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**65%** of your customers have made a purchase as a result of Direct Mail

If it looks interesting,

**89%**

of your customers will open it

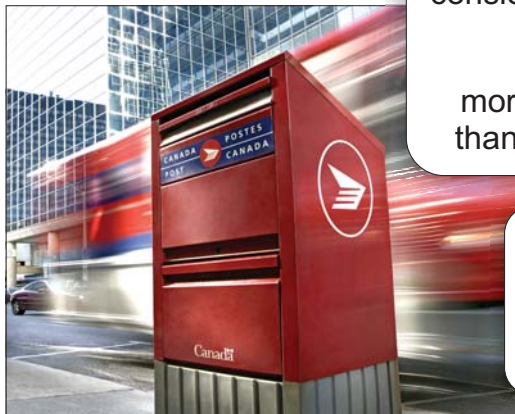
Your customer considers Direct Mail

**3X**

more trustworthy than social media

If it's personally addressed to them,

**87%** of your customers will read it



(Source: Consumers and Direct Mail, CP13-214, Sept. 2013)

## Direct Mail or E-mail ?

When was the last time someone told you “mail is dead”? was it yesterday? Or even today? In spite of the rumours, mail still is and continues to be an important tool in a marketer’s belt. With the perception that e-mail is “free” and mail is most definitely not, why would a marketer choose direct mail over an e-mail campaign?

One of the most important benefits of direct mail over e-mail is sheer volume. Inboxes are overloaded but mailboxes are not. Many e-mail messages are automatically removed by either spam filters or the filters the recipient has set up to move advertising e-mails. The filter on a mailbox is the consumer themselves, who will be physically handling and reviewing the direct mail piece for interest and relevance. “Select All” and “Delete” are an e-mail marketer’s worst nightmare.

The lower number of pieces results in less competition in the mailbox which means your message is more likely to be noticed. This makes it far more personal, allowing the mail piece to pitch your product or service directly to the recipient in the comfort of their own home or office. The **USPS shows 98% of people check their mail daily** and more than 75% sort their mail as soon as it is received. This means for most recipients, direct mail doesn’t build up into an unmanageable pile that gets swept into a recycling box without review, unlike unread e-mails that are deleted in bulk.

Your options to grab the recipient’s attention are limited to a subject line with e-mail. That has to be a very compelling subject line! With direct mail, you can use colour, shape, content, texture, samples, and more to engage your audience and keep their interest. You can link the mail piece to websites, social media accounts, and augmented reality, just to touch on a few options.

Mail is seen as more trustworthy than e-mail marketing. Phishing and spoofing are commonplace and increasingly sophisticated in the online world. It can be difficult for a consumer to know if an e-mail is really from a trusted source or simply a good con. It makes many consumers wary of even the most attractive e-mail offers. Mail doesn’t have the same stigma.

Direct mail is generally not considered a stand-alone marketing tool any more but rather an integral part of a multi-media campaign. It has been enhanced by digital technology; it can push consumers to websites, personalized or general, and designed to lead to a sale. So next time someone tells you that mail is dead, remind them of all the benefits they will be missing out on if they don’t consider direct mail as part of their marketing campaign!

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- Minimum 500 pieces
- Can include variable messages
- Delivery within Canada
- Addressed Admail mailings are defined as mailable items, that have the primary intention (main messaging) of motivating an individual to take action.

**Addressed Admail Postage rates SAVE an average of \$0.32 per piece over standard Lettermail rates.**

**Examples include:**

- promoting a product, service, program or event
- soliciting donations or contributions
- company’s annual report
- reporting on financial performance, primarily for promotional purposes
- supporting your loyalty card program. Includes all mailings relating to loyalty card programs. Excludes credit and/or debit cards with or without reward points

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