



First-Class Mail

1–3 Business Days

First-Class Mail® service is an affordable and easy way to send envelopes and lightweight packages. First-Class Mail Forever® stamps cost \$0.55 (the current 1 oz price) and will never expire, even if the First-Class™ postage rate goes up. For packages (up to 13 oz), prices start at \$3.80.

Buy Stamps (<https://store.usps.com/store/browse/category.jsp?categoryId=buy-stamps>)

First-Class Mail Prices (http://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/Notice123.htm#_c037)

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ALERT: As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, certain packages may take longer than usual to arrive. [Learn More](https://postalpro.usps.com/node/8016) (<https://postalpro.usps.com/node/8016>).

Features & Pricing

- Delivery in 1–3 business days
- Best priced service for mail up to 13 oz
- Insurance for loss or damage up to \$5,000 for merchandise only
- Eligible for delivery confirmation services such as Certified Mail®
- One price for up to 3.5 ounces with commercially priced letters and cards
- Prices based on size, shape, and weight

Standard Letter & Postcard Sizes (<https://pe.usps.com/text/dmm100/mailing-domestic.htm>)

See Insurance & Extra Services (</ship/insurance-extra-services.htm>)

Letters

- Standard-sized, rectangular envelope stamps start at **\$0.55**.
- Square, oversized, or unusually shaped envelope stamps start at **\$0.70**.

Postcards

- Standard-sized, rectangular envelope stamps start at **\$0.35**.
- Oversized postcards need letter stamps, which start at **\$0.55**.

Large Envelopes/Small Packages:

- Large envelopes (flats) start at **\$1.00**
- Small packages start at **\$3.80**

Weight, Size, & Shape Requirements

- Maximum weight for First-Class Mail letters is 3.5 oz; for large First-Class Mail envelopes and parcels, the maximum weight is 13 oz.
- All postcards and envelopes (or flats) must be rectangular, otherwise an additional charge may apply. Additional size restrictions apply depending on the type of mailpiece you're sending.

How to Send Letters & Postcards (</ship/letters.htm>)

Additional Charges for Irregular Mailpieces & Envelopes

Non-Machineable Envelopes

Unusually shaped mail, like square or vertical envelopes, lumpy envelopes, rigid envelopes, and mail with clasps, string, buttons, must be hand-cancelled. They are charged a non-machineable surcharge even if they weight less than 1 oz.

Large Mailpieces & Envelopes

If a mailpiece exceeds the maximum length, height or thickness, it will be charged at the next higher price and mailpiece category.

Large envelopes (flats) that exceed maximum dimensions, are rigid, non-rectangular, or not uniformly thick are rigid, are charged parcel prices.

The USPS® Price Calculator tool will show you how to measure your envelope and then calculate your domestic postage costs for you.

Calculate a Price (<http://postcalc.usps.com/>)

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Mailing Restrictions & Prohibitions

There are specific regulations and standards for mailing restricted, prohibited, and hazardous materials, including cigarettes and smokeless tobacco. [Show More](#)

For Businesses

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