

2015 USPS® POSTAGE RATE INCREASE GUIDE

Learn the USPS rate changes for each mail class — domestic and international as well as rate changes for special services.

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NEW RATES START:
SUNDAY
MAY 31, 2015



2015 USPS Commercial Base (online postage) prices by mail class:

| Mail Class | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | Increase |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| First-Class Mail® Letter (1 oz.) - Retail/Post Office Rate* | \$0.49 | \$0.49 | \$0.00 |
| First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) - Metered Mail/Stamps.com Rate | \$0.485 | \$0.48 | \$0.005 |
| First-Class Letters - Additional Ounces | \$0.22 | \$0.21 | \$0.01 |
| First-Class Flat/Large Envelope (1 oz.) | \$0.98 | \$0.98 | \$0.00 |
| First-Class Flat/Large Envelope - Additional Ounces | \$0.22 | \$0.21 | \$0.01 |
| First-Class Letters International (1 oz.) | \$1.20 | \$1.15 | \$0.05 |
| Postcards | \$0.35 | \$0.34 | \$0.01 |
| Priority Mail Express® (0.5 lb.) | | NO CHANGE | |
| Priority Mail® (1 lb.) | | NO CHANGE | |
| First-Class Package Service (1 lb.) | \$2.04 | \$1.93 | \$0.11 |
| Parcel Select (1 lb.) | \$5.70 and up | \$5.55 and up | \$0.15 and up |
| Media Mail® (1 lb.) | \$2.72 | \$2.69 | \$0.03 |
| Standard Post™ (1 lb.) - Retail/Post Office Rate* | \$5.75 and up | \$5.75 and up | \$0.00 and up |
| Global Express Guaranteed® (0.5 lb.) | \$46.91 and up | \$48.40 and up | -\$1.49 and up |
| Priority Mail Express International® (0.5 lb.) | \$35.53 and up | \$33.24 and up | \$2.29 and up |
| Priority Mail International® (1 lb.) Canada | \$26.75 and up | \$27.13 and up | -\$0.38 and up |
| Priority Mail International (1 lb.) Other Countries | \$32.63 and up | \$31.93 and up | \$0.70 and up |
| First-Class Package International Service® (1 lb.) | \$10.58 and up | \$9.50 and up | \$1.08 and up |

Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail Rates are NOT increasing in 2015!

What's new in 2015?

Listed here are the changes to USPS products and services for both domestic and international mail classes in 2015.



Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express rates are **NOT INCREASING** in 2015.



For customers who print postage online or use a postage meter, the **"Metered Mail"** rate for a 1 oz. First-Class Letter will increase by \$0.005 to \$0.485 from \$0.48.



The USPS will expand the **Adult Signature Service** to include First-Class Package Service and Parcel Select Lightweight pieces.



Unlike UPS and FedEx, the USPS **DOES NOT** charge **DIM** weight prices for packages that are less than 1 cubic foot (12" x 12" x 12").



The USPS will introduce new zone-based pricing for Priority Mail International packages shipping to **Canada**. These shipments will be divided into 7 pricing zones or sub-country groups numbered from 1.1 to 1.8.



Shippers must include an **Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpB)** tracking label when sending First-Class Package Service, Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express and Parcel Select. There is no change to First-Class Letters, Large Envelopes and Postcards.



First-Class Mail (Letters, Postcards and Flats)

First-Class Mail is a service that delivers envelopes weighing up to 3.5 ounces and flats up to 13 ounces. This service is ideal and cost-effective for letters, bills, large envelopes, and postcards. This mail class offers delivery between one and three days within the U.S.

Changes to First-Class Mail in 2015

Letter Rates

First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) retail rate stay the same at \$0.49 in 2015. Each additional ounce will cost an extra \$0.22 (one cent increase from 2014).

Online Postage

For those who print postage online or on a postage meter, the "Metered Mail" rate for a First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) will increase by \$0.005 to \$0.485 from \$0.48 in 2014.

Flats/Large Envelopes

First-Class Mail Flats/Large Envelopes (1 oz.) rates will stay the same at \$0.98 in 2015. Each additional ounce will cost an extra \$0.22 (one cent increase from 2014).

