



2013 USPS POSTAGE RATE INCREASE GUIDE

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On January 27, 2013, the U.S. Postal Service will implement a postage rate increase for all mail classes including First-Class Mail, Priority Mail and Express Mail along with many special services. With private carriers such as UPS and FedEx raising 2013 shipping rates by an average of 5.9%, the USPS is still the cost-effective leader for all your mailing and shipping needs. This **2013 USPS Postage Rate Increase Guide** gives a description of each rate change, new service, and mail class to help keep you informed.

What's new in 2013?

Listed below are the 2013 USPS Commercial Base (online postage) prices by mail class.

Mail Class	2013 Price	2012 Price	Increase	Average % Increase
First-Class Letters - 1 oz.	\$0.46	\$0.45	\$0.01	2.50%
First-Class Letters - Additional Ounces	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.00	0.00%
First-Class Flat/Large Envelope - 1 oz.	\$0.92	\$0.90	\$0.02	2.70%
First-Class Flat/Large Envelope - Additional Ounces	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.00	0.00%
First-Class Letters International - 1 oz.	\$1.10	\$0.85 and up	\$0.25	N/A
Postcards	\$0.33	\$0.32	\$0.01	3.10%
Express Mail - 0.5 lb.	\$13.09 and up	\$12.85 and up	\$0.24 and up	2.00%
Priority Mail - 1 lb.	\$5.05 and up	\$4.90 and up	\$0.15 and up	6.30%
First-Class Package Service - 1 lb.	\$1.69	\$1.64	\$0.05	3.00%
Parcel Select - 1 lb.	\$5.42 and up	\$5.20 and up	\$0.22	4.20%
Media Mail - 1 lb.	\$2.53	\$2.47	\$0.06	3.50%
Standard Post (previously known as Parcel Post) - 1 lb.	\$5.60 and up	\$5.20 and up	\$0.40 and up	21.00%
Global Express Guaranteed - 0.5 lb.	\$47.45 and up	\$44.00 and up	\$3.45 and up	9.60%
Express Mail International - 0.5 lb.	\$32.59 and up	\$26.91 and up	\$5.68 and up	13.20%
Priority Mail International - 1 lb.	\$27.40 and up	\$22.09 and up	\$5.31 and up	15.10%
First Class Package International Service (previously known as First Class Mail International) - 1 lb.	\$9.50 and up	\$5.75 and up	\$3.75 and up	58.60%

New USPS Products and Services for 2013

Domestic

- Parcel Post is being renamed Standard Post and will only be available for purchase at the Post Office. The mail class will now include free Delivery Confirmation.
- Parcel Select is replacing Parcel Post for online postage vendors .

International

- **NEW!** A First-Class Mail Global Forever Stamp is being introduced to send a one ounce letter or postcard to any country in the world for \$1.10.
- Express Mail International Flat Rate Envelope weight limit has been reduced from 20 lbs. to 4 lbs.
- Express Mail International insurance coverage will be increased to \$200 from \$100. The coverage is included for free.
- For Priority Mail International Flat Rate service, a special rate will be offered for delivery service to Canada. Mexico is now included with all other countries.
- First-Class Mail International packages will be renamed First-Class Package International Service. The service now includes Commercial Base discounts of up to 10% off retail rates.
- First-Class Package International Service will include free electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International for packages being delivered to Canada. Additional countries will be added throughout 2013.

Shipping to a Residence?

While all shipping carriers increase rates annually, the USPS continues to be the low cost leader for shipping packages to a residence in 2013.

So many reasons to choose USPS over other carriers...

- Free daily package pick-up
- Lowest costs for packages under 3 lbs.
- No fuel surcharges (UPS/FedEx charge up to 15% per package)
- No residential surcharges (UPS/FedEx charge \$2.80 per package)
- Delivery every day to every address in the U.S.
- No extra charge for Saturday deliveries
- No hidden costs with USPS shipping
- Delivery to Military Addresses (APO/FPO addresses) and P.O. Boxes
- Flat rate boxes—if it fits it ships!

