

Basic Word - Page Counts

Common Word Lengths

Flash Fiction	300 - 1,500 words
Short Fiction	1,500 – 30,000 words
Novella	30,000 – 50,000 words
Novel	50,000 – 100,000 words
Epic	110,000 + words

Common Genre Word Lengths

General Fiction	80,000 – 110,000 words
Historical	80,000 – 100,000 words
Memoir	80,000 – 100,000 words
Mystery	80,000 – 90,000 words
Romance	70,000 – 100,000 words
Young Adult	55,000 – 70,000 words

CHILDREN'S BOOKS:

Picture Book	300 – 800 words
Early Reader	200 – 3,500 words
Chapter Book	4,000 – 10,000 words
Middle Grade	25,000 – 40,000 words

Trim Size of Books

Mass Market (sold in supermarkets, airports, drugstores, etc.)	4-1/4" x 7"
Trade Paperbacks (most self-published books)	6" x 9" to 5.5" x 8.5"
Manuals/Workbooks (directories, instructional books)	8" x 10" to 8.5" x 11"
Novels	5.5" x 8.5"
Longer Novels/Memoirs/Story collections	6" x 9"
General Nonfiction	6" x 9" to 7" x 10"

Estimating Page Count

Based on using: standard typeface like Garamond, 11 pt type size, standard margins, indented paragraphs, no extra lines between paragraphs

***Add on front and back matter:** title page, copyright page, table of contents, appendix, index, dedication, other additional pages

***Add on image pages:** number of images divided into rough sizes – full page, half page, quarter page

5 images @ 1 page = 5 pages
20 images @ .5 page = 10 pages
20 images @ .25 page = 5 pages

Trim Size 5.5" x 8.5" (word count divided by 390)

Novella	$30,000 \div 390 = 77$ pages
Short Novel	$50,000 \div 390 = 129$ pages
Novel	$70,000 \div 390 = 180$ pages
Novel/Memoir	$80,000 \div 390 = 205$ pages
Epic	$110,000 \div 390 = 282$ pages

Trim Size 6" x 9" (word count divided by 475)

Novella	$30,000 \div 475 = 63$ pages
Short Novel	$50,000 \div 475 = 105$ pages
Novel	$70,000 \div 475 = 148$ pages
Novel/Memoir	$80,000 \div 475 = 169$ pages
Epic	$110,000 \div 475 = 232$ pages