



2019 Postal Rate Changes

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Overview

- **Rates effective - January 27, 2019**
- **Shipping Services**
- **Market Dominant Products**
- **PRC Ruling**
- **DIM Weight Delay**
- **Postage Statements**
- **2019 Mailing Promotions**
- **Implementation Checklist**

January 27, 2019

- **Rates go up on Sunday, January 27**
- **Mail is now 24 x 7, 365 days a year**
- **Opportunity to test meters, software**

Shipping Services

- **Priority Mail Express**
- **Priority Mail**
- **Parcel Select**
- **Parcel Return Service**
- **First-Class Package Service**
- **First-Class Mail Retail Parcels**
- **Retail Ground**
- **International**

Shipping Services: Priority Mail Express

Retail Pricing

Type	Current Rates	New Rates	Per Piece Change	% Change
Flat Rate Envelope	\$ 24.70	\$ 25.50	\$ 0.80	3.2%
Legal FR Envelope	\$ 24.90	\$ 25.70	\$ 0.80	3.2%
Padded FR Envelope	\$ 25.40	\$ 26.20	\$ 0.80	3.1%
Up to 0.5 Lb (Zone 1)	\$ 24.70	\$ 25.50	\$ 0.80	3.2%

Commercial Base

Type	Current Rates	New Rates	Per Piece Change	% Change
Flat Rate Envelope	\$ 21.98	\$ 22.68	\$ 0.70	3.2%
Legal FR Envelope	\$ 22.09	\$ 22.80	\$ 0.71	3.2%
Padded FR Envelope	\$ 22.46	\$ 23.18	\$ 0.72	3.2%
Up to 0.5 Lb (Zone 1)	\$ 21.98	\$ 22.68	\$ 0.70	3.2%

Additional Fees:

Sunday Delivery –\$12.50

10:30am Delivery - \$5.00

Commercial

Non=IMpb Comply - \$0.20

Shipping Services: Priority Mail Retail

Type	Current Rates	New Rates	Per Piece Change	% Change
Flat Rate Envelope	\$ 6.70	\$ 7.35	\$ 0.65	9.7%
Legal FR Envelope	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.65	\$ 0.65	9.3%
Padded FR Envelope	\$ 7.25	\$ 8.00	\$ 0.75	10.3%
Small FR Box	\$ 7.20	\$ 7.90	\$ 0.70	9.7%
Medium FR Box	\$ 13.65	\$ 14.35	\$ 0.70	5.1%
Large FR Box	\$ 18.90	\$ 19.95	\$ 1.05	5.6%
APO/FPO/DPO				
Large Flat Rate Box	\$ 17.40	\$ 18.45	\$ 1.05	6.0%
Up to 1 Lb (Zone 1 & 2)	\$ 6.70	\$ 7.35	\$ 0.65	9.7%

Shipping Services: Priority Mail Commercial Base

Type	Current Rates	New Rates	Per Piece Change	% Change
Flat Rate Envelope	\$ 6.55	\$ 6.95	\$ 0.40	6.1%
Legal FR Envelope	\$ 6.85	\$ 7.25	\$ 0.40	5.8%
Padded FR Envelope	\$ 7.10	\$ 7.55	\$ 0.45	6.3%
Small FR Box	\$ 7.05	\$ 7.50	\$ 0.45	6.4%
Medium FR Box	\$ 12.85	\$ 12.80	\$ (0.05)	-0.4%
Large FR Box	\$ 17.65	\$ 17.60	\$ (0.05)	-0.3%
APO/FPO/DPO				
Large Flat Rate Box	\$ 16.15	\$ 16.10	\$ (0.05)	-0.3%
Up to 1 Lb (Zone 1 & 2)	\$ 6.55	\$ 6.95	\$ 0.40	6.1%

Shipping Services: Priority Mail Commercial Plus

Type	Current Rates	New Rates	Per Piece Change	% Change
Flat Rate Envelope	\$ 6.35	\$ 6.95	\$ 0.60	9.4%
Legal FR Envelope	\$ 6.65	\$ 7.25	\$ 0.60	9.0%
Padded FR Envelope	\$ 6.90	\$ 7.55	\$ 0.65	9.4%
Small FR Box	\$ 6.85	\$ 7.50	\$ 0.65	9.5%
Medium FR Box	\$ 12.45	\$ 12.80	\$ 0.35	2.8%
Large FR Box	\$ 17.10	\$ 17.60	\$ 0.50	2.9%
APO/FPO/DPO				
Large Flat Rate Box	\$ 15.60	\$ 16.10	\$ 0.50	3.2%
Up to 1 Lb (Zone 1 & 2)	\$ 6.35	\$ 6.95	\$ 0.60	9.4%

Market Dominant

- **First-Class Mail**
- **USPS Marketing Mail**
- **Periodicals**
- **Package Services**
- **Extra Services**

Market Dominant: First Class Mail Retail

Type	Current Rates	New Rates	Per Piece Change	% Change
Retail Single Piece	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.05	10.0%
Second Ounce	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.15	\$ (0.06)	-28.6%
Flats - One Ounce	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	0.0%
Postcards	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.35	\$ -	0.0%