PIGGY BANK

3 LBS. TO RESIDENCE
INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING
NEW YORK TO SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

UPS WORLDWIDE EXPEDITED: \$103.06*
FEDEX INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY: \$103.94*
USPS PRIORITY MAIL INTERNATIONAL: \$45.36



MICROSCOPE

5 LBS. TO RESIDENCE
ATLANTA TO MIAMI

UPS GROUND: \$10.49*
FEDEX GROUND: \$10.35*
USPS PRIORITY MAIL REGIONAL RATE BOX A: \$5.84



ADJUSTABLE WRENCH

1 LB. TO RESIDENCE
SAN DIEGO TO BOSTON

UPS GROUND: \$9.42*
FEDEX GROUND: \$9.30*
USPS PRIORITY MAIL SMALL FLAT RATE BOX: \$5.15



First-Class Mail (Letters, Large Envelopes and Postcards)

First-Class Mail is a service that delivers envelopes weighing up to 13 ounces, making it ideal and cost effective for letters, bills, large envelopes, and postcards. Offers delivery in 1–3 days in the U.S.

When to use First-Class Mail

Use First-Class Mail if your mailpiece is less than 13 ounces and you don't require overnight delivery or Delivery Confirmation.



Pros

- Fast delivery anywhere across the U.S. in 1–3 days
- Rates not affected by distance
- No Saturday delivery charges or fuel and residential surcharges

Cons

- Maximum weight of only 3.5 ounces for letters
- Maximum weight of only 13 ounces for flat/large envelope
- First-Class Mail letters and flats are not eligible for Delivery Confirmation

Changes to First-Class Mail in 2013

- First-Class Letter (1 oz.) rate will increase one cent from \$0.45 to \$0.46. Each additional ounce will cost an extra \$0.20 (no change).
- First-Class Flats/Large Envelopes (1 oz.) rates will increase two cents from \$0.90 to \$0.92. Each additional ounce will cost an extra \$0.20 (no change).
- Postcard rates will increase one cent from \$0.32 to \$0.33.
- **NEW!** First-Class Mail Global Forever Stamp (1 oz.) is being introduced. Service will provide letter delivery worldwide for \$1.10.

Packages	Post Office/Retail postage rates		
	2013	2012	Increase
First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz.)	\$0.46	\$0.45	\$0.01
First-Class Mail Letter - each additional ounce	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.00
First-Class Mail Flat/Large Envelope (1 oz.)	\$0.92	\$0.90	\$0.02
First-Class Mail Flat/Large Envelope - each additional ounce	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.00
First-Class Mail Letter International (1 oz.)	\$1.10	\$0.85 and up	\$0.25
Postcard	\$0.33	\$0.32	\$0.01



Avoid Non-Machinable Items

Some mailpieces require additional postage because their shape or size makes it difficult for the USPS to process with mail sorting machines. These hard-to-process mailpieces, also known as non-machinable items, cost you more than standard size mailpieces. Here's what to avoid:

- Square envelopes
- Envelopes that are not flexible
- Shipments with uneven thickness (for example, an envelope containing a pen)
- Envelopes with a clasp or string closure device



Need more info? [Click here](#) to view the USPS First-Class Mail Rate Table.

Express Mail®

Express Mail is the fastest service offered by the USPS and it provides regular and overnight delivery to most U.S. addresses, including P.O. Boxes. Offers delivery in 1–2 days in the U.S. with a maximum weight of 70 pounds.

When to use Express Mail

Use Express Mail when you need a mailpiece delivered as fast as possible, regardless of price.



Pros

- Two price options—Flat Rate and by weight/distance
- Money-back guarantee*
- Includes Free Package Pickup™ at your door, \$200 in insurance, signature confirmation and delivery status info with the USPS Track & Confirm tool
- Delivery 365 days per year
- USPS provides free labels, envelopes and boxes
- Only USPS service with date-specific delivery
- No Saturday delivery charges or fuel and residential surcharges
- Up to 63% discount for buying postage online

Cons

- Most expensive USPS Mail Class

Changes to Express Mail in 2013

- Express Mail rates will start at \$13.09 (previously \$12.85) for online postage.
- For the purchase of Express Mail postage online, the maximum discount off retail rates will increase to 63%, (previously 62%).

