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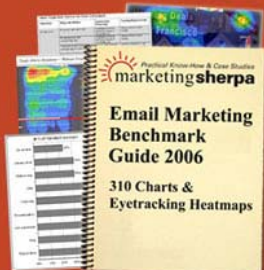
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# Facts not Opinion: MarketingSherpa Methodology

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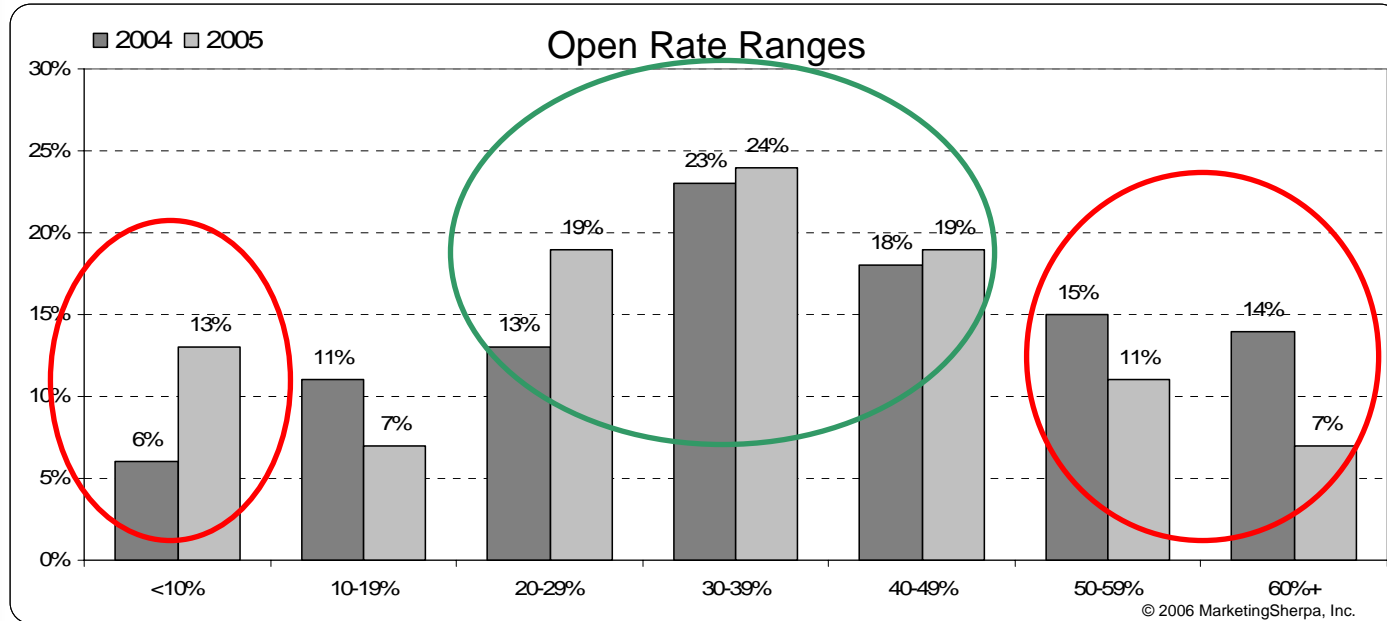
1. Survey of Email Marketers – 1,927 in October 2005
2. In-depth interviews for case studies – 500+
3. Lab tests and partnered research
4. “Best of” research from dozens of expert sources including research firms, usability labs, elite vendors, etc.

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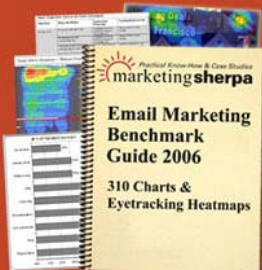
# Open Rates Are Falling

