

Finding the Right Price

A Practical Guide to Pricing Research



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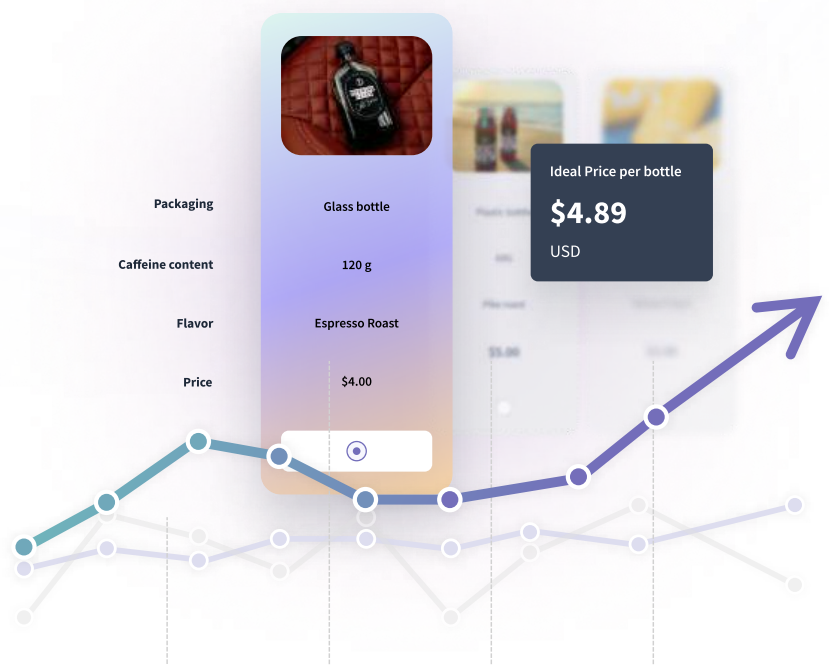
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Introduction

Setting the right price is one of the most critical decisions for any business. The right price fuels growth and profitability, while the wrong price can lead to lost revenue or market share.

This guide will give you a comprehensive look at pricing research, from the foundational principles to the most widely used methods. You will also learn how to apply these insights in practice to make smarter, evidence-based pricing decisions.



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Laying the Groundwork

Understand why pricing matters and how research helps you make smarter, evidence-based decisions.

Price is one of the most visible expressions of your brand's value. It sends a signal about quality, positioning, and even trustworthiness. But price setting is also one of the highest-stakes decisions you can make. A small change—*just a few percentage points up or down*—can have a significant impact on revenue, margins, and market share.

Pricing research gives you a way to approach these decisions with clarity and confidence. Rather than relying on guesswork or copying competitors, it helps you uncover what customers are truly willing to pay, how sensitive they are to price changes, and where your price fits in the market context. The result is smarter, evidence-backed pricing strategies that drive both profitability and customer satisfaction.

WHY DO PRICING RESEARCH?

- **Maximize revenue and margins:** Identify the price that grows your bottom line without sacrificing customer adoption.
- **Understand willingness to pay:** Reveal how much value customers place on your product or service.
- **Avoid costly mistakes:** Prevent underpricing that erodes profit or overpricing that limits market share.
- **Align price with positioning:** Ensure pricing reflects brand value, quality perception, and competitive landscape.

BENEFITS OF PRICING RESEARCH

- **Optimized** pricing strategies based on customer data.
- **Clear insights** into trade-offs between price and features.
- **Reduced risk** when launching new products or entering new markets.
- **Evidence** to guide internal alignment across product, marketing, and finance teams.

SEVEN PRICING ANALYSIS SURVEY QUESTIONS

If you want actionable insights from your pricing research, you'll need to ask the right questions. Here seven core questions to guide any pricing analysis, regardless of which research method you choose:

- 1. At what price would you consider this product to be too expensive to consider?** This question helps identify the upper limit of what customers are willing to pay, providing insights into perceived value and price sensitivity.
- 2. At what price would you consider this product to be priced so low that you would question its quality?** Understanding the lower price threshold helps ensure that pricing is not set so low that it undermines the perceived quality of the product.
- 3. At what price would you consider this product to be a good deal?** This question identifies the price point at which customers perceive the product as offering good value for money, which can help in setting a competitive price.
- 4. At what price would you consider this product to be getting expensive but still worth it?** This helps determine the highest price point at which customers still find the product worth purchasing, providing a range for optimal pricing.
- 5. How likely are you to purchase this product at [specific price point]?** This question helps gauge the likelihood of purchase at different price levels, aiding in understanding price elasticity of demand.
- 6. How would you rate the value of this product at [specific price point] on a scale from 1 to 10?** Rating the value at different price points helps identify the perceived value and potential pricing sweet spots.
- 7. Which of the following product attributes are most important to you when deciding on a purchase?** Understanding the importance of various product attributes, including price, helps in identifying the trade-offs customers are willing to make and the overall value proposition.