Packages	Post Office/Retail postage rates		Stamps.com postage rates	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Express Mail (0.5 lb.)	\$14.10 and up	\$12.95 and up	\$13.09 and up	\$12.85 and up
Express Mail (1 lb.)	\$16.05 and up	\$14.95 and up	\$15.13 and up	\$14.85 and up
Express Mail (2 lb.)	\$18.10 and up	\$17.40 and up	\$15.58 and up	\$15.30 and up
Express Mail (3 lb.)	\$21.55 and up	\$18.50 and up	\$15.94 and up	\$15.65 and up
Express Mail Flat Rate Envelope	\$19.95	\$18.95	\$18.11	\$17.75
Express Mail Padded Flat Rate Envelope	\$19.95	\$18.95	\$18.11	\$17.75
Express Mail Flat Rate Legal Envelope	\$19.95	\$18.95	\$18.11	\$17.75
Express Mail Flat Rate Box	\$39.95	\$39.95	\$39.95	\$39.95



Need more info? [Click here](#) to view the USPS Express Mail Rate Table.

Priority Mail®

Priority Mail is an expedited service that provides delivery anywhere in the U.S. within 2–3 days. Maximum weight is 70 pounds.

When to use Priority Mail

Use Priority Mail if you are shipping more than 13 ounces, specifically if you want fast delivery for a low price.

Pros

- Three price options—Flat Rate, Regional Rate and by weight/distance
- Priority Mail Flat Rate is ideal for heavy packages as you only pay one rate
- Free Delivery Confirmation for online postage customers
- Includes Free Package Pickup and shipping supplies
- No Saturday delivery charges or fuel and residential surcharges
- Up to 20% discount for buying postage online

Cons

- More expensive than other low-cost USPS mail classes
- Less expensive options, like First-Class Mail, may be equally as fast



Changes to Priority Mail in 2013

- Priority Mail rates will start at \$5.05 (previously \$4.90) for online postage.
- For the purchase of Priority Mail postage online, the maximum discount off retail rates will increase to 20%, (previously 15%).

Packages	Post Office/Retail postage rates		Stamps.com postage rates	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Priority Mail (1 lb.)	\$5.60 and up	\$5.20 and up	\$5.05 and up	\$4.90 and up
Priority Mail (2 lb.)	\$5.80 and up	\$5.30 and up	\$5.32 and up	\$5.04 and up
Priority Mail (3 lb.)	\$6.60 and up	\$6.05 and up	\$5.49 and up	\$5.24 and up
Priority Mail Flat Rate Envelope	\$5.60	\$5.15	\$5.05	\$4.90
Priority Mail Padded Flat Rate Envelope	\$5.95	\$5.30	\$5.70	\$5.10
Priority Mail Flat Rate Legal Envelope	\$5.75	\$5.30	\$5.25	\$5.10
Priority Mail Small Flat Rate Box	\$5.80	\$5.35	\$5.15	\$5.15
Priority Mail Medium Flat Rate Box	\$12.35	\$11.35	\$11.30	\$10.85
Priority Mail Large Flat Rate Box	\$16.85	\$15.45	\$15.30	\$14.65
Priority Mail APO/FPO/DPO Large Flat Rate Box	\$14.85	\$13.45	\$13.30	\$12.65
Priority Mail Regional Rate Box A	\$6.07 and up	\$5.79 and up	\$5.32 and up	\$5.04 and up
Priority Mail Regional Rate Box B	\$6.91 and up	\$6.65 and up	\$6.16 and up	\$5.90 and up
Priority Mail Regional Rate Box C	\$15.86 and up	\$15.19 and up	\$15.11 and up	\$14.44 and up



Need more info? [Click here](#) to view the USPS Priority Mail Rate Table.

First-Class Package Service (Parcels)

First-Class Package Service is a fast, affordable delivery service for packages weighing up to 13 ounces. Offers approximate 3-day delivery in the U.S.

When to use First-Class Package Service

Use First-Class Package Service if your package is 13 ounces or less.



Pros

- Offers significant savings over Priority Mail or Express Mail for packages weighing 13 ounces or less
- Delivery within 3 days in most cases
- Best-priced USPS service for packages up to 13 ounces
- Includes free Delivery Confirmation
- Up to 18% discount for online postage customers

Cons

- Limited to packages weighing 13 ounces or less

Changes to First-Class Package Service in 2013

- First-Class Package Service rates will start at \$1.69 (previously at \$1.64) for online postage.
- For the purchase of First-Class Package Service postage online, the maximum discount off retail rates will increase to 18%, (previously 15%).

