

Paper sizes: A4 vs US Letter

A4 is **210 × 297 mm**. US Letter is **216 × 279 mm**. Letter is 5.9 mm wider and 17.6 mm shorter, and those 17.6 mm are why a PDF prints cut off.



Free unit converter, offline

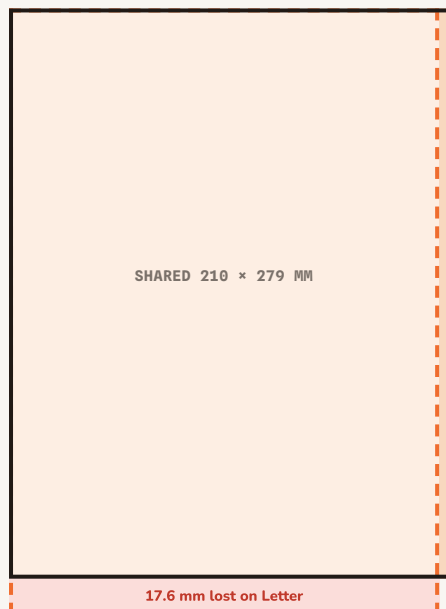
THE A SERIES (ISO 216)

SIZE	MILLIMETRES	INCHES	
A0	841 × 1189	33.11 × 46.81	Posters, plans
A1	594 × 841	23.39 × 33.11	Large posters
A2	420 × 594	16.54 × 23.39	Drawings
A3	297 × 420	11.69 × 16.54	Spreads, diagrams
A4	210 × 297	8.27 × 11.69	Standard sheet
A5	148 × 210	5.83 × 8.27	Notebooks, flyers
A6	105 × 148	4.13 × 5.83	Postcards
A7	74 × 105	2.91 × 4.13	Tickets
A8	52 × 74	2.05 × 2.91	Labels

NORTH AMERICAN SIZES (ASME Y14.1)

SIZE	INCHES	MILLIMETRES	
Letter (ANSI A)	8.5 × 11	216 × 279	US standard sheet
Legal	8.5 × 14	216 × 356	Contracts, deeds
Executive	7.25 × 10.5	184 × 267	Business letters
Tabloid (ANSI B)	11 × 17	279 × 432	Newsletters, plans
ANSI C	17 × 22	432 × 559	Engineering
ANSI D	22 × 34	559 × 864	Engineering
ANSI E	34 × 44	864 × 1118	Large plans

A4 AND LETTER, SAME CORNER



- A4, 210 × 297 mm
- Letter, 216 × 279 mm
- Shared zone, safe on both papers

The 210 × 279 mm rule

- Keep content inside **210 × 279 mm**, the area both sheets share.
- On A4, leave the bottom 18 mm empty. On Letter, the outer 3 mm of each side.
- A 25 mm margin all round on A4 already clears it.

Scaling and 2-up

- A4 onto Letter: **94 %**. Letter onto A4: **97 %**.
- Never scale a real measurement (sewing patterns, scale plans). Print at 100 %, "Actual size".
- 2 pages per sheet: exactly **71 %** on A4, about 65 % on Letter with a white band.

Fast answers

- A4: 21 × 29.7 cm, 8.27 × 11.69 in
- Letter: 21.6 × 27.9 cm, 8.5 × 11 in
- A4 at 300 dpi: 2480 × 3508 px
- Letter at 300 dpi: 2550 × 3300 px
- A4 has 3.4 % more area, Letter is the wider one
- Envelopes: C4 unfolded, C5 folded once, DL twice