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Approaches to Pricing

Explore direct and indirect methods to reveal customer willingness to pay with confidence.

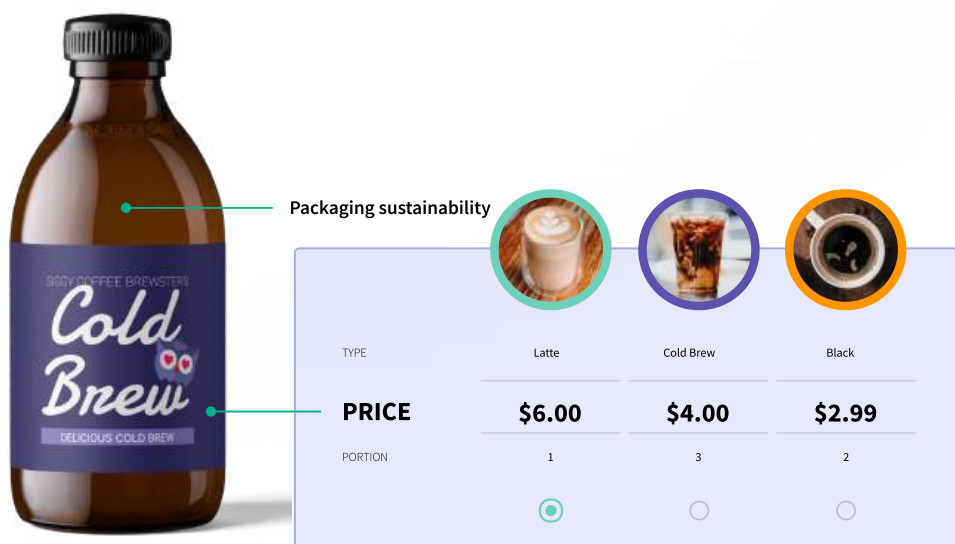
Pricing research is not one-size-fits-all. The right approach depends on your goals, product lifecycle stage, and market conditions. Here are the most common methods:

DIRECT VS. INDIRECT APPROACHES

- **Direct methods:** Ask customers directly about their willingness to pay. These approaches are straightforward and easy to interpret but may be limited by how accurately people can predict their behavior.
- **Indirect methods:** Use structured questions or trade-off models to reveal preferences. These approaches often produce more reliable insights but require more advanced analysis.

ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS

Beyond these core approaches, pricing research can also support retail pricing and promotions, helping you test discounts, packaging strategies, and seasonal pricing campaigns. It can also inform new product pricing, offering early insight into customer expectations and adoption curves.



POPULAR METHODS

Gabor-Granger Pricing

Build demand curves and pinpoint a revenue-maximizing price.

WHAT IT IS:

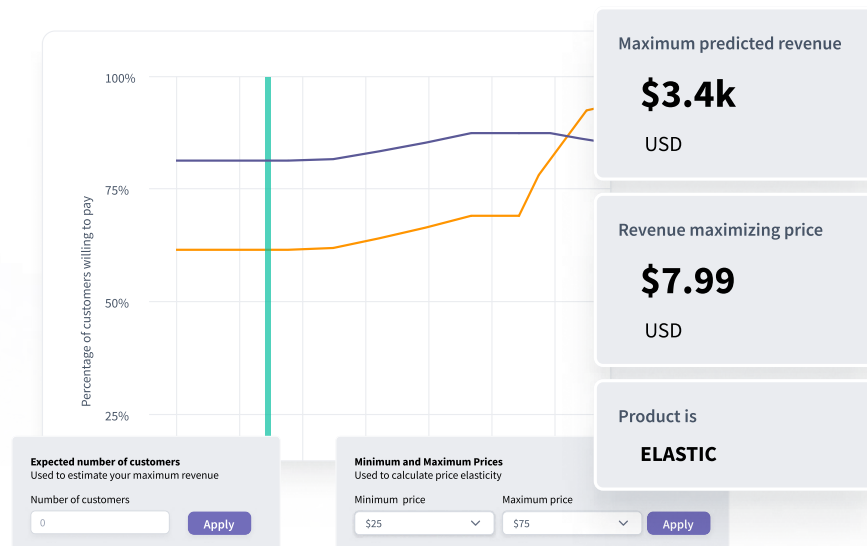
A direct pricing method where customers are shown a series of price points and asked whether they would purchase at each level.