Packages	Post Office/Retail postage rates		Stamps.com postage rates	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
First-Class Package Service (1 oz.)	\$2.07	\$1.95	\$1.69	\$1.64
First-Class Package Service (2 oz.)	\$2.07	\$1.95	\$1.69	\$1.64
First-Class Package Service (3 oz.)	\$2.07	\$1.95	\$1.69	\$1.64
First-Class Package Service (4 oz.)	\$2.24	\$2.12	\$1.86	\$1.81
First-Class Package Service (5 oz.)	\$2.41	\$2.29	\$2.04	\$1.98



Use First-Class Package Service for Small Parcels

If you are sending a small package under 13 ounces, the cheapest, quickest way to track and ship it is with First-Class Package Service. The service typically provides next-day delivery to local destinations and includes free Delivery Confirmation.



Need more info? [Click here](#) to view the USPS First-Class Package Service Rate Table.

Parcel Select (non-presort)

Parcel Select is designed for large and medium sized shippers looking for an economical ground delivery service. The mail class offers the lowest cost option from the USPS for ground delivery. Price is determined by distance, weight and dimensions of the mailpiece. Offers U.S. delivery within 2-8 days, depending on destination. Maximum weight is 70 lbs.



When to use Parcel Select

Use Parcel Select if low shipping rates are more important than delivery speed, and your package weighs over 10 pounds.

Pros

- Includes free Delivery Confirmation
- Lowest cost for ground delivery
- Delivery in 2-8 days
- Hold for Pickup available for additional fee

Cons

- Much slower than other mail classes
- Maximum combined length and girth of 130" — combined measurement of the longest side and the distance around the thickest part of package can't be more than 130".
- Only available to purchase online

Changes to Parcel Select in 2013

- Parcel Select rates will start at \$5.42 (previously at \$5.20) for online postage.

Packages	Stamps.com postage rates		
	2013	2012	Increase
Parcel Select (1 lb.)	\$5.42 and up	\$5.20 and up	\$0.22 and up
Parcel Select (2 lb.)	\$5.47 and up	\$5.25 and up	\$0.22 and up
Parcel Select (3 lb.)	\$6.14 and up	\$5.89 and up	\$0.25 and up
Parcel Select (4 lb.)	\$6.88 and up	\$6.60 and up	\$0.28 and up
Parcel Select (5 lb.)	\$7.76 and up	\$7.45 and up	\$0.31 and up



Use Parcel Select to Save on Heavy Items

When cost savings are all-important, Parcel Select is your best option for shipping heavy items. You can save up to 35% compared to Priority Mail rates and ship packages that measure up to 130" in length and girth.



Need more info? [Click here](#) to view the USPS Parcel Select Rate Table.

Standard Post (formerly Parcel Post)

Standard Post is a low-cost ground service for less-than-urgent deliveries and oversized packages. Price is determined by distance, weight and dimensions of the mailpiece. Offers U.S. delivery within 2–8 days, depending on destination. Maximum weight is 70 pounds.

When to use Standard Post

Use Standard Post if your shipment is ineligible for Media Mail, low shipping rates are more important than speed, and your package weighs over 10 pounds.



Pros

- Delivery in 2–8 days
- An economical way to send packages
- Ships larger packages that are too big for Express Mail and Priority Mail
- Priced lower than Priority Mail and Express Mail
- Includes free Delivery Confirmation

Cons

- Much slower than most other mail classes
- Standard Post can only be purchased at Post Office

Changes to Standard Post in 2013

- Standard Post rates will start at \$5.60 (previously at \$5.20).
- Standard Post can only be purchased at the Post Office.
- Standard Post now includes free Delivery Confirmation.

Packages	Post Office/Retail postage rates		
	2013	2012	Increase
Standard Post (1 lb.)	\$5.60 and up	\$5.20 and up	\$0.40 and up
Standard Post (2 lb.)	\$5.80 and up	\$5.30 and up	\$0.50 and up
Standard Post (3 lb.)	\$6.60 and up	\$5.75 and up	\$0.85 and up
Standard Post (4 lb.)	\$7.45 and up	\$6.17 and up	\$1.28 and up
Standard Post (5 lb.)	\$8.85 and up	\$7.29 and up	\$1.56 and up



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Media Mail

Media Mail is a service restricted to the delivery of books, film, audio and other recorded media. Offers U.S. delivery within 2–8 days, depending on destination. Maximum weight of 70 pounds.