Postcards

Postcard rates will increase one cent to \$0.35 from \$0.34.

| | Post Office/Retail Rates | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| First-Class Mail Letters | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | Increase |
| First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) | \$0.49 | \$0.49 | \$0.00 |
| Metered Mail (1 oz.) - Online Postage Providers and Postage Meters | \$0.485 | \$0.48 | \$0.005 |
| First-Class Mail Letter - each additional ounce | \$0.22 | \$0.21 | \$0.01 |
| First-Class Mail Flat/Large Envelope (1 oz.) | \$0.98 | \$0.98 | \$0.00 |
| First-Class Mail Flat/Large Envelope - each additional ounce | \$0.22 | \$0.21 | \$0.01 |
| First-Class Mail Letter International (1 oz.) | \$1.20 | \$1.15 | \$0.05 |
| Postcard | \$0.35 | \$0.34 | \$0.01 |



When to use

Use First-Class Mail if your mailpiece is less than 13 ounces and doesn't need overnight delivery or USPS Tracking™.

**PRIORITY
MAIL
EXPRESS**

OUR FASTEST SERVICE IN THE U.S.

- GUARANTEED DELIVERY DATE*
- GUARANTEED DELIVERY TIME**
- USPS TRACKING INCLUDED
- INSURANCE INCLUDED
- PICKUP AVAILABLE
- SIGNATURE INCLUDED

*Only Available for U.S. Destinations
and limited International Destinations
†U.S. Destinations Only

Priority Mail Express

Priority Mail Express is the fastest service the USPS offers. It provides regular and overnight delivery to most U.S. addresses, including P.O. Boxes. This mail class offers delivery between one and two days in the U.S. with a maximum allowable package weight of 70 pounds.

Changes to Priority Mail Express in 2015

No Rate Increase

Priority Mail Express rates are not changing and will continue to start at \$13.09 for online postage customers.

Online Discounts

The maximum discount off retail rates is 54% when buying Priority Mail Express online.

| Priority Mail Express | Post Office/Retail Rates | | Stamps.com Rates | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates |
| Priority Mail Express Flat Rate Envelope | NO CHANGE | \$19.99 | NO CHANGE | \$18.11 |
| Priority Mail Express Padded Flat Rate Envelope | NO CHANGE | \$19.99 | NO CHANGE | \$18.11 |
| Priority Mail Express Flat Rate Legal Envelope | NO CHANGE | \$19.99 | NO CHANGE | \$18.11 |
| Priority Mail Express Flat Rate Box | NO CHANGE | \$44.95 | NO CHANGE | \$44.95 |
| Priority Mail Express (0.5 lb.) | NO CHANGE | \$16.95 and up | NO CHANGE | \$13.09 and up |
| Priority Mail Express (1 lb.) | NO CHANGE | \$17.95 and up | NO CHANGE | \$15.13 and up |
| Priority Mail Express (2 lb.) | NO CHANGE | \$19.15 and up | NO CHANGE | \$15.58 and up |
| Priority Mail Express (3 lb.) | NO CHANGE | \$20.05 and up | NO CHANGE | \$15.94 and up |



When to use

Use Priority Mail Express when you need a mailpiece delivered as fast as possible, regardless of price.



Priority Mail

Priority Mail is an expedited service that provides delivery anywhere in the U.S. within two to three days. The maximum allowable package weight for this mail class is 70 pounds.

Changes to Priority Mail in 2015

No Rate Increase

Priority Mail rates are not changing and will continue to start at \$5.05 for online postage customers.

Online Discounts

The maximum discount off retail rates will stay at 49%.