## Open Rates



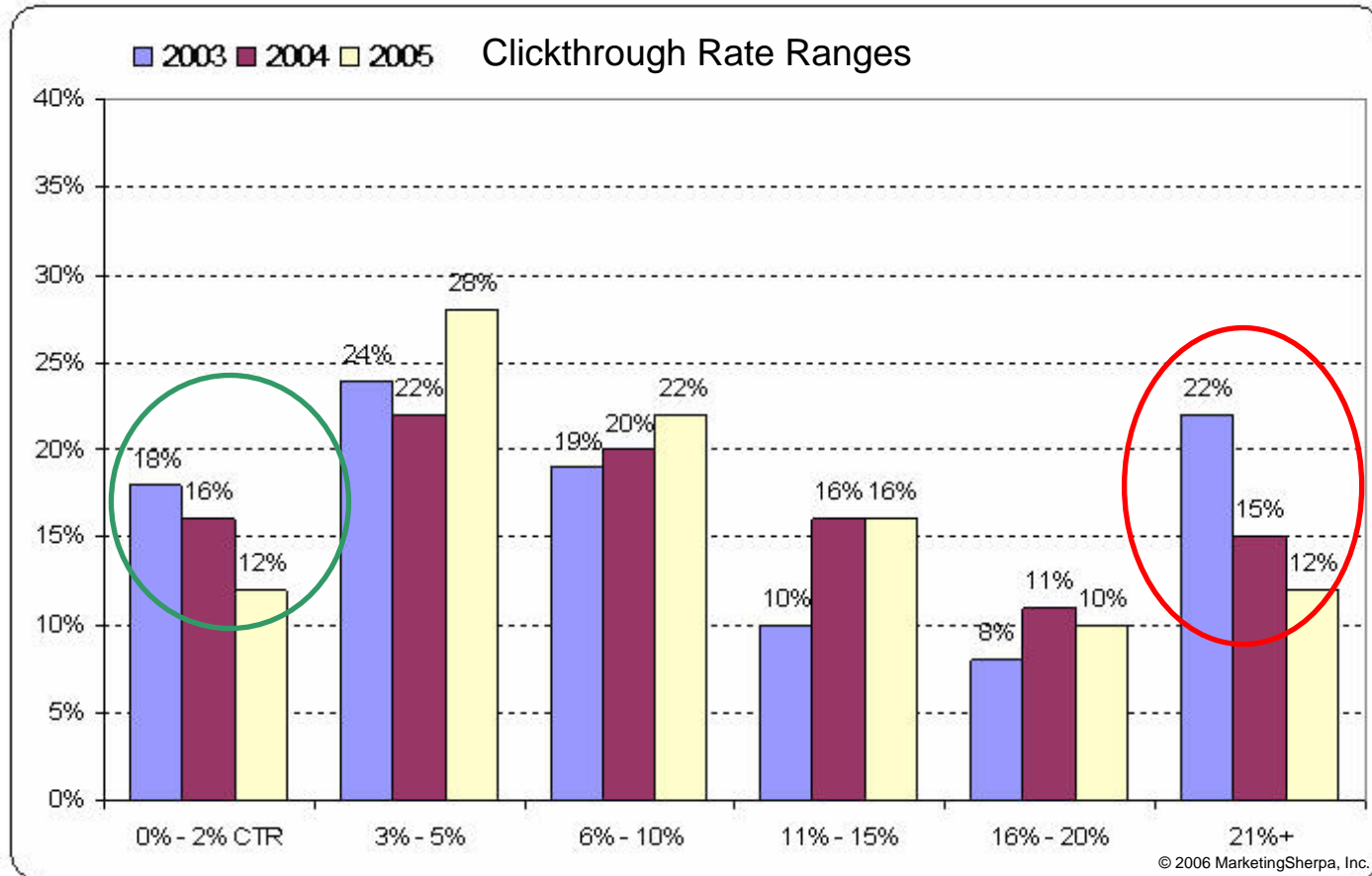
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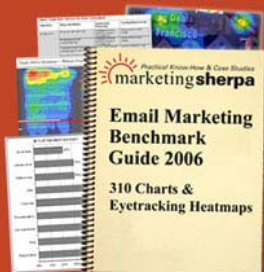
# Clickthrough Rates Are Stable

## Clickthrough Rates



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# Conversion Rates Are Up

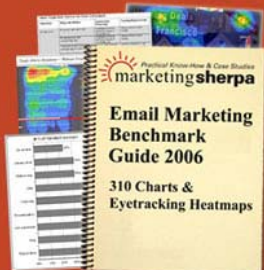
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Click to purchase – UP 28%

