

USPS Announces Postage Rate Increase – Starts January 27, 2019

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The USPS has proposed new postage rates to be implemented on Sunday, January 27, 2019, subject to approval by the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC). Listed below are the highlights of the proposed 2019 USPS rate increase for customers buying postage online:

First Class Mail Letters

! The First Class Mail letter (1 oz.) rate for postage purchased at the Post Office is increasing by five cents to \$0.55 from \$0.50.

! Each additional ounce for a First Class Mail letter will cost an extra \$0.15 (a decrease from \$0.21 in 2018).

! First Class Mail Flats/Large Envelope rates are not increasing in 2019, remaining at \$1.00 (1 oz.), with additional ounces costing \$0.15.

! Postcard rates are also not increasing in 2019, remaining at \$0.35.

! Customers who print postage online (via Stamps.com), the Metered Mail rate will now be a 5 cent discount compared to the Post Office price with rates increasing to \$0.50 in 2019 from \$0.47 currently.

! Each additional ounce will cost an extra \$0.15 in 2019, a decrease from \$0.21 currently.

! The five cent discount for online postage on a one-ounce First Class Mail letter represents a savings of 9% for consumers and small business owners.

First Class Mail – 2019 Rates INCREASE PER LETTER – 2019 rates vs. 2018 rates			
Mailpiece Weight	2019	2018	Increase
Letters – 1 oz.	\$0.55	\$0.50	\$0.05
Letters – Additional Ounces	\$0.15	\$0.21	(\$0.06)
Metered Mail Letters (Stamps.com Rate) – 1 oz.	\$0.50	\$0.47	\$0.03
Metered Mail Letters (Stamps.com Rate) Additional Ounces	\$0.15	\$0.21	(\$0.06)
Flat/Large Envelope – 1 oz.	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$0.00
Flat/Large Envelope – Additional Ounces	\$0.15	\$0.21	(\$0.06)
Postcards	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.00
International Letters – 1 oz. (Country Groups 1-9)	\$1.15	\$1.15	\$0.00
International Postcard (Country Groups 1-9)	\$1.15	\$1.15	\$0.00

Priority Mail Express (Commercial Base Pricing)

! Priority Mail Express will see an average increase of 3.9%.

! A 1 lb. package going to Zone 8 using Priority Mail Express will cost \$36.52 in 2019 compared to \$35.04 currently.

! The USPS is adjusting the DIM Divisor for Priority Mail Express packages over 1 cubic foot (1728 cubic inches) from 194 to 166.

! Commercial Plus Pricing has been eliminated.

Priority Mail Express – 2019 Rates (Commercial Base Pricing) INCREASE PER PACKAGE – 2019 rates vs. 2018 rates								
Weight (lbs.)	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8	Zone 9
0.5	\$0.70	\$0.75	\$0.80	\$0.90	\$0.99	\$1.08	\$1.21	\$5.23
1	\$0.76	\$0.83	\$1.03	\$1.18	\$1.26	\$1.38	\$1.48	\$6.24
2	\$0.80	\$0.94	\$1.18	\$1.36	\$1.45	\$1.57	\$1.71	\$6.95
3	\$0.85	\$1.03	\$1.40	\$1.65	\$1.76	\$1.90	\$2.05	\$8.08
4	\$0.89	\$1.16	\$1.57	\$1.95	\$2.07	\$2.25	\$2.41	\$9.23
5	\$0.93	\$1.30	\$1.67	\$2.09	\$2.33	\$2.49	\$2.67	\$10.25

Priority Mail Express Flat Rate (Commercial Base Pricing)

! Priority Mail Express Flat Rate Envelopes will also see a rate increase ranging from \$0.70 to \$0.72 depending on the envelope used.

Priority Mail Express Flat Rate – 2019 Rates (Commercial Base Pricing) INCREASE PER PACKAGE – 2019 rates vs. 2018 rates			
Mailpiece	2019	2018	Increase
Flat Rate Envelope	\$22.68	\$21.98	\$0.70
Legal Flat Rate Envelope	\$22.80	\$22.09	\$0.71
Padded Flat Rate Envelope	\$23.18	\$22.46	\$0.72

Priority Mail (Commercial Base Pricing)

! Priority Mail will see an average increase of 5.9%.

! A 1 lb. package going to Zone 8 using Priority Mail will cost \$8.25 in 2019 compared to \$7.76 currently.

! Heavier weights for Priority Mail are seeing a rate decrease. For packages weighing between 11 lbs. and 70 lbs., all shipping zones are seeing lower rates compared to 2018. Cost savings range from \$0.11 (11 lbs. Zone 1/2 = \$10.67) to \$1.37 savings (70 lbs. Zone 8 = \$184.51) compared to 2018.

! Medium weight packages (4 lbs. to 10 lbs.), traveling to Zone 5 and higher are seeing a decrease in rates compared to 2018, with costs being reduced by \$0.17 (7 lbs. Zone 5 = \$15.43) to \$0.63 (5 lbs. Zone 8 = \$20.40)

! The Dimensional Weight (DIM) divisor for Priority Mail packages over 1 cubic foot (1728 cubic inches) is being adjusted from 194 to 166.

