

Direct Mail Attribution: 6 things you need to know



KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

43%

of marketers utilize direct mail for customer acquisition campaigns. It's also a popular channel for customer retention (27%) and brand awareness (34%) programs.

WHAT ARE COMMON DIRECT MAIL KPIs?

- Sales Rate
- Cost Per Acquisition (CPA)
- Return on Investment (ROI)
- Customer Lifetime Value (LTV)

TIP

We recommend tracking multiple metrics for an actionable perspective.



TRACKING

20-35%

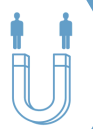
of responses are captured by directly attributable elements.

WHAT TO USE?

- Offer Code / Coupon Code
- Website URL
- Scannable QR Code
- Toll-Free Number
- Business Reply Envelope (BRE)

TIP

Consumers are more likely to Google the company name and use a promo/offer code than they are to use a link, QR code, or BRE.



MATCHBACK

60-75%

of matchback sales from the mail group are incremental, based on a holdout performance of 25-40%.

WHY USE IT?

- All sales or orders over the attribution window are matched back to the campaign's mail file, indicating some credit for the sale
- A more comprehensive analysis on your mail's impact

TIP

Direct mail read period lasts 60-90+ days.



HOLDOUTS

10-20%

is the average holdout audience, but varies based on your total mail volume.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT?

- Helps fully understand which matchback sales are incremental and deserving of credit
- Allows marketers to track the lift that mail produced over no mail exposure to determine direct mail's impact

TIP

A strong performing holdout is often a sign of good targeting.



ATTRIBUTION MODELS

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Consumers ranked direct mail as the second most influential direct response channel on purchasing decisions.

WHAT ARE THE MODEL TYPES?

- First-touch: gives credit only to the first channel touched
- Last-touch: gives credit to the last touchpoint
- Multi-touch: gives credit to each touchpoint that is engaged with

TIP

Create custom attribution measurements that give credit to the actions that mean the most to your brand.