

Rates for Stamped Cards and Postcards

Effective Date	Postage in Cents
May 12, 1873	1 (see note below)
November 2, 1917	2
July 1, 1919	1
April 15, 1925	1 for stamped cards; 2 for postcards
July 1, 1928	1
January 1, 1952	2
August 1, 1958	3
January 7, 1963	4
January 7, 1968	5
May 16, 1971	6
March 2, 1974	8
September 14, 1975	7
December 31, 1975	9
May 29, 1978	10
March 22, 1981	12
November 1, 1981	13
February 17, 1985	14
April 3, 1988	15
February 3, 1991	19

January 1, 1995	20
July 1, 2001	21
June 30, 2002	23
January 8, 2006	24
May 14, 2007	26
May 12, 2008	27
May 11, 2009	28
April 17, 2011	29
January 22, 2012	32
January 27, 2013	33
January 26, 2014	34
May 31, 2015	35
April 10, 2016	34
January 21, 2018	35
January 24, 2021	36
August 29, 2021	40
July 10, 2022	44
January 22, 2023	48
July 9, 2023	51
January 21, 2024	53

Note: Postcards (privately printed cards) did not qualify for a special postage rate until July 1, 1898. Since then, the rates for postcards have been the same as for stamped cards (produced by the Postal Service) except for the period from April 15, 1925, to July 1, 1928. On January 10, 1999, the Postal Service increased the price of stamped cards (formerly called "postal cards") to one penny more than the postage rate in order to pay for the paper and printing of the card. The additional charge increased to two cents on January 7, 2001, to three cents on May 12, 2008, to four cents on January 27, 2013, and to five cents on August 29, 2021. In 1994, in addition to regular stamped cards, the Postal Service began selling higher-cost premium stamped cards, with collectible artwork.