Orders per email delivered – UP 18%

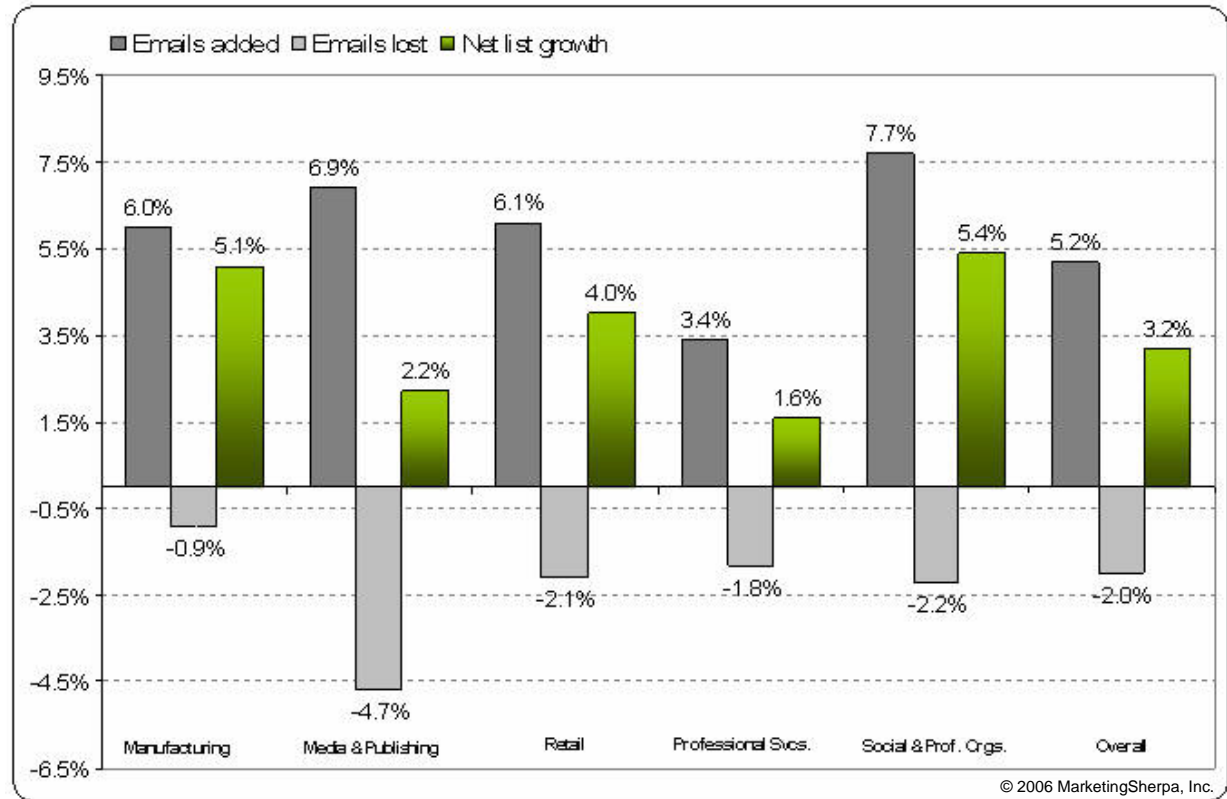
Reported conversion rates – UP slightly

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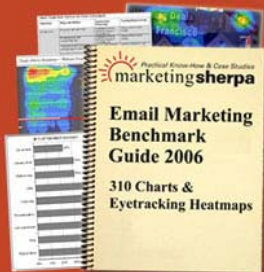
**Source: MarketingSherpa, October 2005 and DoubleClick Q2 Email Trends Report**