! Priority Mail parcels in all shipping zones will now receive DIM pricing for packages over 1 cubic foot. Previously, only Priority Mail parcels being delivered to Zones 5-9 received DIM pricing.

! Commercial Plus Pricing has been eliminated.

Priority Mail – 2019 Rates (Commercial Base Pricing) INCREASE PER PACKAGE – 2019 rates vs. 2018 rates								
Weight (lbs.)	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8	Zone 9
1	\$0.40	\$0.28	\$0.39	\$0.45	\$0.47	\$0.49	\$0.49	(\$0.11)
2	\$0.32	\$0.36	\$0.48	\$0.35	\$0.23	(\$0.06)	\$0.06	(\$0.16)
3	\$0.41	\$0.31	(\$0.13)	\$0.00	(\$0.36)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.06)	(\$0.22)
4	\$0.40	\$0.15	\$0.12	(\$0.31)	(\$0.43)	(\$0.48)	(\$0.54)	(\$0.27)
5	\$0.40	(\$0.17)	(\$0.25)	(\$0.32)	(\$0.48)	(\$0.55)	(\$0.63)	(\$0.31)

Priority Mail Flat Rate Boxes & Envelopes (Commercial Base Pricing)

! Priority Mail Medium Flat Rate Box is decreasing by five cents to \$12.80 in 2019 from \$12.85 currently.

! Priority Mail Priority Mail Large Flat Rate Box is decreasing by five cents to \$17.60 in 2019 from \$17.65 currently.

! Priority Mail Padded Flat Rate Envelope, a popular option for e-commerce sellers, is increasing by \$0.45 to \$7.55 in 2019 from \$7.10 currently.

Priority Mail Flat Rate – 2019 Rates (Commercial Base Pricing) INCREASE PER PACKAGE – 2019 rates vs. 2018 rates			
Mailpiece	2019	2018	Increase
Flat Rate Envelope	\$6.95	\$6.55	\$0.40
Legal Flat Rate Envelope	\$7.25	\$6.85	\$0.40
Padded Flat Rate Envelope	\$7.55	\$7.10	\$0.45
Small Flat Rate Box	\$7.50	\$7.05	\$0.45
Medium Flat Rate Box	\$12.80	\$12.85	(\$0.05)
Large Flat Rate Box	\$17.60	\$17.65	(\$0.05)
APO/FPO Large Flat Rate Box	\$16.10	\$16.15	(\$0.05)

Priority Mail Regional Rate (Commercial Base Pricing)

Regional Rate Box A

! Closer shipping zones (Zones 1/2 through Zone 5) are seeing bigger rate increases from \$0.55 (Zone 1/2 = \$7.65) to \$0.61 (Zone 5 = \$8.76).

! Packages traveling to farther shipping zones are seeing a smaller rate increase – going up by \$0.26 (Zone 7 = \$10.55) and to \$0.40 (Zone 8 = \$11.20)

Regional Rate Box B

! Other than Zone 1/2 where the rate increase is \$0.64, the increase is relatively small at \$0.08 (Zone 3 = \$8.50), \$0.03 (Zone 4 = \$9.40) and no rate increase for farther Zones 5-8.

Priority Mail Regional Rate Boxes – 2019 Rates (Commercial Base Pricing) INCREASE PER PACKAGE – 2019 rates vs. 2018 rates								
Box Type	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8	Zone 9
A	\$0.55	\$0.60	\$0.72	\$0.61	\$0.53	\$0.26	\$0.40	\$0.31
B	\$0.64	\$0.08	\$0.03	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.58

First Class Package Service (Commercial Base Pricing)

! Overall rates for First Class Package Service will increase by 11.9%.

! Zone-based pricing is being added to First Class Package Service in 2019.

! Any package going across the country (Zone 8) is seeing a significant rate increase going up from \$0.43 (Zone 8 – 1 ounce = \$3.09) to \$1.43 (Zone 8 – 13 ounces = \$5.53)

! 13 ounce packages in particular are rising across all zones, increasing \$0.84 (Zone 1/2 = \$4.94) to \$1.43 (Zone 8 = \$5.53)

! Heavier items weighing 15 ounces to 15.999 ounces are seeing a smaller increase, going from no increase at all (Zone 1/2 = \$4.94) to \$0.59 (Zone 8 = \$5.53)

