

## Growth Driven

**Fueling Your Mailing and Shipping Success** 

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## Making Marketing Mail Work For You

Learn all about Marketing Mail and see how USPS used the channel during its 2018 Holiday campaign

#### Mail Remains Relevant

Over two-thirds of customers collect their mail every delivery day. Even a majority (53%) of Millennials check their mail every day

#### **Frequency of Collecting Mail from Mailbox**

6 Days a Week	5 Days a Week	4 Days a Week	3 Days a Week	2 Days a Week	1 Day a Week	<1 Day a Week
68%	12%	6%	6%	3%	3%	2%
80% 60% 40% 20% 0%	71%76%	100/	% 8% 3% 4	% <sup>9%</sup> 3% <sup>8</sup>	5% 13% 6%	6%
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## Marketing Mail - Driving Consumer Response

USPS Marketing Mail is preferred by consumers (even Millennials) over other channels due to the inundation of digital messaging. MM response rates and ROI are consistently higher than other channels too...



**73%** of consumers prefer direct mail1



Direct mail tops

all other media for delivering the highest ROI for B2C marketing...3







Direct mail delivers

10x - 30x

higher response rates than digital and for 18-21 year olds, the response rate is 12.4% 2

#### Overall response rates:

Direct mail 5.1% Email 0.6% Paid search 0.6% Social Media 0.4% Display ads 0.2%

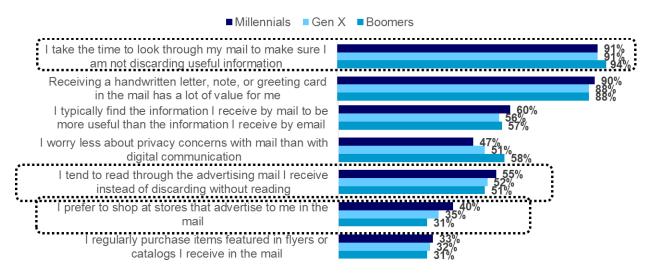
<sup>1.</sup> Epsilon Channel Preference for Mobile and Non-Mobile

<sup>2. 2017</sup> DMA Response Rate Report

#### Overall Mail Attitudes: Mail Perceptions

Over 90% of consumers, across generations, review their mail to make sure they are not discarding useful information. Millennials are more likely to read through advertising mail instead of discarding without reading and show an increased preference for shopping at stores that advertise through the mail.

#### Mail Perceptions (% Agree Completely + Agree Somewhat)





#### **USPS Marketing Mail Basics**

- USPS Marketing Mail is typically used for advertisements and flyers. Neither mailed nor required to be mailed as FCM or Periodicals. Additional content restrictions must be met for authorized nonprofit mailers.
- Shapes Cards\*; Letters; Flats and Packages
  - \*USPS Marketing Mail card-size mailpieces are mailed at letter prices.
- Mailings of 200 or 50 lbs addressed pieces sorted as described in our Quick Service Guide. Mailable
  matter must weigh less than 16 oz., be no more than ¾" thick and no larger than 12" high X 15" long.
  Mail must be rectangular in shape.
- Each piece must include a complete delivery address with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code.



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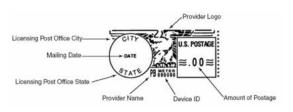
- Addresses on all pieces must be updated within 95 days before mailing through a USPS-approved address update.
- Destination discounts apply to mail prepared and addressed for delivery within service area of destination facility.
- Permit Imprint fee applies if not using a Meter or Precanceled Stamps to pay postage.
- Annual presort mailing fee applies.



