

First-Class Mail — Effective January 8, 2006

Letters and Flats

Weight Not Over Ounces	Nonautomation		Automation **								
	Letters, Flats, and Parcels		Letter-Size					Flat-Size			
	Single Piece	Presort	Mixed AADC	AADC	3-Digit Barcoded	5-Digit Barcoded	Carrier Route	Mixed AADC	AADC	3 Digit Barcoded	5 Digit Barcoded
1	0.39	0.371	0.326	0.317	0.308	0.293	0.290	0.359	0.351	0.339	0.318
2	0.63	0.608	0.563	0.554	0.545	0.530	0.527	0.596	0.588	0.576	0.555
3	0.87	0.802	0.757	0.748	0.739	0.724	0.721	0.790	0.782	0.770	0.749
4	1.11	1.039	0.994	0.985	0.976	0.961	0.958	1.027	1.019	1.007	0.986
5	1.35	1.276						1.264	1.256	1.244	1.223
6	1.59	1.513						1.501	1.493	1.481	1.460
7	1.83	1.750						1.738	1.730	1.718	1.697
8	2.07	1.987						1.975	1.967	1.955	1.934
9	2.31	2.224						2.212	2.204	2.192	2.171
10	2.55	2.461						2.449	2.441	2.429	2.408
11	2.79	2.698						2.686	2.678	2.666	2.645
12	3.03	2.935						2.923	2.915	2.903	2.882
13	3.27	3.172						3.160	3.152	3.140	3.119

- Additional ounce for full rate only: 0.240
- Computed postage included the additional ounce rate of: 0.237
- and a heavy piece discount rate of: 0.043
for presorted and automation rate pieces weighing more than 2 ounces.
- Nonmachinable surcharge may apply: Single piece \$0.13 or presorted \$0.058.
- Nonmachinable surcharge applies to Flats 1 ounce and less, letters with nonmachinable criteria.
- Repositionable Note charge: 0.005

** Weight may not exceed 3.3 ounces for letter-size mail. Pieces over 3 ounces are subject to additional standards.

Postcard

Nonautomation		Automation				
Single Piece	Presort	Mixed AADC	AADC	3-Digit Barcoded	5-Digit Barcoded	Carrier Route
0.24	0.233	0.204	0.197	0.193	0.186	0.179

Additional Requirements:

First-Class: Move Updates

Addresses appearing on all pieces claimed at presort and automation rates must be updated within 186 days before the mailing date by an USPS approved address update tool (e.g., Address Change Service, Address Correction Service, National Change of Address [NCOA^{Link}], or *FASTforward*SM).

Automation Mailings: Reply Enclosures

All letter-size reply cards and envelopes (business reply, courtesy reply, and metered reply mail) provided as enclosures in automation mail must meet the automation standards (FIM and barcodes, etc.) for enclosed reply cards and envelopes. If these standards are not met, the outgoing mailing may be denied automation discounts.

PRIORITY MAIL

Up to 1 pound, all zones, \$4.05: From 1 to 2 pounds, \$4.20 to \$6.05, dependent on Zone.
Over 1 pound, need ZONE charts and weight (maximum of 70 pounds).

EXPRESS MAIL

Weight Not Over (lb.)	Next Day & Second Day PO to PO	Next Day & Second Day PO to Addressee
1/2	10.95	14.40
1	15.40	18.80

Refer to USPS Rate Fold Charts, or call your local Post Office for more rates.

Automation Sizes

Postcard	DIMENSIONS	Minimum	Maximum
	Height	3 ½"	4 ¼"
	Length	5"	6"
	Thickness	0.007"	0.016"

Aspect Ratio	Between 1.3 and 2.5 (Length divided by Height)
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Any card stock larger than the maximum size of a postcard is NOT a postcard. It may be a letter or a flat, depending on its size.

Letter	DIMENSIONS	Minimum	Maximum
	Height	3 ½"	6-1/8"
	Length	5"	11 ½"
	Thickness	0.007" or 0.009" if over 4 ¼" x 6"	0.25"
Aspect Ratio	Between 1.3 and 2.5 (Length divided by Height)		

Letters and postcards must meet the aspect ratio or be subject to a surcharge. This applies to ALL classes of mail.

