# Take a closer look at your shipping operation and start saving today. 

Shipping is complex. You need to select the optimal rate, carrier and service level all while avoiding surcharges. Every decision impacts your bottom line. Now is the time to evaluate your shipping operations and make the most of your dollars.

## Shipping costs have skyrocketed over the past decade

Shipping rates and surcharges have risen $3 x$ the rate of inflation over the past 10 years¹.

Rates and surcharges percentage increase 2007-2017²
UPS
$83 \%$
FedEx
GSPS
$24 \%$
*In 2017 USPS parcel rates are Commercial Plus, in 2007 Retail \& Commercial rates did not exist.

Average shipping prices continue to rise in 2017


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4.9 \%
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Effective December 26, 2016

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3.9 \%-4.9 \%
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Effective January 2, 2017

UNITED STATES postal service
$3.9 \%$
Effective January 22, 2017

## DIM weight factor can make or break your budget ${ }^{3}$

Depending on the weight of your shipments, your rate increase could be higher or lower than the average increase reported in 2017.


| Ground | UPS | FedEx | USPS <br> Zones 1 to 4 No DIM |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2lb Zone 2 | $\$ 8.07$ | $\$ 8.00$ | $\$ 6.33$ |
| DIM | 166 | 139 | (139 over a cubic foot) |

There are ways to reduce the impact on your business


Diversify Are you leveraging multiple carriers in your shipping operation?


Analyze
What percentage of your carrier bill is surcharges or adjustments?


Re-package
Are you using appropriate packaging to avoid additional DIM weigh expenses?

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[^0]:    https://www.stabureau.org/en/united-states/inflatio
    Sources: 2007 UPS Daily Rates; FedEx Service Guide 2007; A Practical GUide to R2006-1 USPS(R)Rate Case
    ${ }^{3}$ http://www.fedex.com/us/shipping-rates/; http://rates.ups.com/; https://www.usps.com/business/prices.htm