First Class Package Service – 2019 Rates (Commercial Base Pricing)								
INCREASE PER PACKAGE – 2019 rates vs. 2018 rates								
Mailpiece Weight	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8	Zone 9
1 ounce	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.04	\$0.10	\$0.18	\$0.30	\$0.43	\$0.43
2 ounces	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.04	\$0.10	\$0.18	\$0.30	\$0.43	\$0.43
3 ounces	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.04	\$0.10	\$0.18	\$0.30	\$0.43	\$0.43
4 ounces	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.04	\$0.10	\$0.18	\$0.30	\$0.43	\$0.43
5 ounces	\$0.39	\$0.41	\$0.43	\$0.49	\$0.57	\$0.70	\$0.84	\$0.84
6 ounces	\$0.26	\$0.28	\$0.30	\$0.36	\$0.44	\$0.57	\$0.71	\$0.71
7 ounces	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.17	\$0.23	\$0.31	\$0.44	\$0.58	\$0.58
8 ounces	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.04	\$0.10	\$0.18	\$0.31	\$0.45	\$0.45
9 ounces	\$0.48	\$0.51	\$0.54	\$0.62	\$0.72	\$0.85	\$0.99	\$0.99
10 ounces	\$0.32	\$0.35	\$0.38	\$0.46	\$0.56	\$0.69	\$0.83	\$0.83
11 ounces	\$0.16	\$0.19	\$0.22	\$0.30	\$0.40	\$0.53	\$0.67	\$0.67
12 ounces	\$0.00	\$0.03	\$0.06	\$0.14	\$0.24	\$0.37	\$0.51	\$0.51
13 ounces	\$0.84	\$0.88	\$0.92	\$1.02	\$1.14	\$1.28	\$1.43	\$1.43
14 ounces	\$0.56	\$0.60	\$0.64	\$0.74	\$0.86	\$1.00	\$1.15	\$1.15
15 ounces	\$0.28	\$0.32	\$0.36	\$0.46	\$0.58	\$0.72	\$0.87	\$0.87
15.999 ounces	\$0.00	\$0.04	\$0.08	\$0.18	\$0.30	\$0.44	\$0.59	\$0.59

Parcel Select Ground (Commercial Base Pricing)

! Shipping rates for Parcel Select Ground will decrease by an average of 1.3% in 2019.

! For parcels weighing between 3 lbs. and 18 lbs. and traveling to farther zones (Zone 5-9), every cell is seeing a rate decrease in 2019.

! Parcel Select Group is also seeing a rate decrease for all zones for parcels weighing between 21 to 70 pounds

! The Dimensional Weight (DIM) divisor for Parcel Select Ground packages over 1 cubic foot (1728 cubic inches) is being adjusted from 193 to 166.

Parcel Select Ground – 2019 Rates (Commercial Base Pricing)								
INCREASE PER PACKAGE – 2019 rates vs. 2018 rates								
Weight (lbs.)	Zones 1 & 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Zone 7	Zone 8	Zone 9
1	\$0.30	\$0.18	\$0.29	\$0.31	\$0.28	\$0.25	\$0.20	\$0.20
2	\$0.22	\$0.26	\$0.38	\$0.20	\$0.04	(\$0.30)	(\$0.23)	(\$0.23)
3	\$0.31	\$0.21	(\$0.23)	(\$0.20)	(\$0.60)	(\$0.34)	(\$0.40)	(\$0.40)
4	\$0.30	\$0.05	\$0.02	(\$0.51)	(\$0.67)	(\$0.77)	(\$0.88)	(\$0.88)
5	\$0.30	(\$0.27)	(\$0.35)	(\$0.52)	(\$0.72)	(\$0.84)	(\$0.97)	(\$0.97)
6	\$0.29	(\$0.60)	(\$0.59)	(\$0.62)	(\$0.27)	(\$0.51)	(\$0.60)	(\$0.60)
7	\$0.01	(\$0.33)	(\$0.68)	(\$0.36)	(\$0.34)	(\$0.55)	(\$0.63)	(\$0.63)
8	(\$0.39)	(\$0.16)	(\$0.27)	(\$0.71)	(\$0.47)	(\$0.57)	(\$0.66)	(\$0.66)
9	\$0.19	(\$0.06)	\$0.11	(\$0.75)	(\$0.49)	(\$0.59)	(\$0.69)	(\$0.69)
10	\$0.05	\$0.08	\$0.13	(\$0.79)	(\$0.51)	(\$0.62)	(\$0.73)	(\$0.73)

Media Mail

! Media Mail rates will increase by 2.95% in 2019.

! A 1 lb. package traveling to Zone 8 will cost \$2.75 in 2019 compared to \$2.66 currently.

Media Mail – 2019 Rates			
INCREASE PER PACKAGE – 2019 rates vs. 2018 rates			
Weight (lbs.)	2019	2018	Increase
1	\$2.75	\$2.66	\$0.09
2	\$3.27	\$3.17	\$0.10
3	\$3.79	\$3.68	\$0.11
4	\$4.31	\$4.19	\$0.12
5	\$4.83	\$4.70	\$0.13
6	\$5.35	\$5.21	\$0.14
7	\$5.87	\$5.72	\$0.15
8	\$6.39	\$6.23	\$0.16
9	\$6.91	\$6.74	\$0.17
10	\$7.43	\$7.25	\$0.18

COMING SOON: Next week, we will outline the 2019 rate increase for International shipping options.
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