Flat General	DIMENSIONS	Minimum	Maximum
	Height	5"	12"
	Length	6"	15"
	Thickness	0.009"	.75"

Additional Minimums and maximums apply to specific USPS processing equipment. See the DMM for additional information.

Standard Mail — Effective January 8, 2006

Return Mail rates

Weight	First-Class Rate	Weighted Rate for Endorsements *
Not exceeding 1 ozs.	0.390	.96
Over 1 oz., but not exceeding 2 ozs.	0.630	1.56
Over 2 ozs., but not exceeding 3 ozs.	0.827	2.04
Over 3 ozs., but not exceeding 4 ozs.	1.067	2.64
Over 4 ozs., but not exceeding 5 ozs.	1.307	3.23
Over 5 ozs., but not exceeding 6 ozs.	1.547	3.82
Over 6 ozs., but not exceeding 7 ozs.	1.787	4.42
Over 7 ozs., but not exceeding 8 ozs.	2.027	5.01
Over 8 ozs., but not exceeding 9 ozs.	2.267	5.60
Over 9 ozs., but not exceeding 10 ozs.	2.507	6.20
Over 10 ozs., but not exceeding 11 ozs.	2.747	6.79
Over 11 ozs., but not exceeding 12 ozs.	2.987	7.38
Over 12ozs., but less than 13 ozs.	3.227	7.98
Over 13 ozs., but less than 16 ozs. (Priority Mail)	4.050	10.01

* The weighted fee is used for some Standard Mail endorsements for returned mailpieces.

The weighted fee is the appropriate single-piece First-Class rate, multiplied by a factor of 2.472.

Additional Charges/Discounts

Nonmachinable Surcharge	Presorted regular	.042
	Presorted nonprofit	.021
Standard Mail Residual Shape Surcharge: Presorted parcels, regular and nonprofit		.242
Standard Mail Residual Shape Surcharge: Enhanced Carrier Route parcels, regular and nonprofit		.211
Barcode discount for machinable parcels		.03

STANDARD MAIL — Effective January 8, 2006

Standard Mail Regular		Regular Pieces weighing 3.3 ounces or less						Enhanced Carrier Route Pieces weighing 3.3 ounces or less			
		Presorted		Automation				Auto Basic	Basic	High Density	Saturation
		Basic	3/5	Mixed AADC	AADC	3-Digit	5-Digit				
REGULAR BULK LETTER Size	None	0.282	0.261	0.231	0.223	0.214	0.200	0.180	0.204	.0173	0.160
	BMC	0.260	0.239	0.209	0.201	0.192	0.178	0.158	0.182	.0151	0.138
	SCF	0.255	0.234	--	0.196	0.187	0.173	0.153	0.177	.0146	0.133
	DDU	---	---	---	---	---	---	0.147	0.171	.0140	0.127
REGULAR BULK NONLETTER (FLAT) Size	None	0.363	0.304	0.316		0.275			0.204	0.178	0.169
	BMC	0.341	0.282	0.294		0.253			0.182	0.156	0.147
	SCF	0.336	0.277	0.289		0.248			0.177	0.151	0.142
	DDU	---	---	---		---			0.171	0.145	0.136
REGULAR BULK Piece/Pound Rates Each piece is subject to both a piece and pound rate.		Pieces weighing over 3.3 ounces						Pieces weighing over 3.3 ounces			
	Per Piece	0.209	0.150	0.162		0.121			0.071	0.045	0.036
	Per Pound	PLUS	PLUS	PLUS		PLUS			PLUS	PLUS	PLUS
	None	0.746	0.746	0.746		0.746			0.643	0.643	0.643
	BMC	0.641	0.641	0.641		0.641			0.538	0.538	0.538
	SCF	0.614	0.614	0.614		0.614			0.511	0.511	0.511
DDU	---	---	---		---			0.477	0.477	0.477	