## Getting Started - Checklist for Mailers

- Get a mailing permit and pay fees
- Choose a postage payment method
- Get supplies and paperwork
- Develop concept for mailpiece and target audience
- Create your mailpiece
- Get an address list or create Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM)
- Check the accuracy of your address list
- Address your mail
- Sort your mail
  - Prepare the containers (trays or sacks)
  - Fill out a postage statement (manually or online)
  - Go to the Post Office (BMEU or Associate Office)

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25 cents

10 cents

#### USPS Marketing Mail Discounts and Alternatives

- Destination Entry Discounts for entering mail close to the delivery area. Sortation discounts available –
   5 Digit; 3 Digit; Area; Carrier Route (Basic, High Density; High Density Plus, Saturation rates)
- Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) No permit required, Piece Limitation; Different Addressing Requirement.
- Customized Marketing Mail (CMM) Pieces that are not required to be rectangular in shape.
- Marketing Mail Parcels Typically used for advertisements, flyers, catalogs, and product samples
- Non-Profit Marketing Mail Has the same requirements as regular USPS Marketing Mail with a different pricing structure. Nonprofit organizations must be approved by the USPS to qualify for these discounts.



## Requirements for Preparation Discounts – 200 pcs

Regular 5 Digit	Carrier Route Basic	High Density	High Density Plus	Saturation
Trays				
150 pc min per tray (5 Digit, 3 Digit, ADC)	Full Trays Only for a Single Carrier	125 pc min	300 pc min	90% Total Active Residential <u>or</u> 75% Total Active  Deliveries per route
Bundles				
	10 pieces	10 pieces	10 pieces	10 pieces



#### Nonprofit Eligibility

- Organizations that typically are eligible for Postal Service nonprofit privileges:
  - Agricultural
  - Educational
  - Fraternal
  - Labor
  - Philanthropic
  - Religious
  - Scientific
  - Veterans
  - Some political committees
- Individuals are <u>NOT</u> eligible for nonprofit prices.
- Business leagues, chambers of commerce, social and hobby clubs, and certain political organizations usually are <u>NOT</u> eligible.
- For help with nonprofit USPS Marketing Mail Eligibility, see Publication 417.



## Best Resources for USPS Marketing Mail

- Mailing Requirements & Shipping Solutions Center Call for assistance! 1-877-672-0007
- Postal Explorer www.pe.usps.com For help sorting your mail!
  - Quick Service Guides (QSGs)
  - Domestic Mail Manual (DMM)
  - Business Mail 101
- Mailpiece Design assistance MDA@usps.gov or 1-855-593-6093
  - Mailpiece Design Analysts (MDAs) are postal employees trained to answer your questions regarding mailpiece design, picture permit, automation, barcodes, FIM markings, etc.

Additional Assistance - www.usps.com - Postal Service Website

Business Customer Gateway - Apply for permits, manage mailings, establish accounts

- Direct Mail Advertising Direct Mail Campaigns for businesses
- Targeted Mail Marketing Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM)
- PostalPro Yet another website with information on advanced postal processes!



## Other Assistance With Preparing Your Mail

#### Presort Bureaus and Lettershops

• Presort bureaus and lettershops specialize in preparing Marketing Mail mailings for customers.

#### Software Vendors

Many companies sell "presort software" that presorts your addresses, figures out how many mailpieces will qualify for which
postage prices and prints out a completed postage statement.

#### Address List Vendors

There are companies, list vendors that collect and sell information about consumers and businesses.

#### **Advertise with Mail**

#### **Target Your Marketing Campaigns**

Choose your audience and connect. The free Every Door Direct Mail® (EDDM®) mail route mapping tool can target addresses for small business advertisements or large corporate mailings.

Save money on marketing campaigns. USPS® offers a variety of mail service classes and postage rates based on mailpiece format and content and mailing volume and delivery options.







## USPS is Marketing Mail's Biggest Champion

We integrate Marketing Mail into all USPS B2B and B2C omni-channel campaigns



# Has anyone here seen our biggest Marketing Mail campaign from 2018?



# Let's talk about our Holiday 2018 Marketing Mail campaign





## **Big Production**

The Holiday 2018 direct mail piece was sent to every single household in America.

