## UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE RATES

Prices in effect as of 9 July 2023 featuring some not-insignificant increases. We'll keep an updated sheet on our website (available via post by request). If seeing your letter-carrier makes you happy, say hello.

| Domestic Rates |  |  |
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| FIRST-CLASS MAIL |  | MEDIA MAIL (U.S. Only) |
| WEIGHT | Sm./Lg. / Pack- |  |
| UP T0: | Env. $/$ age ${ }^{\dagger}$ | Weight up to 11 lb .: $\$ 3.92$ |
| $1 \mathrm{oz}$. | 66¢/\$1.35/\$5.25 | Each add'l lb., add 75¢ |
| 2 oz . | 90¢/1.59/5.25 |  |
| 3 oz . | \$1.14/1.83/5.25 | Media Mail is an inexpensive |
| 31/2 oz. | 1.38/2.07/5.25 | service for sending books, |
| 4 oz . | 2.07/5.85 | pamphlets, and recordings. |
| 5 oz . | $2.31 / 5.85$ | No personal correspondence is |
| 6 oz . | $2.55 / 5.85$ | allowed in Media Mail. When |
| 7 oz . | 2.79/5.85 | First-Class envelope |
| 8 oz . | 3.03/5.85 | between 14 and 16 oz., you |
| 9 oz . | 3.27/6.65 | ate of \$9.35 or |
| 10 oz . | 3.51/6.65 | Throw in another pamphlet or |
| 11 oz . | $3.75 / 6.65$ | two and move up to the "up |
| 12 oz . | 3.99/6.65 | to 2 lb ." Media Mail rate of |
| 13 oz . | 4.23/8.55 | \$4.67. You'll be generous and |
| 14-16 oz. | Priority Mail $\dagger \dagger$ | thrifty all at once! |


| Postcards | USA: $5-6$ " length by $31 / 2-41 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ height Elsewhere: $51 / 2-6^{\prime \prime}$ by $31 / 2-41 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ |
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| United States: $51 ¢$, Canada \& Mexico: \$1.50, Elsewhere: \$1.50 |  |
| Farther Away |  |


| Weight <br> Up To: | Groups 3-5 <br> Small/Large/Package | Groups 6-9 <br> Small/Large/Package $\ddagger$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 oz. | $\$ 1.50 / \$ 3.00 / \$ 17.30$ | $\$ 1.50 / \$ 3.00 / \$ 19.50$ |
| 2 oz. | $2.80 / 4.23 / 17.30$ | $2.60 / 4.17 / 19.50$ |
| 3 oz. | $4.10 / 5.45 / 17.30$ | $3.69 / 5.33 / 19.50$ |
| $31 / 2 \mathrm{oz}$. | $5.40 / 6.71 / 17.30$ | $4.78 / 6.49 / 19.50$ |
| 4 oz. | $6.71 / 17.30$ | $6.49 / 19.50$ |
| 5 oz. | $7.93 / 17.30$ | $7.65 / 19.50$ |
| 6 oz. | $9.16 / 17.30$ | $8.82 / 19.50$ |
| 7 oz. | $10.39 / 17.30$ | $9.97 / 19.50$ |
| 8 oz. | $11.61 / 17.30$ | $11.13 / 19.50$ |
| 12 oz. | $14.08 / 34.50$ | $13.54 / 31.20$ |
| 1 lb. | $16.54 / 34.50$ | $15.93 / 31.20$ |
| 1 lb .4 oz. | 34.50 | 31.20 |
| $1 \mathrm{lb} ., 8 \mathrm{oz}$. | 34.50 | 31.20 |
| 1 lb .12 oz. | 34.50 | 31.20 |
| 2 lb. | 34.50 | 31.20 |
| 3 lb. | 50.60 | 48.95 |

Groups 3-5: Australia, China, Europe, Hong Kong, Japan, Russia, South Korea, Turkey. Groups 6-9: Africa, Asia (see exceptions in Groups 3-5), Central America, The Middle East, New Zealand, South America.

## Just Next Door

| Weight <br> Up To: | CANADA (Group 1) <br> Small/Large/Package | MEXICO (Group 2) <br> Small/Large/Package |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 oz. | $\$ 1.50 / \$ 3.00 / \$ 15.75$ | $\$ 1.50 / \$ 3.00 / \$ 16.25$ |
| 2 oz. | $1.50 / 3.29 / 15.75$ | $2.27 / 3.90 / 16.25$ |
| 3 oz. | $2.15 / 3.57 / 15.75$ | $3.00 / 4.78 / 16.25$ |
| 3 1/2 oz. | $2.75 / 3.82 / 15.75$ | $3.76 / 5.67 / 16.25$ |
| 4 oz. | $3.82 / 15.75$ | $5.67 / 16.25$ |
| 5 oz. | $4.10 / 15.75$ | $6.56 / 16.25$ |
| 6 oz. | $4.37 / 15.75$ | $7.44 / 16.25$ |
| 7 oz. | $4.65 / 15.75$ | $8.34 / 16.25$ |
| 8 oz. | $4.92 / 15.75$ | $9.22 / 16.25$ |
| 12 oz. | $6.29 / 23.40$ | $11.13 / 23.95$ |
| 1 lb. | $7.65 / 23.40$ | $13.05 / 23.95$ |
| $1 \mathrm{lb} ., 4 \mathrm{oz}$. | 23.40 | 23.95 |
| $1 \mathrm{lb} ., 8 \mathrm{oz}$. | 23.40 | 23.95 |
| $1 \mathrm{lb} ., 12 \mathrm{oz}$. | 23.40 | 23.95 |
| 2 lb. | 23.40 | 23.95 |
| 3 lb. | 34.65 | 35.15 |

## EVERYWHERE

Small Envelopes are at least $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ by $5^{\prime \prime}$ ( $51 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ outside U.S.A.), and don't exceed $61 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ height or $111 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ width, nor do they exceed $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ thickness. Large Envelopes are taller than $61 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ or wider than $11 \frac{1}{2}$ ", and don't exceed $12^{\prime \prime}$ height or $15^{\prime \prime}$ width, nor do they exceed $3 / 4$ " thickness. Packages are larger than large envelopes. (Packages to other countries require customs forms available at the Post Office or online.)

## HAND-CANCELLATION

Small envelopes that exhibit certain characteristics are subject to the $40 \notin$ hand-cancellation (some people prefer to call it "non-machinable") surcharge. There's no such fee for large envelopes or packages.

## Your small envelope might need hand-cancellation...

- If it is a square envelope. (The minimum size for a square envelope is $5^{\prime \prime}$ by $5^{\prime \prime}$.) • If it is too rigid, i.e. does not bend easily. • If it has clasps, string, buttons, a wax seal, or similar closure devices. - If it has an address parallel to the shorter dimension of the letter. - If it contains items that cause the surface to be uneven. - If (and this one is priceless) the quotient of a division problem where the envelope's length divided by its height is less than one-and-three-tenths or more than two-and-a-half. (The Postal Service can figure this one out for you at no additional charge-they use a machine.)

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[^0]:    $\dagger$ A zone-based system for domestic packages was introduced in 2019. Its intricacies are too vast to fit on this page. Maximum possible prices are shown here. A visit to your post office or purchasing postage online may yield you a savings of $10 \phi$ to $95 \phi$ or more per parcel. $\dagger$ Priority Mail packages must be presented in person to a United States Postal Service employee at the post office. $\ddagger$ Rates for "Farther Away" packages spiked significantly in 2016. Groups 3-5 and 6-9, previously united, now have seven distinct rate sets. This chart shows the highest prices within each group cluster. Check usps.com for rates to particular countries.