HOW IT WORKS:

Respondents indicate “yes” or “no” to a sequence of prices, allowing you to build a demand curve and identify the price that maximizes revenue.

When to use it:

The goal isn't just to identify a number — it's to uncover how people define value and where your brand sits in that equation.



POPULAR METHODS

Van Westendorp Price Sensitivity Meter

Reveal the price range customers see as fair.

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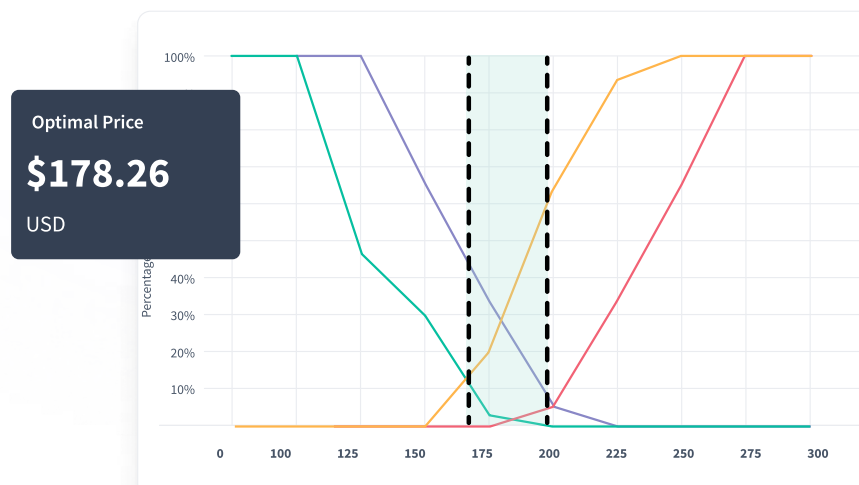
A survey-based method that identifies a range of acceptable prices by asking respondents four key questions: at what price is the product too cheap, cheap, expensive, and too expensive.

HOW IT WORKS:

Results are plotted to reveal the range where customers see price and value as aligned, as well as the optimal point of indifference.

When to use it:

Ideal for early-stage pricing exploration or when introducing a new product to market.



POPULAR METHODS

Conjoint Analysis

Uncover feature-price trade-offs driving customer choice.

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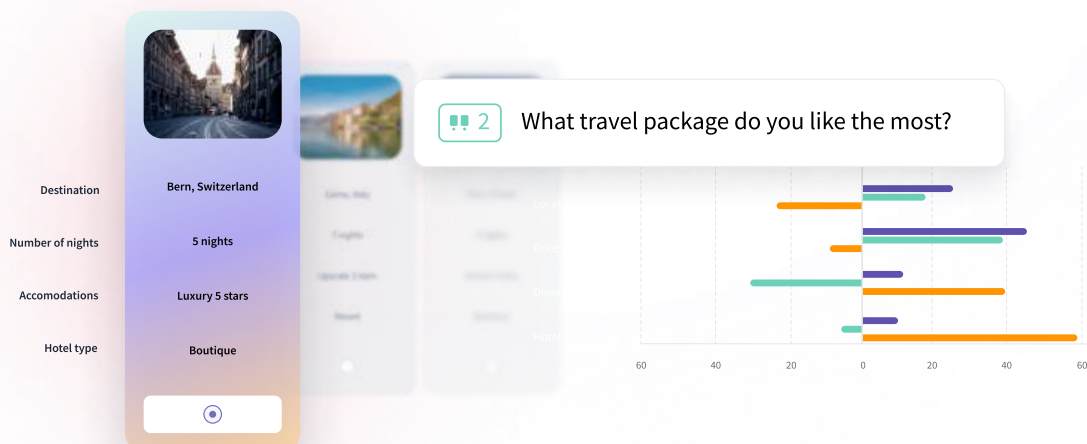
An advanced method that measures how customers value individual product features in combination with price.

HOW IT WORKS:

Respondents are asked to choose between product bundles or scenarios that vary in price and features. Analysis reveals the trade-offs customers are willing to make.

When to use it:

Best when pricing is closely tied to product configuration, bundles, or feature prioritization.