# The Email Audience Hasn't Peaked

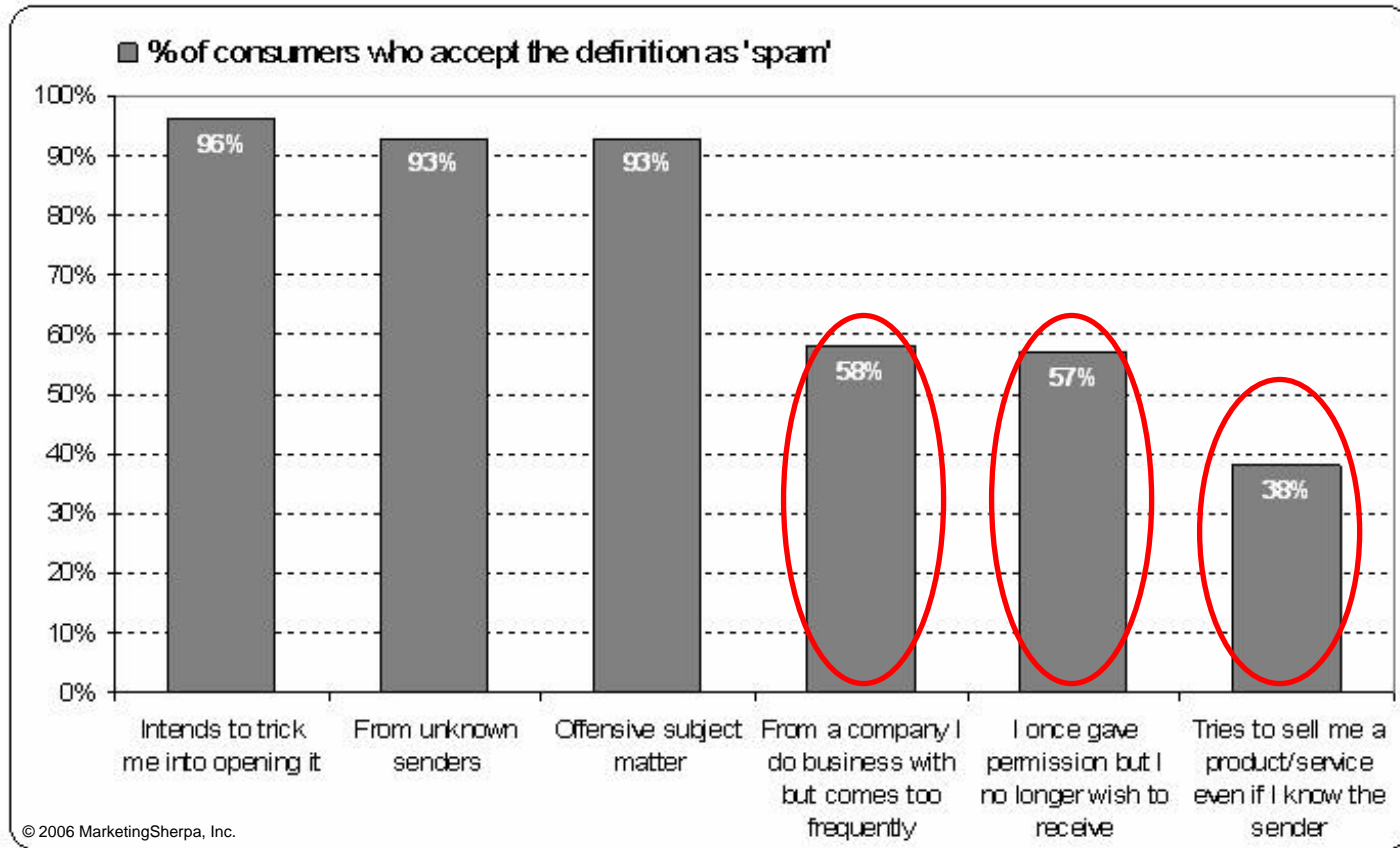


Source: ExactTarget, October 2005

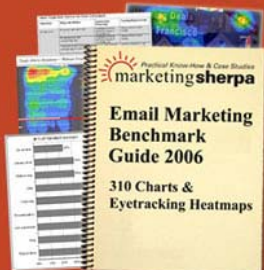
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# How Do We Define Spam?



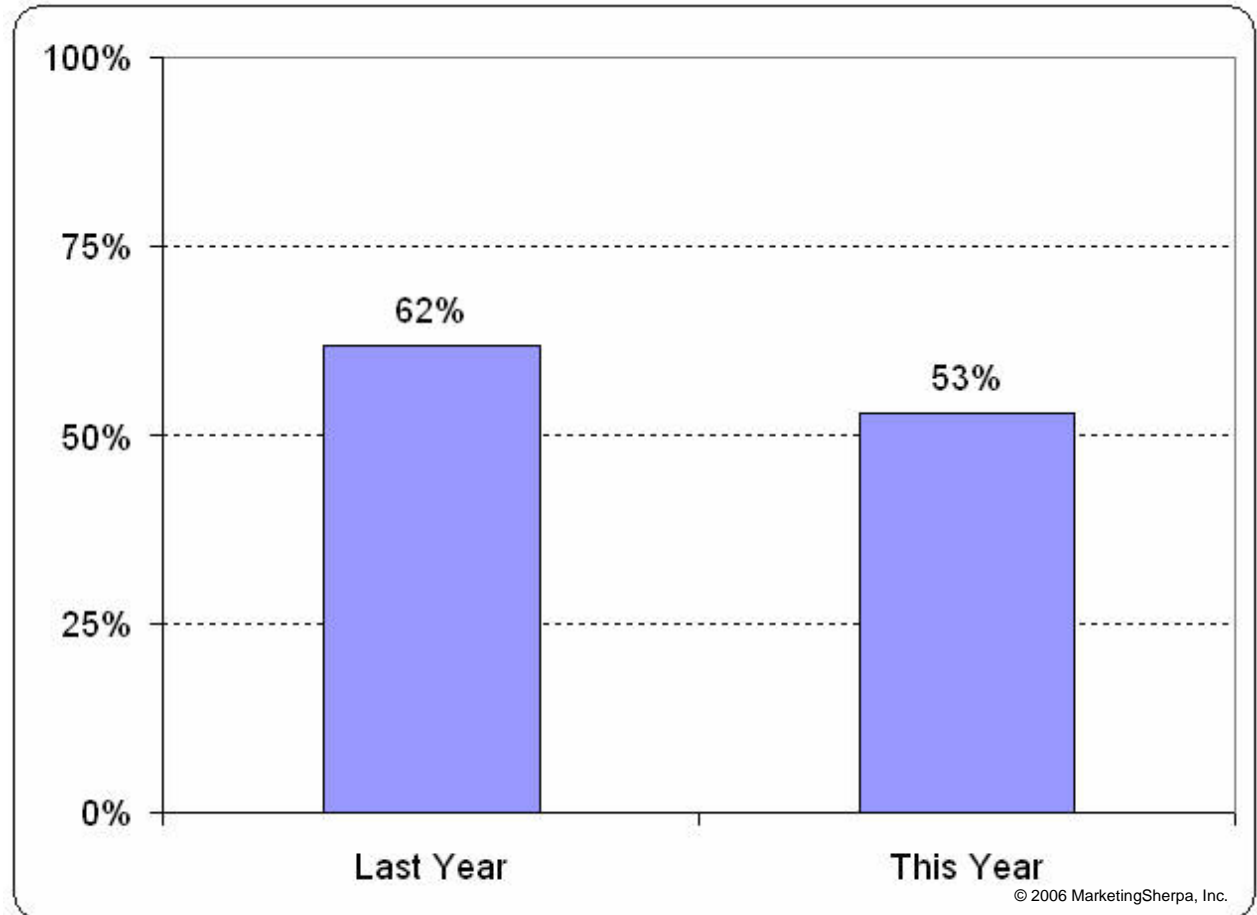
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Source: DoubleClick, June 2005

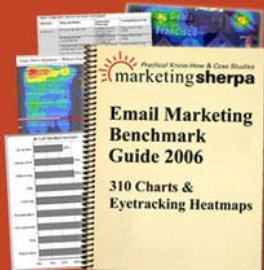
# How Much Does Spam Bother Us?