When to use Media Mail

Use Media Mail if you're sending media-specific items as defined by the USPS and longer transit times are acceptable.

Pros

- Cheapest service for anything over 13 ounces
- Intended and ideal for educational materials
- Pricing is based on weight, not distance
- No Saturday delivery charges or fuel and residential surcharges

Cons

- Much slower than most other mail classes
- Limited to books, sound recordings, recorded video tapes, printed music, or recorded computer-readable media (such as CDs, DVDs, and diskettes)
- Packages could be opened by USPS employees to verify contents meet Media Mail restrictions

Changes to Media Mail in 2013

- Media Mail rates will start at \$2.53 (previously at \$2.47).

Packages	Post Office/Retail postage rates		
	2013	2012	Increase
Media Mail (1 lb.)	\$2.53	\$2.47	\$0.06
Media Mail (2 lb.)	\$2.98	\$2.89	\$0.09
Media Mail (3 lb.)	\$3.43	\$3.31	\$0.12
Media Mail (4 lb.)	\$3.88	\$3.73	\$0.15
Media Mail (5 lb.)	\$4.33	\$4.15	\$0.18



Use Media Mail for Eligible Items

If you regularly send books, CDs or DVDs, Media Mail is a cost-effective mail service. Rates are based on the weight and size of your mail piece, not the distance to the destination. This makes Media Mail particularly valuable for packages being sent long distances. You can save big if your mail qualifies.



Need more info? [Click here](#) to view the USPS Media Mail Rate Table.

Global Express Guaranteed®

Global Express Guaranteed is the USPS' fastest international service that offers date-specific delivery in 1–3 business days* to over 190 countries. Transportation and delivery is managed by FedEx Express. Maximum package weight is 70 pounds.

When to use Global Express Guaranteed

Global Express Guaranteed is the only USPS option if you need a package delivered internationally within 1–3 business days.



Pros

- Delivery abroad in 1–3 business days*
- Money-back guarantee** to virtually all international destinations serviced by the USPS
- Free Package Pickup at your door
- Includes \$100 in insurance coverage and delivery tracking info with the USPS Track & Confirm tool

Cons

- Most expensive USPS international mail class
- Dimension limitations
- Select countries have weight restrictions on shipments that could be lower than 70 pounds

Changes to Global Express Guaranteed in 2013

- Global Express Guaranteed rates will start at \$47.45 (previously \$44.00) for online postage.

Packages	Post Office/Retail postage rates		Stamps.com postage rates	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Global Express Guaranteed (0.5 lb.)	\$49.95 and up	\$44.00 and up	\$47.45 and up	\$44.00 and up
Global Express Guaranteed (1 lb.)	\$58.95 and up	\$63.35 and up	\$55.41 and up	\$59.52 and up
Global Express Guaranteed (2 lb.)	\$63.10 and up	\$67.80 and up	\$58.43 and up	\$63.05 and up
Global Express Guaranteed (3 lb.)	\$67.25 and up	\$72.25 and up	\$63.46 and up	\$67.57 and up



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*For many major markets. Average number of days may vary.

** Some restrictions apply. Visit usps.com for restriction details.

Express Mail International®

Express Mail International is an international service offering delivery to over 190 countries within 3–5 days. Offers date-specific delivery and a money-back guarantee when shipping to the following: Australia, China, France (except for Corsica and Monaco), Hong Kong, Japan, Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Spain (except for the Canary Islands), South Korea and Singapore. Maximum weight of 70 pounds.



When to use Express Mail International

Use Express Mail International if you have time-sensitive shipments that must be delivered in 3–5 days, specifically if the delivery destination qualifies for date-specific delivery and a money-back guarantee.