Principles for Pricing Success

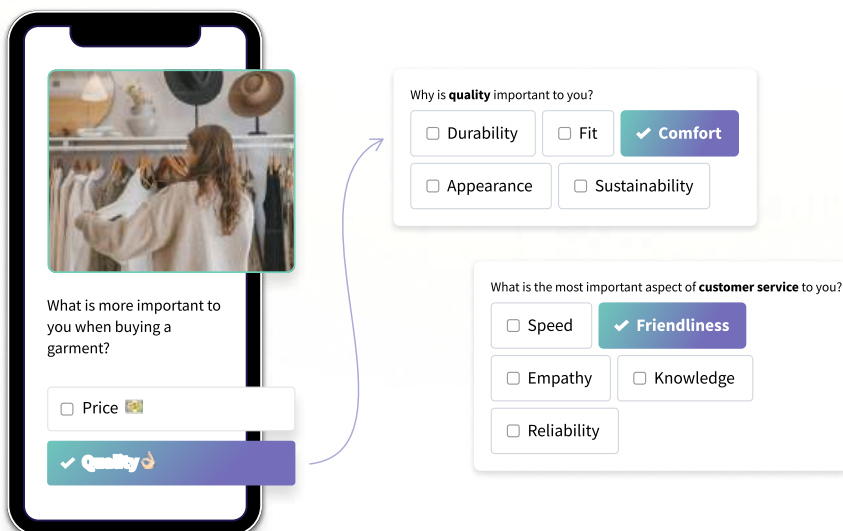
Follow these core principles to design pricing studies that deliver reliable, actionable results.

Successful pricing is part science, part art. It combines market data, consumer psychology, and a clear understanding of business objectives. Here are some key principles to guide you:

- **Start with your objectives.** Define what you are trying to achieve with your pricing study—revenue maximization, market share growth, product positioning—so you can choose the right method and metrics.
- **Know your audience.** Pricing that works for one segment might fail for another. Ensure your sample reflects the customers you want to attract and convert.
- **Test early and often.** Pricing research is most valuable when it informs decisions ahead of launch, but it can also help refine strategies post-launch as the market shifts.
- **Avoid guesswork.** Gut instinct has its place, but pricing decisions are too critical to leave to intuition alone. Evidence-backed decisions reduce risk and improve outcomes.
- **Consider context.** Your price exists within a competitive landscape. Understand where your competitors sit, but avoid simply mirroring their pricing.
- **Align internally.** Pricing affects every part of the business, from marketing to finance. Use data to build alignment and support for your chosen strategy.
- **Think long-term.** Price changes can impact perception and loyalty. Make sure short-term gains don't come at the cost of future growth.

QUICK CHECKLIST FOR SUCCESS:

- ✓ Ask clear, unbiased questions that avoid leading customers toward a price.
- ✓ Match the method to your research objective, not just what is easiest to run.
- ✓ Collect a representative sample that reflects your target audience.
- ✓ Factor in competitor pricing and market positioning.
- ✓ Balance simplicity with rigor for high-stakes decisions.



What is more important to you when buying a garment?

☐ Price 💰

☒ Quality 🧵

Why is **quality** important to you?

☐ Durability ☐ Fit ☒ Comfort

☐ Appearance ☐ Sustainability

What is the most important aspect of **customer service** to you?

☐ Speed ☒ Friendliness

☐ Empathy ☐ Knowledge

☐ Reliability

Run Smarter Pricing Studies with SightX

Build and launch **Gabor-Granger, Van Westendorp, or Conjoint studies** in minutes.

See **results in real time** with built-in demand curves and sensitivity charts so you can make confident pricing decisions faster.

Conclusion

Pricing is one of the most powerful levers in your business, and it is far too important to leave to guesswork. With the right research, you can uncover what customers truly value, identify the price points that maximize both revenue and adoption, and build internal alignment around your pricing strategy.

THE KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THIS GUIDE:

- **Start with clear objectives.** Define what success looks like before choosing a method.
- **Choose the right approach.** Gabor-Granger, Van Westendorp, and Conjoint each provide unique insights depending on your product and goals.
- **Balance simplicity with depth.** Even a quick pricing study can help you make smarter decisions, but deeper methods may be worth it for high-stakes launches.
- **Iterate as the market evolves.** Pricing is never “set and forget.” Test and refine over time.

SightX makes it simple to put these principles into practice. Whether you need to run a quick Gabor-Granger test, explore price sensitivity with Van Westendorp, or dive deep into feature trade-offs with Conjoint, you can do it all in one intuitive platform, and see results in real time.

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