

USPS POSTAGE REFERENCE · 2026 SCHEDULE

USPS postage rates, 2026.

Letters, flats, postcards.

A printable per-piece reference for direct-mail buyers, agencies, and letter shops. First-Class and USPS Marketing Mail rates by sortation tier — Pre-sort Local Entry (5-digit, 3-digit, Mixed AADC), Pre-sort Dropship (NDC, SCF, DDU), and Co-mingle pooling — with typical in-home windows for each.

Inside

Six rate tables. Letters, Flats, Postcards. First-Class and Marketing Mail. Pre-sort and Drop-ship tiers. Co-mingle savings. In-home windows.

How to read it

Per-piece postage in dollars. Drop-ship rows show 5-digit + destination-entry discount stacked. Savings columns compare to the next-shallower tier.

\$0.339

Marketing Mail letter, 5-digit AADC

\$0.245

Marketing Mail letter, DDU drop-ship

8–15%

Typical Co-mingle savings vs Mixed AADC

SECTIONS A & B

First-Class & Marketing Mail letters — per-piece rates by tier.

Pre-sort tier discounts apply when the mailer pre-sorts to USPS sortation depth before induction. Drop-ship rates stack the destination-entry discount on top of the 5-digit AADC base rate. Marketing Mail requires a minimum of 200 pieces.

A. First-Class Mail letters

PER PIECE · USD

First-Class letters accept single pieces with no minimum. Drop-ship discounts do not apply to First-Class — the destination-entry program is Marketing Mail only.

SORTATION TIER	PER PIECE	VS SINGLE-PIECE	NOTES
Single-piece	\$0.730	—	Baseline, no automation
5-digit AADC pre-sort	\$0.591	-\$0.139	Deepest automation
3-digit AADC pre-sort	\$0.616	-\$0.114	Approximate
Mixed AADC pre-sort	\$0.616	-\$0.114	Approximate

B. USPS Marketing Mail letters

PER PIECE · USD

Drop-ship rates = 5-digit AADC base (\$0.339) + destination-entry discount. NDC = National Distribution Center; SCF = Sectional Center Facility; DDU = Destination Delivery Unit.

SORTATION TIER	PER PIECE	VS MIXED AADC	NOTES
Mixed AADC pre-sort	\$0.391	—	Required for Co-mingle
3-digit AADC pre-sort	\$0.378	-\$0.013	Local entry
5-digit AADC pre-sort	\$0.339	-\$0.052	Deepest pre-sort
Drop-ship to NDC (5d + NDC)	\$0.295	-\$0.096	5d base – \$0.044
Drop-ship to SCF (5d + SCF)	\$0.277	-\$0.114	5d base – \$0.062
Drop-ship to DDU (5d + DDU)	\$0.245	-\$0.146	5d base – \$0.094

C. USPS Marketing Mail flats

PER PIECE · USD

Flats run higher per piece than letters and the pre-sort spread is wider. Drop-ship discounts apply identically — NDC –\$0.044, SCF –\$0.062, DDU –\$0.094 off the 5-digit base.

SORTATION TIER	PER PIECE	VS MIXED AADC	NOTES
Mixed AADC pre-sort	\$0.872	—	Required for Co-mingle
3-digit AADC pre-sort	\$0.823	-\$0.049	Local entry
5-digit AADC pre-sort	\$0.659	-\$0.213	Deepest pre-sort
Drop-ship to NDC	\$0.615	-\$0.257	5d base – \$0.044
Drop-ship to SCF	\$0.597	-\$0.275	5d base – \$0.062
Drop-ship to DDU	\$0.565	-\$0.307	5d base – \$0.094

— SECTIONS D, E, F

Postcards, Co-mingle savings, and in-home windows by tier.

D. First-Class postcards

PER PIECE · USD

First-Class postcards have a discrete rate distinct from letters. USPS Marketing Mail postcards bill at the letter rate when they meet letter-piece dimensions.

SORTATION TIER	PER PIECE	VS SINGLE-PIECE	NOTES
Single-piece (no sort)	\$0.560	—	Baseline
5-digit / 3-digit / Mixed AADC	\$0.418	-\$0.142	Pre-sort, all tiers

E. Co-mingle pool savings

MARKETING MAIL ONLY

Co-mingle pools multiple senders' Marketing Mail into a shared sortation pass — small drops ride alongside the pool's volume to qualify for 5-digit pre-sort and DDU drop-ship economics. Typical savings: **8–15%** over Mixed AADC. Calculator midpoint: **12%**.

PIECE TYPE	MIXED AADC	CO-MINGLE (12% OFF)	SAVED PER PIECE
Marketing Mail letter	\$0.391	\$0.344	-\$0.047
Marketing Mail flat	\$0.872	\$0.767	-\$0.105
Marketing Mail postcard (letter dims)	\$0.391	\$0.344	-\$0.047

F. In-home windows by tier

DAYS FROM INDUCTION

In-home windows are delivery-side ranges from the day mail enters the postal stream. Drop-ship cuts the window because the pieces enter closer to delivery. Origin-entry pre-sort travels further inside USPS.

MARKETING MAIL	IN-HOME	FIRST-CLASS MAIL	IN-HOME
5-digit / 3-digit AADC	6–14 days	Single-piece	2–5 days
Mixed AADC	7–15 days	5-digit / 3-digit AADC	2–4 days
Drop-ship NDC	4–7 days	Mixed AADC	2–5 days
Drop-ship SCF	2–5 days	Drop-ship NDC / SCF	2–4 days
Drop-ship DDU	1–3 days	Drop-ship DDU	1–3 days

About these rates. Per-piece postage from the 2026 USPS pricing schedule, effective January 2026. Rates are approximations — actual postage depends on weight, exact piece dimensions, machinability, and current promotion participation. Rates exclude printing, paper, fulfillment, freight to the postal facility, and any non-machinable surcharges. USPS Marketing Mail requires a minimum of 200 pieces or 50 lbs per mailing. First-Class drop-ship rates shown reflect the absence of a destination-entry discount on First-Class.

Run any piece, any rate, any tier through the platform.

Pre-sort Local Entry, Pre-sort Dropship, and Co-mingle automated on every drop. Book a 30-minute demo to see your actual mailing priced per piece.

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