

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