

Table 1126. U.S. Postal Service—Summary: 1990 to 2009

[166,301 represents 166,301,000,000 except as indicated. For years ending September 30. Includes Puerto Rico and all outlying areas. See text, this section]

Item	1990	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008	2009
Offices, stations, and branches	40,067	39,149	38,060	37,142	36,721	36,723	36,496
Number of post offices	28,959	28,392	27,876	27,385	27,276	27,232	27,161
Number of stations and branches	11,108	10,757	10,184	9,757	9,445	9,491	9,335
Delivery Points (mil.)	(NA)	(NA)	135.9	144.3	148.0	149.0	150.1
Residential	(NA)	(NA)	123.9	131.3	134.6	135.7	136.6
City	(NA)	(NA)	76.1	78.5	79.5	79.8	80.2
P.O. Box	(NA)	(NA)	15.9	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6
Rural/highway contract	(NA)	(NA)	31.9	37.2	39.5	40.2	40.8
Business	(NA)	(NA)	12.1	13.0	13.4	13.5	13.5
Pieces of mail handled (mil.)	166,301	180,734	207,882	211,743	212,234	202,703	177,058
Domestic	165,503	179,933	206,782	210,891	210,604	201,128	175,677
First class mail ¹	89,270	96,296	103,526	98,071	96,297	91,697	83,770
Priority mail ^{2,6}	518	869	1,223	888	(²)	(²)	(²)
Express mail ^{2,7}	59	57	71	56	(²)	(²)	(²)
Periodicals (formerly 2d class)	10,680	10,194	10,365	9,070	8,796	8,605	7,954
Standard Mail (formerly Standard A)	63,725	71,112	90,057	100,942	103,516	99,084	82,706
Package Services (formerly Standard B)	663	936	1,128	1,166	915	846	730
U.S. Postal Service	538	412	363	621	1,008	824	455
Free for the blind	35	52	47	76	72	72	62
Shipping Services Volume ²	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	1,630	1,575	1,381
International economy mail (surface) ²	166	106	79	23	(²)	(²)	(²)
International airmail ²	632	696	1,021	829	(²)	(²)	(²)
Employees, total (1,000)	843	875	901	803	786	765	712
Career	761	753	788	705	685	663	623
Headquarters	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Headquarters support	6	4	6	4	5	4	4
Inspection Service	4	4	4	3	3	3	3
Inspector General	(X)	(X)	1	1	1	1	1
Field Career	749	743	775	693	673	652	612
Postmasters	27	27	26	25	25	25	24
Supervisors/managers	43	35	39	33	33	32	29
Professional, administrative, and technical	10	11	10	9	8	8	6
Clerks	290	274	282	222	204	195	178
Mail handlers	51	57	61	56	58	56	53
City carriers	236	240	241	228	222	212	201
Motor vehicle operators	7	8	9	9	9	9	8
Rural carriers	42	46	57	64	68	69	68
Special delivery messengers	2	2	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Building and equipment maintenance	33	38	42	40	40	40	40
Vehicle maintenance	5	5	6	5	5	5	5
Other ³	1	2	2	2	1	1	(Z)
Noncareer	83	122	114	98	101	102	89
Casuals	27	26	30	19	22	12	4
Transitional	(X)	32	13	8	5	18	17
Rural substitutes	43	50	58	57	60	58	55
Relief/Leave replacements	12	13	12	12	12	12	11
Nonbargaining temporary	(Z)	1	1	1	1	1	2
Compensation and employee benefits (mil. dol.)	34,214	41,931	49,532	53,932	64,270	60,992	56,544
Avg. salary per employee (dol.) ⁴	37,570	45,001	50,103	62,635	65,905	67,076	70,140
Pieces of mail per employee, (1,000)	197	207	231	264	270	265	249
Total revenue (mil. dol.) ⁵	40,074	54,509	64,540	69,993	74,973	74,968	68,116
Operating postal revenue	39,201	54,176	64,476	69,798	74,715	74,829	68,043
Mail revenue	37,892	52,490	62,284	66,649	71,035	71,261	65,064
First class mail	24,023	31,955	35,516	36,062	38,405	38,179	35,873
Priority mail ^{2,6}	1,555	3,075	4,837	4,634	(²)	(²)	(²)
Express mail ^{2,7}	630	711	996	872	(²)	(²)	(²)
Periodicals (formerly 2d class)	1,509	1,972	2,171	2,161	2,188	2,295	2,038
Standard Mail (formerly Standard A)	8,082	11,792	15,193	18,954	20,779	20,586	17,364
Package Services (formerly Standard B)	919	1,525	1,912	2,201	1,812	1,845	1,683
Shipping Services ²	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	7,852	8,355	8,107
International economy mail (surface) ²	222	205	180	134	(²)	(²)	(²)
International airmail ²	941	1,254	1,477	1,631	(²)	(²)	(²)
Service revenue	1,310	1,687	2,191	3,150	3,743	3,671	3,026
Registry ⁸	174	118	98	77	53	57	50
Certified ⁸	310	560	385	601	698	718	730
Insurance ⁸	47	52	109	132	157	145	129
Collect-on-delivery	26	21	22	9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Money orders	155	196	235	208	211	205	190
Other ⁸	592	737	1,342	2,122	2,624	2,547	1,928
Operating expenses (million dollars) ⁹	40,490	50,730	62,992	68,283	80,105	77,738	71,830

NA Not available. X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500. ¹ Items mailed at 1st class rates and weighing 11 ounces or less.² "Volume" and "Mailing & Shipping Revenue" restructured for the "Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA) of 2006."³ Includes discontinued operations, area offices, and nurses. ⁴ For career bargaining unit employees. Includes fringe benefits.⁵ Net revenues after refunds of postage. Includes operating reimbursements, stamped envelope purchases, indemnity claims, and miscellaneous revenue and expenditure offsets. Shown in year which gave rise to the earnings. ⁶ Provides 2 to 3 day delivery service. ⁷ Overnight delivery of packages weighing up to 70 pounds. ⁸ Beginning 2000, return receipt revenue broken out from registry, certified, and insurance and included in "other." ⁹ Shown in year in which obligation was incurred.Source: U.S. Postal Service, *Annual Report of the Postmaster General and Comprehensive Statement on Postal Operations*, annual, and unpublished data.