| | Post Office/Retail Rates | | Stamps.com Rates | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Priority Mail | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates |
| Priority Mail Flat Rate Envelope | NO CHANGE | \$5.75 | NO CHANGE | \$5.05 |
| Priority Mail Padded Flat Rate Envelope | NO CHANGE | \$6.10 | NO CHANGE | \$5.70 |
| Priority Mail Flat Rate Legal Envelope | NO CHANGE | \$5.90 | NO CHANGE | \$5.25 |
| Priority Mail Small Flat Rate Box | NO CHANGE | \$5.95 | NO CHANGE | \$5.25 |
| Priority Mail Medium Flat Rate Box | NO CHANGE | \$12.65 | NO CHANGE | \$11.30 |
| Priority Mail Large Flat Rate Box | NO CHANGE | \$17.90 | NO CHANGE | \$15.80 |
| Priority Mail APO/FPO/DPO Large Flat Rate Box | NO CHANGE | \$15.90 | NO CHANGE | \$13.80 |
| Priority Mail Regional Rate Box A | NO CHANGE | \$6.07 and up | NO CHANGE | \$5.32 and up |
| Priority Mail Regional Rate Box B | NO CHANGE | \$6.91 and up | NO CHANGE | \$6.16 and up |
| Priority Mail Regional Rate Box C | NO CHANGE | \$10.60 and up | NO CHANGE | \$9.85 and up |
| Priority Mail (1 lb.) | NO CHANGE | \$5.75 and up | NO CHANGE | \$5.05 and up |
| Priority Mail (2 lb.) | NO CHANGE | \$5.95 and up | NO CHANGE | \$5.32 and up |
| Priority Mail (3 lb.) | NO CHANGE | \$6.70 and up | NO CHANGE | \$5.49 and up |



When to use

Use Priority Mail if you are shipping more than 13 ounces, specifically if you want fast delivery for a low price.



First-Class Package Service (Parcels)

First-Class Package Service is a fast, affordable delivery service for packages weighing up to 13 ounces. This mail class offers one to three day delivery within the U.S.



Changes to First-Class Package Service in 2015

5.1% Average Rate Increase
First-Class Package Service rates will start at \$2.04 (previously at \$1.93) for online postage customers.

Online Discounts
For the purchase of First-Class Package Service postage online, the maximum discount off retail rates will increase to 25% (previously 22%).

| First-Class Package Service | Post Office/Retail Rates | | Stamps.com Rates | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates |
| First-Class Package Service (1 oz.) | \$2.54 | \$2.32 | \$2.04 | \$1.93 |
| First-Class Package Service (2 oz.) | \$2.54 | \$2.32 | \$2.04 | \$1.93 |
| First-Class Package Service (3 oz.) | \$2.54 | \$2.32 | \$2.04 | \$1.93 |
| First-Class Package Service (4 oz.) | \$2.74 | \$2.50 | \$2.13 | \$2.01 |
| First-Class Package Service (5 oz.) | \$2.94 | \$2.68 | \$2.22 | \$2.09 |



Tip: Use First-Class Package Service for Small Parcels
The cheapest, quickest way to track and ship a small package under 13 ounces is with First-Class Package Service. The service provides next-day delivery to local destinations and includes free USPS Tracking.



When to use
Use First-Class Package Service if your package is 13 ounces or less.



Parcel Select (Non-Presort)

Large- and medium-sized shippers looking for an economical ground delivery service use Parcel Select. The mail class offers the lowest cost option from the USPS for ground delivery. Distance, weight and dimensions of the mailpiece determine the price. Parcel Select offers U.S. delivery within two to eight days, depending on the destination. The maximum allowable package weight for Parcel Select is 70 lbs.

Changes to Parcel Select in 2015

9.8% Average Rate Increase

Parcel Select rates will start at \$5.70 (previously at \$5.55) for online postage customers.

Rate Decrease in Zones 1-4

For packages weighing between 6 lbs. and 24 lbs that shipping to Zones 1 – 4, Parcel Select rates are decreasing.

No Rate Increase for 25-70 lb. Packages

There are no price increases for Parcel Select packages weighing between 25 lbs. and 70 lbs. shipping to Zones 1 to 4.

| Parcel Select | Post Office/Retail Rates | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | Increase |
| Parcel Select (1 lb.) | \$5.70 and up | \$5.55 and up | \$0.15 and up |
| Parcel Select (2 lb.) | \$5.90 and up | \$5.75 and up | \$0.15 and up |
| Parcel Select (3 lb.) | \$6.65 and up | \$6.45 and up | \$0.20 and up |
| Parcel Select (4 lb.) | \$7.50 and up | \$7.30 and up | \$0.20 and up |
| Parcel Select (5 lb.) | \$8.90 and up | \$8.65 and up | \$0.25 and up |



Tip: Use Parcel Select to Save on Heavy Items

When cost savings are all-important, Parcel Select is your best option for shipping heavy items. You can save up to 31% compared to Priority Mail rates and ship packages that measure up to 130" in length and girth.