‘Are you less trusting of email because of spam?’



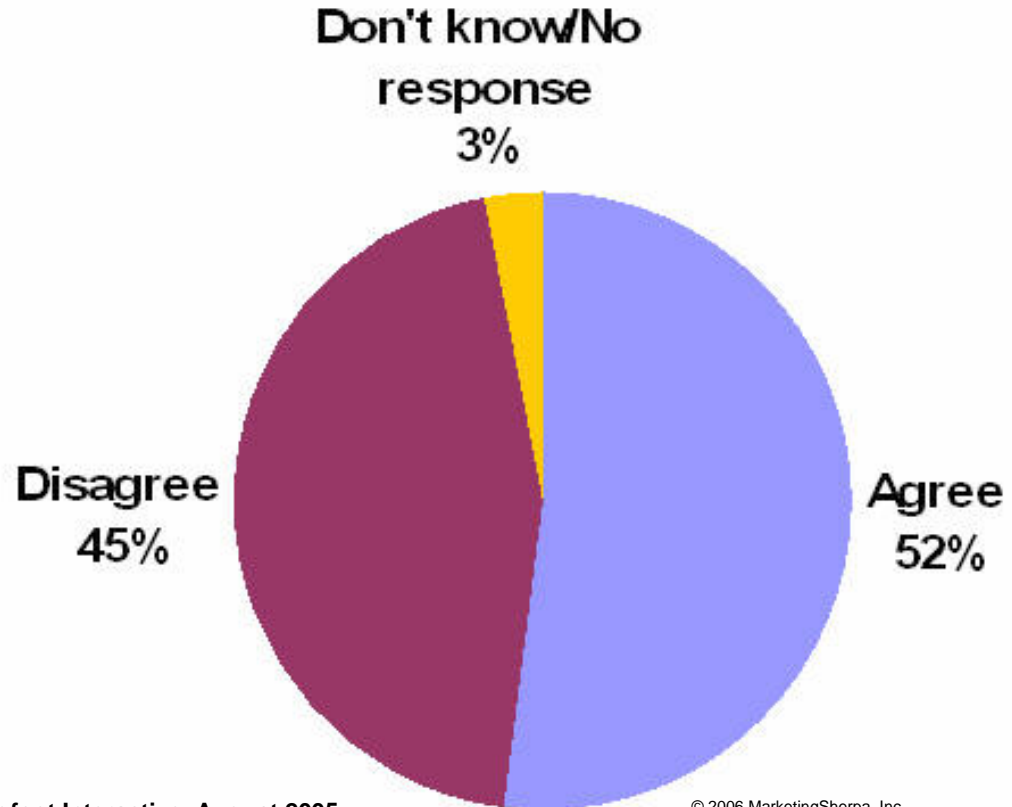
Source: Pew Internet & American Life Project 2005

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# Are People Aware Of False Positives?

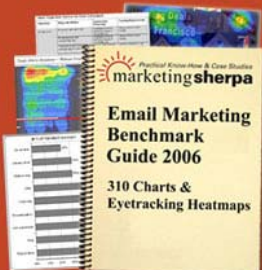
‘I routinely check my spam/junk folder for legitimate messages.’



Source: Bigfoot Interactive, August 2005

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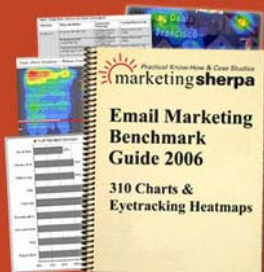
# Impact of Segmentation

Audience Size	Segmented		Not Segmented	
	Opens	Clicks	Opens	Clicks
< 5K	50.50%	11.70%	5.60%	0.60%
5K – 10K	48.80%	9.00%	3.90%	0.30%
10K – 50K	28.50%	7.60%	4.00%	0.50%
50K – 100K	13.40%	4.00%	3.70%	0.80%
> 100K	13.10%	1.10%	3.50%	0.20%
Averages	30.86%	6.68%	4.14%	0.48%