## That's over 127 million households

Source: United States Census Bureau, 2018



## It had a Big Purpose as well

Make the holidays convenient for every American



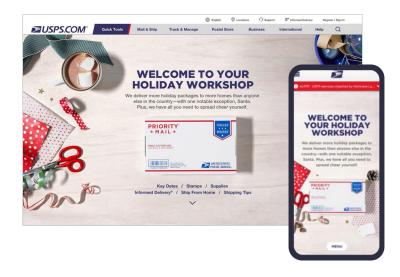
Bring the Post Office™ to their home



# Our Marketing Mail drove recipients to USPS.com









# A one-stop shop for all Holiday needs that drove people online





# Buy holiday cheer for your outgoing mail from the comfort of home





# Order free shipping boxes online and have them delivered to you



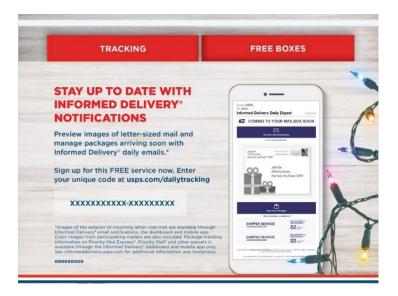


# Print shipping labels and schedule a package pickup while sipping a Holiday beverage at home





# Sign up to stay on top of all the gifts and greetings coming your way



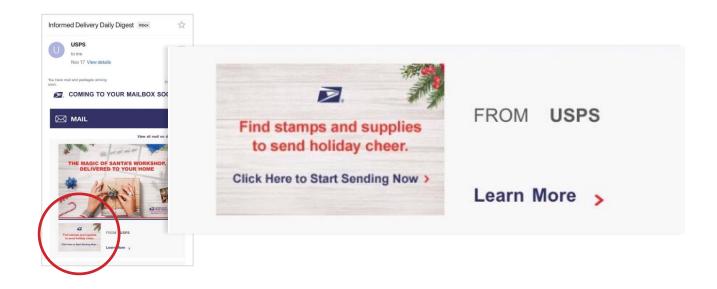


# Get the key shipping dates right in your mobile calendar





## We also reached over 14 million households by seamlessly leveraging Informed Delivery® Ride-Along to drive them online

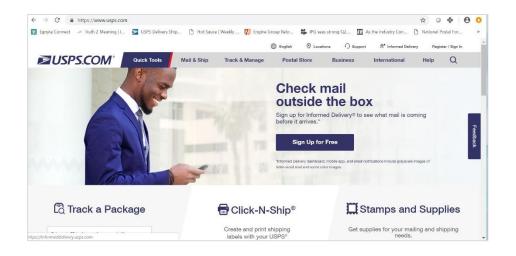




# Being a massive mailing effort, Holiday Mail contributed to Big results



# **514 million** visits to USPS.com web properties combined during November and December 2018 (22% of annual visits)



Source: USPS Google Analytics



## 571 thousand visits to the Holiday landing page



Source: USPS Google Analytics

Desktop

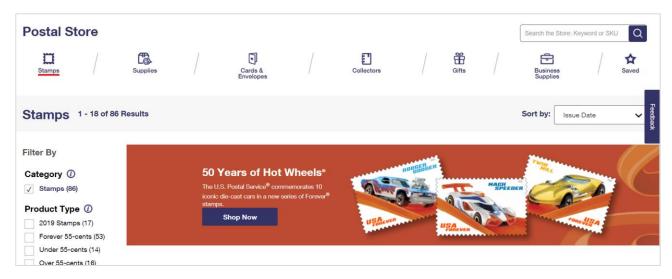


Mobile



## \$68 million Overall revenue from stamp purchases in

#### November and December 2018

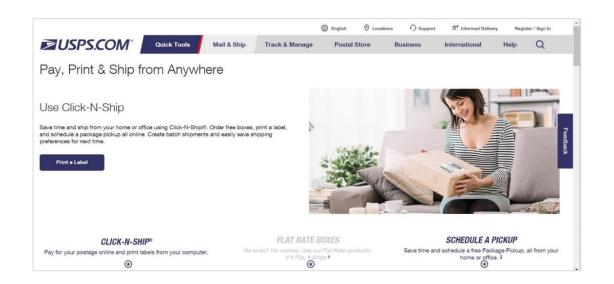


Source: USPS ECR MicroStrategy reports



## \$93 million Overall revenue from Click-N-Ship® services in

#### November and December 2018



Source: USPS Data



## 714 thousand Overall Informed Delivery® sign-ups in



Source: **USPS** Google Analytics





## Thank you!