When to use

Use Parcel Select if low shipping rates are more important than delivery speed.





Standard Post

Standard Post is a low-cost ground service for less-than-urgent deliveries and oversized packages. Distance, weight and dimensions of the mailpiece determine the price. This mail class offers U.S. delivery within two to eight days, depending on the destination. The maximum allowable package weight for Standard Post packages is 70 pounds.

Changes to Standard Post in 2015

11.4% Average Rate Increase

Standard Post rates will start at \$5.75 (same as a 1 lb. retail Priority Mail package going to Zones 1 and 2).

Restrictions

You can only buy Standard Post at the Post Office.

| Standard Post | Post Office/Retail Rates | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | Increase |
| Standard Post (1 lb.) | \$5.75 and up | \$5.60 and up | \$0.15 and up |
| Standard Post (2 lb.) | \$5.95 and up | \$5.80 and up | \$0.15 and up |
| Standard Post (3 lb.) | \$6.70 and up | \$6.50 and up | \$0.20 and up |
| Standard Post (4 lb.) | \$7.55 and up | \$7.35 and up | \$0.20 and up |
| Standard Post (5 lb.) | \$8.95 and up | \$8.70 and up | \$0.25 and up |



When to use

Use Standard Post if your shipment is ineligible for Media Mail, low shipping rates are more important than speed, and your package weighs over 10 pounds.



Media Mail

Media Mail is a service restricted to the delivery of books, film, audio and other recorded media. This mail class offers U.S. delivery within two to ten days, depending on the destination. The maximum allowable package weight for Media Mail is 70 pounds.

Changes to Media Mail in 2015

6.2% Average Rate Increase

Media Mail rates will start at \$2.72 (previously at \$2.69).

Free Tracking

Starting on May 31, 2015, there will be no charge to track USPS Media Mail packages. Previously, the cost to add electronic USPS Tracking for Media Mail was \$0.23.

| Media Mail | Post Office/Retail Rates | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | Increase |
| Media Mail (1 lb.) | \$2.72 | \$2.69 | \$0.03 |
| Media Mail (2 lb.) | \$3.22 | \$3.17 | \$0.05 |
| Media Mail (3 lb.) | \$3.72 | \$3.65 | \$0.07 |
| Media Mail (4 lb.) | \$4.22 | \$4.13 | \$0.09 |
| Media Mail (5 lb.) | \$4.72 | \$4.61 | \$0.11 |



Tip: Use Media Mail for Eligible Items

If you send books, CDs or DVDs, Media Mail is a cost-effective mail service. The weight and size of your mail piece, not the distance to the destination, determine rates. This makes Media Mail particularly valuable for packages sent long distances. You can save big if your mail qualifies.



When to use

Use Media Mail if you're sending media-specific items as defined by the USPS and longer transit times are acceptable.



Global Express Guaranteed

Global Express Guaranteed is the USPS' fastest international service. This service offers date-specific delivery in one to three business days* to over 190 countries. FedEx Express manages transportation and delivery. The maximum allowable package weight for this mail class is 70 pounds.

Changes to Global Express Guaranteed in 2015

Rate Decrease

Global Express Guaranteed rates are decreasing and will start at \$46.91 (previously \$48.40) for online postage customers.

| | Post Office/Retail Rates | | Stamps.com Rates | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Global Express Guaranteed | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates |
| Global Express Guaranteed (0.5 lb.) | \$55.85 and up | \$51.50 and up | \$46.91 and up | \$48.40 and up |
| Global Express Guaranteed (1 lb.) | \$65.75 and up | \$60.75 and up | \$55.23 and up | \$56.52 and up |
| Global Express Guaranteed (2 lb.) | \$70.20 and up | \$65.00 and up | \$58.97 and up | \$59.60 and up |
| Global Express Guaranteed (3 lb.) | \$74.65 and up | \$69.25 and up | \$62.71 and up | \$64.73 and up |



When to use

Global Express Guaranteed is the only USPS option if you need a package delivered internationally within one to three business days.

