

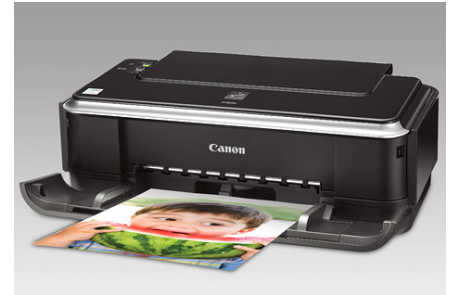
Tips on Megapixels and Print Size

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Suggested number of megapixels for high quality prints



If you print large photos and want to maintain fine detail, set your camera to its highest megapixel and quality settings. You can always crop or reduce an image size after it's taken, but enlarging a low resolution image can result in a print that is pixelated (individual pixels are visible).



Here are the suggested numbers of megapixels to use for common print sizes. If you crop images a lot, increase the minimum suggested megapixels.

Max Print Size	Minimum MP	Resolution
4 x 6"	2 megapixels	1600 x 1200
5 x 7"	3 megapixels	2048 x 1536
8 x 10"	5 megapixels	2560 x 1920
11 x 14"	6 megapixels	2816 x 2112
16 x 20"	8+ megapixels	3264 x 2468

It's important to point out that print quality depends on a number of factors, such as the visual quality of the original image and the type of printer, ink and paper used.

If you plan to do your own printing, get a photo printer and use high quality photo paper to obtain the best results.

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