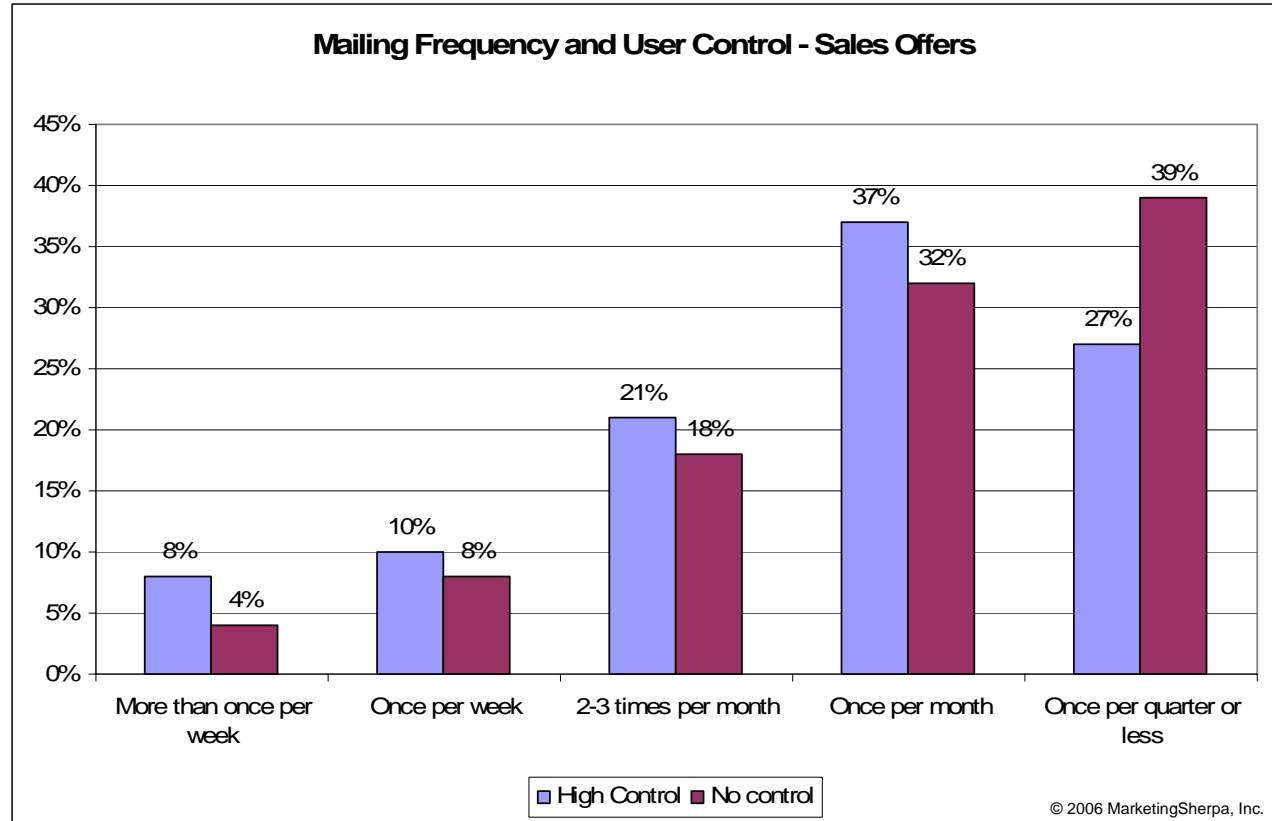
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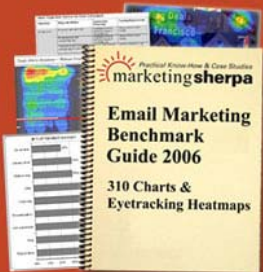


# We Mail Too Often! Or Do We?



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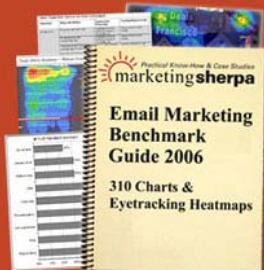


## Tip #1: Test Frequency

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1. Test frequency on your best/worst segments
2. If you have a preference center, do not allow specific control of frequency
3. Don't send too infrequently

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# Tip #2: Design Matters

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However, if the seller is considering a price reduction, give it a go. If the listing agent thinks the seller is not ready to negotiate, ask to be informed when the seller has a change of heart. The best time to make an offer on an over-priced listing is usually just before the seller drops the price. Otherwise, you could face competition with good bones, not one with serious problems.