*For many major markets. Average number of days may vary.



Priority Mail Express International

Priority Mail Express International offers delivery to over 190 countries within three to five days. This mail class offers date-specific delivery and a money-back guarantee* when shipping to select countries. The maximum allowable package weight for Priority Mail Express International is 70 pounds.

Changes to Priority Mail Express International in 2015

6.7% Average Rate Increase

Priority Mail Express International rates will start at \$35.53 (previously \$33.24) for online postage customers.

Online Discounts

For the purchase of Priority Mail Express International postage online, the maximum discount off retail rates will increase to 13% (previously 10%).

| Priority Mail Express International | Post Office/Retail Rates | | Stamps.com Rates | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates |
| Priority Mail Express International (0.5 lb.) | \$38.00 and up | \$32.25 and up | \$35.53 and up | \$33.24 and up |
| Priority Mail Express International (1 lb.) | \$41.75 and up | \$38.75 and up | \$39.04 and up | \$36.19 and up |
| Priority Mail Express International (2 lb.) | \$46.20 and up | \$42.90 and up | \$42.00 and up | \$39.27 and up |
| Priority Mail Express International (3 lb.) | \$50.65 and up | \$47.05 and up | \$46.04 and up | \$43.11 and up |
| Priority Mail Express International Flat Rate Box - Canada | \$71.50 | \$66.95 | \$65.75 | \$61.60 |
| Priority Mail Express International Flat Rate Box - Other Countries | \$90.95 | \$84.95 | \$83.75 | \$78.25 |
| Priority Mail Express International Flat Rate Envelopes - Canada | \$38.50 | \$35.95 | \$35.50 | \$33.00 |
| Priority Mail Express International Flat Rate Envelopes - Other Countries | \$49.95 | \$46.50 | \$45.95 | \$42.75 |



When to use

Use Priority Mail Express International for shipments you need to deliver in three to five days. This service is especially useful if the destination qualifies for date-specific delivery and a money-back guarantee.

* Some restrictions apply. Visit usps.com for restriction details.



[Find more info on Priority Mail Express International.](#)



Priority Mail International

Priority Mail International is an international, cost effective service that delivers mailpieces and packages weighing up to 70 pounds to over 190 countries. This mail class offers international delivery in six to ten days.

Changes to Priority Mail International in 2015

5.5% Average Rate Increase

Online postage prices for Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes and Boxes will increase in 2015 and start at \$20.85 (previously \$19.50).

Online Discounts

For the purchase of Priority Mail International postage online, the maximum discount off retail rates will increase up to 13% (previously up to 12%).

New Zones

The USPS is introducing Zone-based pricing for Priority Mail International packages sent to Canada. These shipments will split into 7 pricing zones with online postage rates ranging from \$26.75 to \$32.63 for a 1 lb. package.

New Weight Limit

The maximum allowable package weight for Group 17 (Netherlands) will increase to 66 lbs from 44 lbs.

| Priority Mail International | Post Office/Retail Rates | | Stamps.com Rates | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates |
| Priority Mail International (1 lb.) - Canada | \$30.75 and up | \$29.25 and up | \$26.75 and up | \$27.13 and up |
| Priority Mail International (1 lb.) - Other Countries | \$37.50 and up | \$34.50 and up | \$32.63 and up | \$31.93 and up |
| Priority Mail International (2 lb.) - Canada | \$33.20 and up | \$31.60 and up | \$28.88 and up | \$28.47 and up |
| Priority Mail International (2 lb.) - Other Countries | \$40.90 and up | \$37.65 and up | \$35.58 and up | \$33.78 and up |
| Priority Mail International (3 lb.) - Canada | \$35.65 and up | \$33.95 and up | \$31.02 and up | \$30.66 and up |
| Priority Mail International (3 lb.) - Other Countries | \$44.30 and up | \$40.80 and up | \$38.54 and up | \$36.62 and up |
| Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes - Canada | \$21.95 | \$20.55 | \$20.85 | \$19.50 |
| Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes - Other Countries | \$26.50 | \$24.75 | \$25.25 | \$23.50 |
| Priority Mail International Small Flat Rate Box - Canada | \$21.95 | \$20.55 | \$20.85 | \$19.50 |
| Priority Mail International Small Flat Rate Box - Other Countries | \$26.50 | \$24.75 | \$25.25 | \$23.50 |
| Priority Mail International Medium Flat Rate Box - Canada | \$45.25 | \$42.25 | \$42.95 | \$40.15 |
| Priority Mail International Medium Flat Rate Box - Other Countries | \$66.25 | \$61.75 | \$62.95 | \$58.65 |
| Priority Mail International Large Flat Rate Box - Canada | \$59.75 | \$55.75 | \$56.75 | \$52.95 |
| Priority Mail International Large Flat Rate Box - Other Countries | \$86.25 | \$80.50 | \$81.95 | \$76.50 |





