

Rates for Domestic Letters, 1863-2008

Effective Date	Postage, in Cents*
	Per ½ Ounce
July 1, 1863	3
October 1, 1883	2
	Per Ounce
July 1, 1885	2
November 2, 1917	3
July 1, 1919	2
July 6, 1932	3
August 1, 1958	4
January 7, 1963	5
January 7, 1968	6
May 16, 1971	8
March 2, 1974	10
December 31, 1975	13
May 29, 1978	15
March 22, 1981	18
November 1, 1981	20
February 17, 1985	22
April 3, 1988	25
February 3, 1991	29
January 1, 1995	32
January 10, 1999	33
January 7, 2001	34
June 30, 2002	37
January 8, 2006	39
May 14, 2007	41
May 12, 2008	42
<p>* Beginning September 14, 1975, additional ounces were charged a lower rate. Since July 15, 1979, a surcharge has been added for non-standard envelope sizes.</p>	