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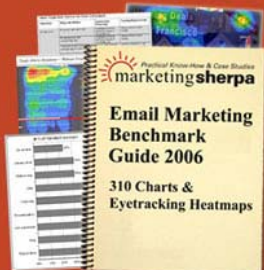
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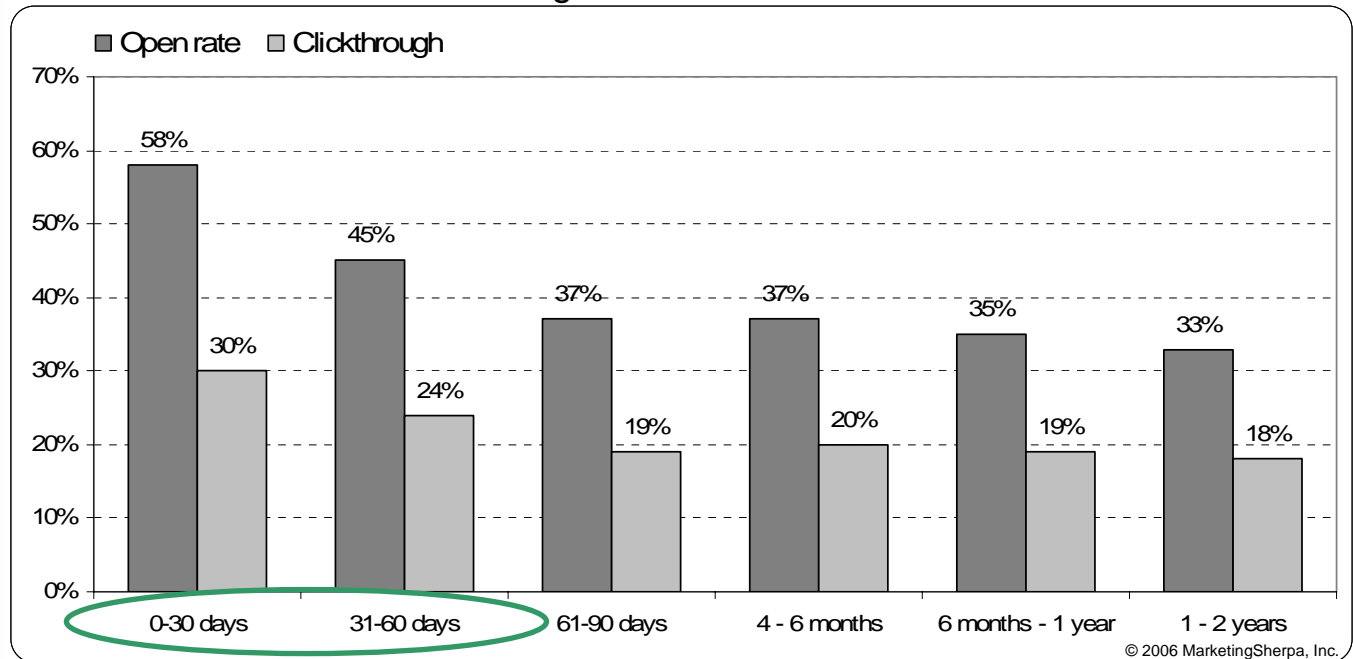
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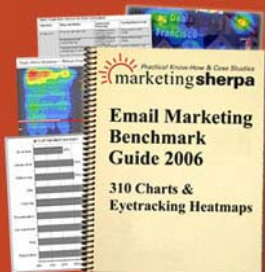
# Tip #3: Start Strong

### Age of User Record

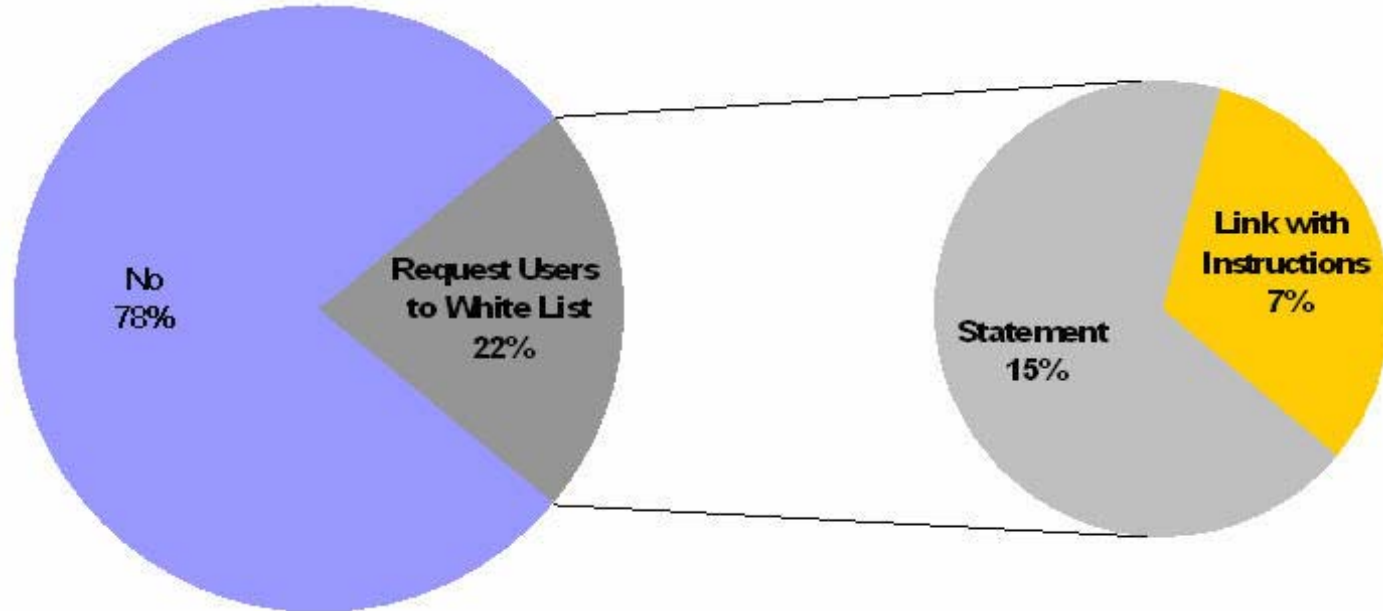


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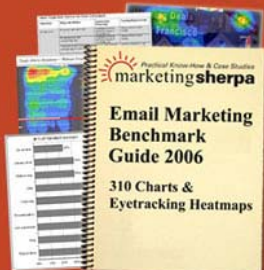
# Tip #4: Whitelisting