First-Class Package International Service

First-Class Package International Service is the USPS' most affordable international service for the delivery of small packages to over 190 countries. The maximum weight for this mail class is four pounds, and delivery time varies by destination.

Changes to First-Class Package International Service in 2015

7.2% Average Rate Increase

Online postage rates for First-Class Package International Service will start at \$10.58 for packages (previously \$9.50).

Online Discounts

First-Class Package International Service now offers Commercial Base discounts of up to 10% off retail rates (previously 13%).

| First-Class Package International Service | Post Office/Retail Rates | | Stamps.com Rates | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates |
| First-Class Package International Service Price Group 1 Canada (1 lb.) | \$11.75 | \$10.95 | \$10.58 | \$9.50 |
| First-Class Package International Service Price Group 2 Mexico (1 lb.) | \$16.15 | \$15.05 | \$14.54 | \$13.55 |
| First-Class Package International Service Price Group 3 - 5 Asia, Europe, Aus (1 lb.) | \$17.95 | \$16.75 | \$16.16 | \$15.08 |
| First-Class Package International Service Price Group 6 - 9 Other Countries (1 lb.) | \$17.50 | \$16.25 | \$15.75 | \$14.63 |



Tip: International service updates on USPS.com

The International Service Updates page on usps.com is a great resource for international shippers. Learn about current mailing conditions worldwide and stay updated on potential delays in mail delivery caused by natural disasters or labor disputes in destination countries. Communicate any delays to buyers early to manage expectations.



When to use

Use First-Class Package International Service if you are shipping small, inexpensive items such as books, health and beauty products, clothing, or accessories weighing under four pounds.



USPS Special Services

Changes to USPS Special Services in 2015

| Special Services | Description | Post Office/Retail Rates | | Stamps.com Rates | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates | 2015 Postage Rates | 2014 Postage Rates |
| Certified Mail® | Provides proof of mailing at time of mailing and the date and time of delivery or attempted delivery. Purchasing Certified Mail service allows customers to then purchase Restricted Delivery service or a Return Receipt. | \$3.45 | \$3.30 | Same as Post Office | Same as Post Office |
| Registered Mail | Provides the sender with a mailing receipt and, when requested, electronic verification that an article was delivered. The most secure service that the USPS offers. | \$12.20 and up | \$11.95 and up | Same as Post Office | Same as Post Office |
| USPS Tracking | Provides the mailer with information about the date and time an article was delivered. This service is FREE on Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, First-Class Package Service and Parcel Select packages when you use Stamps.com. | \$0.00 | \$1.05 | Same as Post Office | \$0.23 |
| Signature Confirmation™ | Provides the date and time of delivery or attempted delivery and the name of the person who signed for the item. | \$3.00 | \$2.90 | \$2.45 | \$2.35 |
| Certificate of Mailing | Provides ability to mail an article for which the mailer has not been paid and have its price and the cost of the postage collected from the recipient. The recipient has the option to pay the charges using either cash or check. | \$1.35 | \$1.30 | Same as Post Office | Same as Post Office |
| Collect on Delivery | Provides ability to mail an article for which the mailer has not been paid and have its price and the cost of the postage collected from the recipient. The recipient has the option to pay the charges using either cash or check. | \$7.25 and up | \$6.95 and up | Same as Post Office | Same as Post Office |
| Return Receipt (at time of mailing) | Provides a mailer with evidence of delivery (to whom the mail was delivered and date of delivery), along with information about the recipient's actual delivery address. Choose from a return receipt by mail or electronically. | \$2.80 | \$2.70 | Same as Post Office | Same as Post Office |
| Restricted Delivery | Restricted Delivery service ensures that only a specified person will receive a piece of mail. This service is only available if you also purchase Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD, or Registered Mail. | \$5.15 | \$5.05 | Same as Post Office | Same as Post Office |
| Adult Signature (Basic) | Provides electronic confirmation of the delivery or attempted delivery of the mailpiece and, upon request, the recipient's signature. Recipient must furnish proof of age via a driver's license, passport, or other government-issued photo identification that lists age or date of birth prior to delivery. | Must be purchased online | Must be purchased online | \$5.50 | \$5.20 |
| Adult Signature (Person Specific) | Provides the same service as Adult Signature Required with the additional restriction of limiting delivery to a specific addressee or authorized agent who is 21 years of age or older. If the specific addressee is not 21 years of age or older, the mailpiece will be returned to sender. | Must be purchased online | Must be purchased online | \$5.75 | \$5.45 |

