

# Table 1090. U.S. Postal Service—Summary: 1990 to 2008

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

Item	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Offices, stations, and branches</b> . . . . .	<b>40,067</b>	<b>39,149</b>	<b>38,060</b>	<b>37,142</b>	<b>36,826</b>	<b>36,721</b>	<b>36,723</b>
Number of post offices . . . . .	28,959	28,392	27,876	27,385	27,318	27,276	27,232
Number of stations and branches . . . . .	11,108	10,757	10,184	9,757	9,508	9,445	9,491
Delivery Points (mil.) . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	135.9	144.3	146.2	148.0	149.0
Residential . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	123.9	131.3	133.0	134.6	135.7
City . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	76.1	78.5	78.9	79.5	79.8
P.O. Box . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	15.9	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6
Rural/highway contract . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	31.9	37.2	38.4	39.5	40.2
Business . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	12.1	13.0	13.2	13.4	13.5
<b>Pieces of mail handled (mil.)</b> . . . . .	<b>166,301</b>	<b>180,734</b>	<b>207,882</b>	<b>211,743</b>	<b>213,138</b>	<b>212,234</b>	<b>202,703</b>
Domestic . . . . .	165,503	179,933	206,782	210,891	212,345	210,604	201,128
First class mail <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	89,270	96,296	103,526	98,071	97,618	96,297	91,697
Priority mail <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	59	57	71	56	56	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Express mail <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	518	869	1,223	888	924	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Periodicals (formerly 2d class) . . . . .	10,680	10,194	10,365	9,070	9,023	8,796	8,605
Standard Mail (formerly Standard A) . . . . .	63,725	71,112	90,057	100,942	102,460	103,516	99,084
Package Services (formerly Standard B) . . . . .	663	936	1,128	1,166	1,175	915	846
U.S. Postal Service . . . . .	538	412	363	621	1,016	1,008	824
Free for the blind . . . . .	35	52	47	76	75	72	72
Shipping Services Volume <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	1,630	1,575
International economy mail (surface) . . . . .	166	106	79	23	155	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
International airmail . . . . .	632	696	1,021	829	638	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Employees, total (1,000)</b> . . . . .	<b>843</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>765</b>
Career . . . . .	761	753	788	705	696	685	663
Headquarters . . . . .	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Headquarters support . . . . .	6	4	6	4	4	5	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	685	673	652
Postmasters . . . . .	27	27	26	25	25	25	25
Supervisors/managers . . . . .	43	35	39	33	33	33	32
Professional, administrative, and technical . . . . .	10	11	10	9	9	8	8
Clerks . . . . .	290	274	282	222	214	204	195
Mail handlers . . . . .	51	57	61	56	57	58	56
City carriers . . . . .	236	240	241	228	224	222	212
Motor vehicle operators . . . . .	7	8	9	9	9	9	9
Rural carriers . . . . .	42	46	57	64	66	68	69
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	6	5	5
Other <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	1	2	2	2	2	1	1
Noncareer . . . . .	83	122	114	98	100	101	102
Casuals . . . . .	27	26	30	19	23	22	12
Transitional . . . . .	(X)	32	13	8	5	5	18
Rural substitutes . . . . .	43	50	58	57	59	60	58
Relief/Leave replacements . . . . .	12	13	12	12	12	12	12
Nonbargaining temporary . . . . .	(Z)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Compensation and employee benefits (mil. dol.) . . . . .	34,214	41,931	49,532	53,932	56,302	64,270	60,992
Avg. salary per employee (dol.) <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	37,570	45,001	50,103	62,635	64,992	65,905	67,076
Pieces of mail per employee, (1,000) . . . . .	197	207	231	264	268	270	265
<b>Total revenue (mil. dol.)</b> <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	<b>40,074</b>	<b>54,509</b>	<b>64,540</b>	<b>69,993</b>	<b>72,817</b>	<b>74,973</b>	<b>74,968</b>
Operating postal revenue . . . . .	39,201	54,176	64,476	69,798	72,551	74,715	74,829
Mail revenue . . . . .	37,892	52,490	62,284	66,649	69,144	71,035	71,261
First class mail . . . . .	24,023	31,955	35,516	36,062	37,039	38,405	38,179
Priority mail <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	1,555	3,075	4,837	4,634	5,043	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Express mail <sup>7</sup> . . . . .	630	711	996	872	918	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Periodicals (formerly 2d class) . . . . .	1,509	1,972	2,171	2,161	2,215	2,188	2,295
Standard Mail (formerly Standard A) . . . . .	8,082	11,792	15,193	18,954	19,877	20,779	20,586
Package Services (formerly Standard B) . . . . .	919	1,525	1,912	2,201	2,259	1,812	1,845
Shipping Services <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	7,852	8,355
International economy mail (surface) . . . . .	222	205	180	134	118	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
International airmail . . . . .	941	1,254	1,477	1,631	1,678	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Service revenue . . . . .	1,310	1,687	2,191	3,150	3,407	3,743	3,671
Registry <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	174	118	98	77	73	53	57
Certified <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	310	560	385	601	632	698	718
Insurance <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	47	52	109	132	137	157	145
Collect-on-delivery . . . . .	26	21	22	9	10	(NA)	(NA)
Money orders . . . . .	155	196	235	208	193	211	205
Other <sup>8</sup> . . . . .	592	737	1,342	2,122	2,363	2,624	2,547
Operating expenses (million dollars) <sup>9</sup> . . . . .	40,490	50,730	62,992	68,283	71,681	80,105	77,738

NA Not available. X Not applicable. Z Fewer than 500. <sup>1</sup> Items mailed at 1st class rates and weighing 11 ounces or less. <sup>2</sup> "Volume" and "Mailing & Shipping Revenue" restructured for the "Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA) of 2006." <sup>3</sup> Includes discontinued operations, area offices, and nurses. <sup>4</sup> For career bargaining unit employees. Includes fringe benefits. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Provides 2 to 3 day delivery service. <sup>7</sup> Overnight delivery of packages weighing up to 70 pounds. <sup>8</sup> Beginning 2000, return receipt revenue broken out from registry, certified, and insurance and included in "other." <sup>9</sup> Shown in year in which obligation was incurred.