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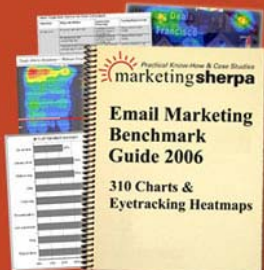
## Tip #5: Fight list churn

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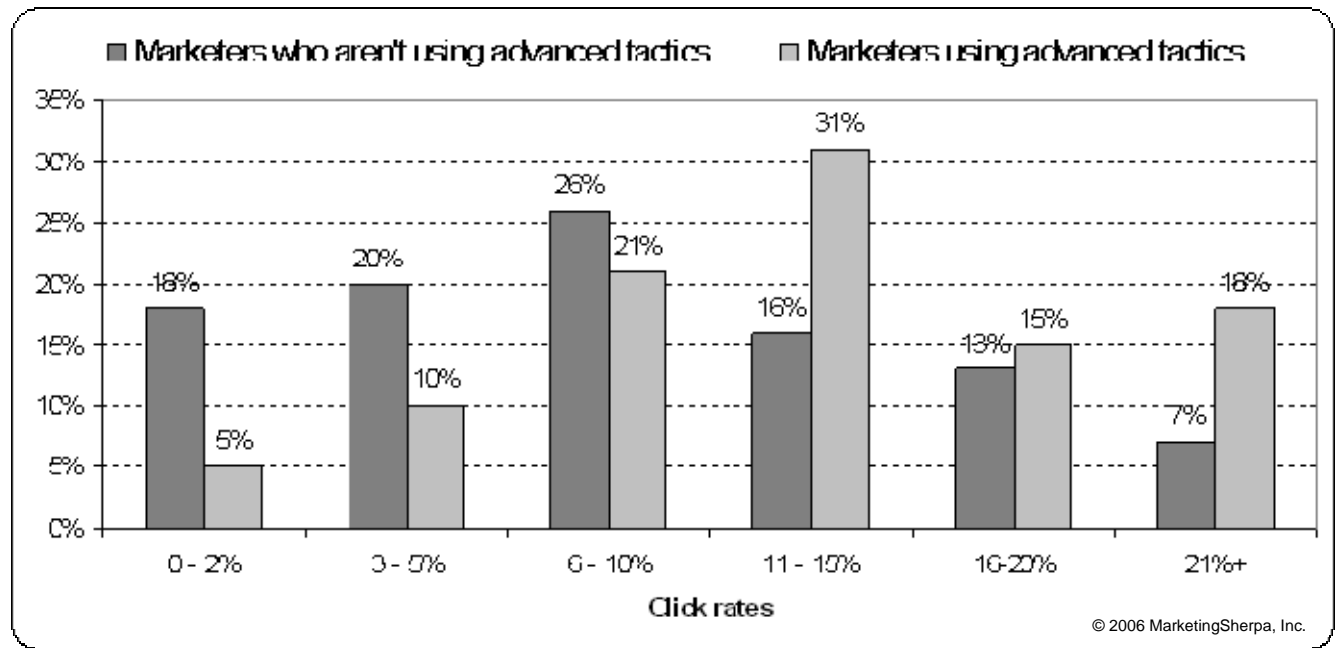
1. Request alternate address at paid sign-up
2. Screen pop-up (try DHTML)
3. Go offline

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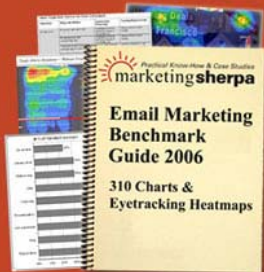
# Is Email The Problem?

'Advanced' tactics: dynamic content, A/B offers testing and segmentation by user details



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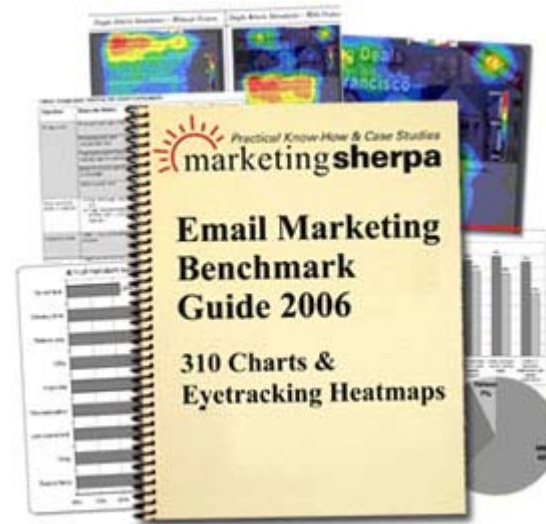


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