Market Dominant: First Class Mail Commercial

Type	Current Rates	New Rates	Per Piece Change	% Change
Retail Single Piece	\$ 0.500	\$ 0.550	\$ 0.050	10.0%
Metered Single Piece	\$ 0.470	\$ 0.500	\$ 0.030	6.4%
Mixed AADC LTR	\$ 0.424	\$ 0.428	\$ 0.004	0.9%
AADC LTR	\$ 0.408	\$ 0.412	\$ 0.004	1.0%
5-Digit LTR	\$ 0.378	\$ 0.383	\$ 0.005	1.3%
Mixed AADC Flat	\$ 0.705	\$ 0.644	\$ (0.061)	-8.7%
3-Digit Flat	\$ 0.593	\$ 0.605	\$ 0.012	2.0%
5-Digit Flat	\$ 0.474	\$ 0.486	\$ 0.012	2.5%

Market Dominant: USPS Marketing Mail Commercial Letters

Type	Current Rates	New Rates	Per Piece Change	% Change
Mixed AADC Origin	\$ 0.287	\$ 0.291	\$ 0.004	1.4%
5-Digit Origin	\$ 0.251	\$ 0.256	\$ 0.005	2.0%
5-Digit DNDC	\$ 0.227	\$ 0.234	\$ 0.007	3.1%
5-Digit DSCF	\$ 0.220	\$ 0.228	\$ 0.008	3.6%
HD DSCF	\$ 0.172	\$ 0.184	\$ 0.012	7.0%
Saturation Origin	\$ 0.186	\$ 0.190	\$ 0.004	2.2%
Saturation DNDC	\$ 0.164	\$ 0.170	\$ 0.006	3.7%
Saturation DSCF	\$ 0.158	\$ 0.165	\$ 0.007	4.4%

Market Dominant: USPS Marketing Mail Commercial Flats - Auto

Type	Current Rates	New Rates	Per Piece Change	% Change
3-Digit Origin	\$ 0.500	\$ 0.523	\$ 0.023	4.6%
3-Digit DNDC	\$ 0.459	\$ 0.480	\$ 0.021	4.6%
3-Digit DSCF	\$ 0.447	\$ 0.470	\$ 0.023	5.1%
5-Digit Origin	\$ 0.393	\$ 0.405	\$ 0.012	3.1%
5-Digit DNDC	\$ 0.352	\$ 0.362	\$ 0.010	2.8%
5-Digit DSCF	\$ 0.340	\$ 0.352	\$ 0.012	3.5%

Market Dominant: Periodicals

- **Outside County – 2.54% increase**
- **Inside County – 2.02% increase**
- **Smaller, low volume pubs will see larger average increase**
- **Larger, heavier publications will see postage increase less than CPI**

Market Dominant: Extra Services

- **Average increase of 2.5%**
- **PO Boxes – 4.0%**
- **Certified Mail – 1.5%**
- **Return Receipt – 2.9%**
- **Address Correction Service – 1.5%**
- **All Other – 2.8%**

What About the PRC Finding?

- **Published December 1, 2017**
- **Public comments ended March 1, 2018**
- **Still no announcements from PRC**
- **For next 5 years**
 - **Rate authority of CPI + 2%**
 - **Additional 1% authority / service standards**

DIM Weight Rates Delayed

- **DIM Weighting Provisions**
 - **Retail and Commercial Priority Mail**
 - **Priority Mail Express**
 - **Commercial Parcel Select**
- **Complaints from shippers about software changes during peak shipping**
- **Delayed until June 23, 2019**

USPS Statements Changes

- **First-Class Mail® PS Form 3600 FCM**
- **Package Services, PS Form 3605-R**
- **Priority Mail, PS Form 3600-PM**
- **International Mail PS Form 3700**
- **Electronic Verification System Permit Imprint, PS Form 3560**

USPS Promotions

- **Tactile, Sensory and Interactive Mailpiece Engagement Promotion**
- **Emerging and Advanced Technology Promotion**
- **Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion**
- **Personalized Color Transpromo Promotion**
- **Mobile Shopping Promotion**
- **Informed Delivery Promotion**

Implementation Checklist

Complete as soon as possible:

- Announcement to customers (internal/external)
 - Explanation on impact to business
 - Plan to mitigate rate increase
- Meet with local postal representatives
- Meet with meter/software vendors
 - Dates for update release
 - Testing plans
- Meet with mail center employees
 - Provide training on new rates and forms
 - Review schedule for updates and transition

Implementation Checklist

Complete end-of-day, January 25 or 26, 2019

Upload updates for meters and software

- Test all updates
- Post reminders of new rates
- Replace all printed/electronic forms

Complete on January 27 and 28, 2019:

- Announcement to customers (internal/external)
- Meet with mail center employees
- Test meters and forms
- Implement quality checks throughout day
- Have manager/supervisor accompany mail to USPS

USPS Resources

- **Postal Explorer (pe.usps.com)**
- **PostalPro (postalpro.usps.com)**
- **Federal Register notices**
- **DMM Advisory**
(dmmadvisory@usps.com)
- **PCC Insider (pccinsider@usps.com)**

Success – Today & Tomorrow

- **Know Your Mail**
 - **Content**
 - **Characteristics**
 - **Categories and quantity**
- **Continuous review**
 - **Weekly**
 - **Monthly**
 - **Quarterly**
- **USPS – Use your local resources**

Questions?



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