Pros

- Two price options—Flat Rate and by weight/distance
- Date-specific delivery and money-back guarantee for select countries
- Free Package Pickup at your door
- Includes \$200 in insurance, Carrier Pickup™ and delivery status information with the USPS Track & Confirm tool
- Up to 10% discount for online postage customers

Cons

- More expensive than Priority Mail International or First-Class Package International Service

Changes to Express Mail International in 2013

- Express Mail International rates will start at \$32.59 (previously \$26.91) for online postage.
- For the purchase Express Mail International postage online, the maximum discount off retail rates will increase up to 10%, (previously up to 8%).
- Express Mail International Flat Rate Envelope weight limit has been reduced from 20 lbs. to 4 lbs.
- Express Mail International insurance coverage will be increased to \$200 from \$100. The coverage is included for free.

Packages	Post Office/Retail postage rates		Stamps.com postage rates	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Express Mail International (0.5 lb.)	\$33.95 and up	\$29.25 and up	\$32.59 and up	\$26.91 and up
Express Mail International (1 lb.)	\$37.35 and up	\$32.90 and up	\$35.48 and up	\$30.27 and up
Express Mail International (2 lb.)	\$41.40 and up	\$36.85 and up	\$38.50 and up	\$33.90 and up
Express Mail International (3 lb.)	\$45.45 and up	\$40.80 and up	\$42.27 and up	\$37.54 and up
Express Mail International Flat Rate Box - Canada	\$64.95	\$59.95	\$64.95	\$59.95
Express Mail International Flat Rate Box - Other Countries	\$79.95	\$74.95	\$79.95	\$74.95
Express Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes - Canada	\$34.95	\$29.25	\$34.95	\$29.25
Express Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes - Other Countries	\$44.95	\$38.00	\$44.95	\$38.00



Need more info? [Click here](#) to view the USPS Express Mail International Rate Table.

Priority Mail International

Priority Mail International is an international, cost-effective service that delivers mailpieces and packages weighing up to 70 pounds to over 190 countries. Offers international delivery in 6–10 days.

When to use Priority Mail International

Use Priority Mail International if you have time-sensitive shipments that must be delivered in 6–10 business days.



Pros

- Delivery in 6–10 days
- Two affordable price options—Flat Rate or by weight/distance
- Includes delivery info with the USPS Track & Confirm tool
- Free Package Pickup™ at your door
- Up to 9% discount for online postage customers

Cons

- More expensive than First-Class Package International Service

Changes to Priority Mail International in 2013

- Priority Mail International rates will start at \$27.40 (previously \$22.09) for online postage.
- Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes will start at \$19.95 (previously \$12.95) for online postage.
- Priority Mail International Flat Rate Boxes will start at \$19.95 (previously \$12.95) for online postage.
- For the purchase Priority Mail International postage online, the maximum discount off retail rates will increase up to 9%, (previously up to 5%).
- For Priority Mail Flat Rate service, Mexico is now included in the "all other countries" group.

Packages	Post Office/Retail postage rates		Stamps.com postage rates	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Priority Mail International (1 lb.)	\$28.25 and up	\$23.25 and up	\$27.40 and up	\$22.09 and up
Priority Mail International (2 lb.)	\$30.60 and up	\$25.80 and up	\$28.76 and up	\$24.51 and up
Priority Mail International (3 lb.)	\$32.95 and up	\$28.35 and up	\$30.97 ad up	\$26.93 and up
Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes - Canada	\$19.95	\$12.95	\$19.95	\$12.95
Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes - Other Countries	\$23.95	\$16.95	\$23.95	\$16.95
Priority Mail International Small Flat Rate Box - Canada	\$19.95	\$12.95	\$19.95	\$12.95
Priority Mail International Small Flat Rate Box - Other Countries	\$23.95	\$16.95	\$23.95	\$16.95
Priority Mail International Medium Flat Rate Box - Canada	\$40.95	\$32.95	\$40.95	\$32.95
Priority Mail International Medium Flat Rate Box - Other Countries	\$59.95	\$47.95	\$59.95	\$47.95
Priority Mail International Large Flat Rate Box - Canada	\$53.95	\$39.95	\$53.95	\$39.95
Priority Mail International Large Flat Rate Box - Other Countries	\$77.95	\$60.95	\$77.95	\$60.95



Need more info? [Click here](#) to view the USPS Priority Mail International Rate Table.

First-Class Package International Service

(formerly First-Class Mail International)

First-Class Package International Service is the USPS' most affordable international service for the delivery of letters, big envelopes and small packages to over 190 countries. Maximum weight is 4 pounds. Delivery time varies by destination.