Frequently asked questions

Are Forever Stamps purchased before May 31, 2015 still valid to use once the new rates go into effect?

Yes, Forever Stamps purchased from the Post Office (or another location) will remain valid. You can use Forever Stamps to mail a one-ounce First-Class Mail letter, even after May 31, 2015.

I have a supply of stamps printed with \$0.48 from Stamps.com. Can I use those or do I need to add more postage to the letters?

Since the "Metered Mail" or Stamps.com rate is now \$0.485 to send a one-ounce First-Class letter, you will need to add postage worth \$0.005 to your letter.

Can I buy the \$0.485 "Metered Rate" postage stamps at the Post Office?

No, the "Metered Rate" \$0.485 postage stamps can only be printed using an approved PC Postage/online postage vendor such as Stamps.com or through a postage meter. The "Metered Rate" \$0.485 stamps cannot be purchased at the Post Office.

How do I get Commercial Base discounts for printing postage online?

You automatically qualify for Commercial Base pricing if you print shipping labels using Stamps.com (or any online postage vendor). These rates should be automatically calculated when you print postage.

What is the new USPS Intelligent Mail Barcode requirement?

Effective Sunday, January 25, 2015, the USPS requires shippers to use an Intelligent Mail Package Barcode (IMpB) tracking label on all First-Class, Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express and Parcel Select packages. First-Class Mail letters, Large Envelopes and Postcards are not affected by this new USPS requirement. Stamps.com customers printing shipping labels need not worry. Stamps.com automatically generates shipping labels containing the IMpB-compliant tracking barcode. Our customers will also continue to receive discounted rates.

Are online postage rates for Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express changing in 2015?

No, there are no changes in price for Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express in 2015.

Can anyone use Regional Rate boxes or are they only for large quantity shippers?

Anyone can ship using Regional Rate Boxes, regardless of the number of packages shipped. If you buy postage for a Regional Rate Box at the Post Office, you will have to pay an extra \$0.75. Rates for Regional Rate Boxes are not increasing in 2015.

Are online postage rates for Parcel Select decreasing in 2015?

Yes, for certain weight and zone combinations, the price for Parcel Select will be lower than what it was in 2014. For packages weighing between 6 lbs. and 24 lbs shipping to Zones 1 to 4, Parcel Select rates are decreasing. There are no price increases for Parcel Select packages weighing between 25 lbs. and 70 lbs. shipping to Zones 1 to 4.

How are rates determined for Priority Mail International shipments to Canada?

The USPS will introduce zone based pricing for Priority Mail International shipments to Canada. These shipments to Canada will split into 7 zones with online postage rates ranging from \$26.75 to \$32.63 for a 1 lb. package.

When do I need to include that plastic (Form 2976-E) envelope on my package for the Customs Forms?

The USPS Form 2976-A Customs Form includes 4 copies of the standard Customs Form and must be inserted into the Form 2976-E envelope. You would attach this on Priority Mail International or Priority Mail Express International packages, but you can use the USPS 2976 Customs Form (1 page) for First-Class Package International Service packages.

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