



CASE STUDY

Roots Canada

Roots Canada grows ecommerce order by using Postal Code Targeting



By incorporating Postal Code Targeting into its mini-catalogue campaign, Roots delivered engaging content to its target market during back-to-school season.

A targeted way to reach millennial shoppers

From the iconic beaver in its logo, to its top-quality clothes, accessories, footwear and leather goods, Roots is one of Canada's best-known brands. As more consumers explore ecommerce as well as shop in-store, the retailer has begun to grow its customer base with Postal Code Targeting from Canada Post.

Roots defined its target segment for the campaign as independent and creative women and men between 28 and 35, then sent them a mini-catalogue during the back-to-school season – a peak retail season when many people hit their reset button. The national mailing featured bold photography alongside references to Roots' more than 40-year history, offering valuable content to engage this audience.

Ecommerce revenue jumped and ecommerce orders grew in size thanks to a mailing with Canada Post.

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Gabriela Mercer, E-Commerce and Marketing Analyst at Roots Canada, remarked: “We wanted to represent the best elements of the new collection in an elevated way, balancing editorial and product content. We wanted to shift perceptions – have back-to-school information but also tell the story of our heritage. It’s something you want to keep on your coffee table, flip through and spend time with.”

Online and in-store sales growth

Roots sent the catalogue to five key neighbourhoods within a radius of a local Roots, through partnering with Canada Post’s data team to target new customers. Together they examined the demographics and past purchase data of Roots’ customer base. The catalogue was sent to potential customers in the five neighbourhoods who fit Roots’ target demographic, offering them additional savings when they purchased two items or more.

“We saw strong sales, both in-store and online, related to the campaign,” Mercer said. “But what was really interesting for me was the order growth in the postal codes we targeted with Canada Post.”

“In fact, online sales from customers in postal codes targeted by Canada Post were considerably higher compared with non-targeted postal codes,” Mercer says.

“Moving forward, Roots will continue to incorporate Postal Code Targeting into their campaigns,” says Mercer. “Great content and strong data has proven to be a perfect fit.”

Roots was able to efficiently target ideal customers and increase ecommerce revenue during the campaign, in part thanks to its partnership with Canada Post.



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