When to use First-Class Package International Service

Use First-Class Package International Service if you are shipping small, inexpensive items such as books, health and beauty products, clothing, or accessories weighing under 4 pounds.

Pros

- Most affordable international service
- Delivery time varies by destination
- Ideal for letters, big envelopes and small packages

Cons

- Exact delivery times are unknown and can be in excess of 21 days.
- Delivery Confirmation only available to Canada currently. More countries to be added later in 2013.

Changes to First-Class Package International Service in 2013

- First-Class Package International Service rates for packages will start at \$9.50 (previously \$5.75) for online postage.
- First-Class Mail International packages will be renamed First-Class Package International Service.
- First-Class Package International Service now offers Commercial Base discounts of up to 10% off retail rates.
- First-Class Package International Service will include free electronic Delivery Confirmation for packages being delivered to Canada. Additional countries will be added throughout 2013.

Packages	Post Office/Retail postage rates		Stamps.com postage rates	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
First-Class Package International Service - Price Group 1 Canada (1 lb.)	\$10.55	\$5.75	\$9.50	\$5.75
First-Class Package International Service - Price Group 2 Mexico (1 lb.)	\$15.05	\$9.29	\$13.55	\$9.29
First-Class Package International Service - Price Group 3-5 Asia, Europe, Aus (1 lb.)	\$16.75	\$11.60	\$15.08	\$11.60
First-Class Package International Service - Price Group 6-9 Other Counties (1 lb.)	\$16.25	\$11.26	\$14.63	\$11.26



Need more info? [Click here](#) to view the USPS First-Class Package International Service Rate Table.

USPS Special Services

Special Services	Description	Post Office/Retail postage rates		Stamps.com postage rates	
		2013	2012	2013	2012
Certified Mail	Provides proof of mailing at time of mailing and the date and time of delivery or attempted delivery. Purchasing Certified Mail service allows customers to then purchase Restricted Delivery service or a Return Receipt.	\$3.10	\$2.95	\$3.10	\$2.95
Registered Mail	Provides the sender with a mailing receipt and, upon request, electronic verification that an article was delivered. The most secure service that the USPS offers.	\$11.20 and up	\$10.95 and up	\$11.20 and up	\$10.95 and up
Delivery Confirmation	Provides the mailer with information about the date and time an article was delivered. This service is FREE on Priority Mail packages when you use Stamps.com.	\$0.90	\$0.75 and up	\$0.20	\$0.19
Signature Confirmation	Provides the date and time of delivery or attempted delivery and the name of the person who signed for the item.	\$2.70	\$2.55	\$2.20	\$2.10
Certificate of Mailing	Provides evidence that mail has been presented to the USPS for mailing.	\$1.20	\$1.15	\$1.20	\$1.15
Collect on Delivery	Provides ability to mail an article for which the mailer has not been paid and have its price and the cost of the postage collected from the recipient. The recipient has the option to pay the charges using either cash or check.	\$6.45 and up	\$5.90 and up	\$6.45 and up	\$5.90 and up
Return Receipt (at time of mailing)	Provides a mailer with evidence of delivery (to whom the mail was delivered and date of delivery), along with information about the recipient's actual delivery address. Choose from a return receipt by mail or electronically.	\$2.55	\$2.35	\$2.55	\$1.15
Restricted Delivery	Restricted Delivery service ensures that only a specified person will receive a piece of mail. This service is only available if you also purchase Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD, or Registered Mail.	\$4.75	\$4.55	\$4.75	\$4.55
Adult Signature - (Basic)	Provides electronic confirmation of the delivery or attempted delivery of the mailpiece and, upon request, the recipient's signature. Recipient must furnish proof of age via a driver's license, passport, or other government-issued photo identification that lists age or date of birth prior to delivery.	Must be purchased online	Must be purchased online	\$4.95	\$4.75
Adult Signature - (Person Specific)	Provides the same service as Adult Signature Required with the additional restriction of limiting delivery to a specific addressee or authorized agent who is 21 years of age or older. If the specific addressee is not 21 years of age or older, the mailpiece will be returned to sender.	Must be purchased online	Must be purchased online	\$5.15	\$4.95