

**Table 1089. U.S. Postal Service Rates for Letters and Postcards: 1991 to 2009**

[In dollars. International rates exclude Canada and Mexico]

Domestic mail date of rate change	Letters		Postcards	Express mail—first 1/2 pound	International air mail date of rate change	Letters—first ounce <sup>1</sup>	Postcards	Aero-grammes
	First ounce	Each added ounce						
1991 (Feb. 3) . . . . .	0.29	0.23	0.19	9.95	<b>First 1/2 ounce</b> . . .			
1995 (Jan. 1) . . . . .	0.32	0.23	0.20	10.75	1991 (Feb. 3) . . .	0.50	0.40	0.45
1999 (Jan. 10) . . . . .	0.33	0.22	0.20	11.75	1995 (July 9) . . .	0.60	0.40	0.45
2001 (Jan. 7) . . . . .	0.34	0.21	0.20	12.25	1999 (Jan. 10) . . .	0.60	0.50	0.50
2001 (July 1) . . . . .	0.34	0.23	0.21	12.45	<b>First ounce</b> <sup>1</sup> . . . . .			
2002 (June 30) . . . . .	0.37	0.23	0.23	13.65	2001 (Jan. 7) . . .	0.80	0.70	0.70
2006 (Jan. 8) . . . . .	0.39	0.24	0.24	14.40	2006 (Jan. 8) . . .	0.84	0.75	0.75
2007 (May 14) . . . . .	0.41	0.17	0.26	16.25	2007 (May 14) . . .	0.90	0.90	( <sup>2</sup> )
2008 (May 12) . . . . .	0.42	0.17	0.27	<sup>3</sup> 12.60	2008 (May 12) . . .	0.94	0.94	( <sup>2</sup> )
2009 (May 11) . . . . .	0.44	0.17	0.28	<sup>4</sup> 13.05	2009 (May 11) . . .	0.98	0.98	( <sup>2</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> International letter prices after the first ounce vary according to the price group that is applicable to each destination country. <sup>2</sup> Aero-grammes were discontinued on May 14, 2007. <sup>3</sup> On May 12, 2008, the Postal Service initiated a zoned pricing structure for Express Mail. Prices for a mail piece weighing up to a half-pound range from \$12.60 to zones 1 and 2 to \$19.50 to zone 8. <sup>4</sup> Express Mail prices increased on January 18, 2009. Prices for a mail piece weighing up to a half-pound range from \$13.05 to zones 1 and 2 to \$21.20 to zone 8.

Source: U.S. Postal Service, "United States Domestic Postage Rate: Recent History" and unpublished data. See also <<http://www.usps.com/rates/welcome.htm>>.