Nonprofit (Special)		Regular Pieces weighing 3.3 ounces or less						Enhanced Carrier Route Pieces weighing 3.3 ounces or less			
		Presorted		Automation				Auto Basic	Basic	High Density	Saturation
		Basic	3/5	Mixed AADC	AADC	3-Digit	5-Digit				
NONPROFIT LETTER-Size	None	0.170	0.158	0.148	0.140	0.133	0.118	0.117	0.140	0.113	0.105
	BMC	0.148	0.136	0.126	0.118	0.111	0.096	0.095	0.118	0.091	0.083
	SCF	0.143	0.131	--	0.113	0.106	0.091	0.090	0.113	0.086	0.078
	DDU	---	---	---	---	---	---	0.084	0.107	0.080	0.072
NONPROFIT NONLETTER (FLAT) Size	None	0.237	0.189	0.195		0.171		NA	0.140	0.122	0.116
	BMC	0.215	0.167	0.173		0.149			0.118	0.100	0.094
	SCF	0.210	0.162	0.168		0.144			0.113	0.095	0.089
	DDU	---	---	---		---			0.107	0.089	0.083
NONPROFIT Piece/Pound Rates Each piece is subject to both a piece and pound rate.		Pieces weighing over 3.3 ounces						Pieces weighing over 3.3 ounces			
	Per Piece	0.113	0.065	0.071		0.047		NA	0.055	0.037	0.031
	Per Pound	PLUS	PLUS	PLUS		PLUS			PLUS	PLUS	PLUS
	None	0.602	0.602	0.602		0.602			0.411	0.411	0.411
	BMC	0.497	0.497	0.497		0.497			0.306	0.306	0.306
	SCF	0.470	0.470	0.470		0.470			0.279	0.279	0.279
DDU	---	---	---		---			0.245	0.245	0.245	

Note: Automation letters that weigh between 3.3 and 3.5 ounces can receive a discount that equals the applicable nonletter piece rate (3.3 ounces or less) minus the applicable letter piece rate (3.3 ounces or less). This allows mailers to avoid the substantial rate difference for letter-shaped pieces that can be processed as heavy letter mail.

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Standard Mail Residual Shape Surcharge:	Enhanced Carrier Route parcels, regular and nonprofit	0.211
Barcode discount for machinable parcels		0.03
Repositionable Note Charge	Regular and Nonprofit	0.015

Special Services and Fees — Effective January 8, 2006

Business Reply Mail		
BRM permit fee, per 12 month period		160.00
BRM accounting fee, per 12-month period		500.00
Optional Quarterly QB RM fee		1,900.00
Active Business Reply Advance Deposit Account		
Qualified (without optional Quarterly fee)		0.06
Qualified (with optional Quarterly fee)		0.008
Other		0.11
Payment of Postage Due charges		0.65
Address Correction		
Per manual correction		.75
Per automated correction		.21
Other Fees		
Permit Imprint—one-time fee, if permit is kept active within 24-month period		160.00
First-Class annual presort fee, per 12-month period		160.00
Standard Mail bulk mailing fee, per 12-month period		160.00
Destination BMC Rate Mailing Fee, per 12-month period		160.00
Registered Mail		
Without Postal Insurance	Minimum	7.90
Certified Mail		
Per Piece, plus First-Class postage		2.40
Certificate of Mailing		
Individual article listing		.95
Additional copies of Form 3817 or mailing bill, per page		.95
Firm mailing books, per article listed		.30
Bulk Quantities	Up to 1,000 pieces (1 certificate for total number)	4.75
	Each additional 1,000 pieces or fractions thereof	.58
	Duplicate copy	.95
Insured Mail		
Per piece, depending on liability, plus First-Class postage	Minimum	1.35
Collect on Delivery (COD)		
Fee per item in addition to postage and other fees	Minimum	4.75
Return Receipt		
Requested at time of mailing—showing signature and date delivered		1.85
Requested after mailing—showing signature and date		3.45
Electronic		1.35
Return Receipt for Merchandise		
Requested at time of mailing—showing signature, date, and address		3.15
Restricted Delivery		
Fee per item in addition to postage and other fees		3.70