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U.S. Postal Service Announces Temporary Price Change for 2025 Holiday Shipping Season

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service filed notice today with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) regarding a temporary price change for some package services for the 2025 peak holiday season. This temporary price adjustment is to help cover extra handling costs to ensure a successful peak season.

The planned peak-season pricing, which was approved by the governors of the Postal Service on Aug. 7, would affect prices on the following retail and commercial domestic competitive parcels: Priority Mail Express (PME), Priority Mail (PM), USPS Ground Advantage, and Parcel Select. No other products or services would be affected. Pending favorable review by the PRC, the temporary rates would go into effect at midnight Central on Oct. 5 and remain in place until midnight Central on Jan. 18, 2026.

This seasonal adjustment will bring prices for the Postal Service's retail and commercial customers in line with competitive practices.

As a strategic part of the [Delivering for America](#) 10-year plan, these temporary changes will support the Postal Service in creating a revitalized organization capable of achieving our public service mission — providing a nationwide, integrated network for the delivery of mail and packages at least six days a week — in a cost-effective and financially sustainable manner over the long term, just as the U.S. Congress has intended.

The planned price changes include:

Retail:

Priority Mail and USPS Ground Advantage: Zone 1-4

- \$0.40 cents increase for Zones 1-4, 0-3 lbs.
- \$0.60 cents increase for Zones 1-4, 4-10 lbs.
- \$0.95 cents increase for Zones 1-4, 11-25 lbs.
- \$3.00 increase for Zones 1-4, 26-70 lbs and Oversized.

Priority Mail Zone 5-9

- \$0.90 cents increase for Zones 5-9, 0-3 lbs.
- \$1.45 cents increase for Zones 5-9, 4-10 lbs.
- \$3.25 increase for Zones 5-9, 11-25 lbs.
- \$7.00 increase for Zones 5-9, 26-70 lbs.

Priority Mail Flat Rate

- \$1.45 for Large Flat Rate Boxes.
- \$0.90 for all other Flat Rate Products.

USPS Ground Advantage Zone 5-9

- \$0.50 cents increase for Zones 5-9, 0-3 lbs.
- \$1.00 cents increase for Zones 5-9, 4-10 lbs.

- \$2.00 increase for Zones 5-9, 11-25 lbs.
- \$5.75 increase for Zones 5-9, 26-70 lbs and Oversized.

Priority Mail Express

- \$1.10 increase for Zones 1-4, 0-3 lbs.
- \$2.00 increase for Zones 5-9, 0-3 lbs.
- \$2.00 increase for Zones 1-4, 4-10 lbs.
- \$4.85 increase for Zones 5-9, 4-10 lbs.
- \$3.90 increase for Zones 1-4, 11-25 lbs.
- \$9.00 increase for Zones 5-9, 11-25 lbs.
- \$9.75 increase for Zones 1-4, 26-70 lbs.
- \$16.00 increase for Zones 5-9, 26-70 lbs.

Priority Mail Express Flat Rate

- \$2.00 increase for Flat Rate Envelopes.

Commercial:

Priority Mail and USPS Ground Advantage: Zone 1-4, and Parcel Select (all entries)

- \$0.30 cents increase for Zones 1-4, 0-3 lbs and Cubic Tiers 1-3.
- \$0.45 cents increase for Zones 1-4, 4-10 lbs and Cubic Tiers 4-5 (PM), 4-9 (GA).
- \$0.75 cents increase for Zones 1-4, 11-25 lbs and Cubic Tier 10 (GA).
- \$2.25 increase for Zones 1-4, 26-70 lbs and Oversized.

Priority Mail Zone 5-9

- \$0.70 cents increase for Zones 5-9, 0-3 lbs and Cubic Tiers 1-3.
- \$1.25 increase for Zones 5-9, 4-10 lbs and Cubic Tiers 4-5.
- \$2.75 increase for Zones 5-9, 11-25 lbs.
- \$6.50 increase for Zones 5-9, 26-70 lbs.

Priority Mail Flat Rate

- \$1.25 for Large Flat Rate Boxes.
- \$0.70 for all other Flat Rate Products.

USPS Ground Advantage Zone 5-9

- \$0.35 cents increase for Zones 5-9, 0-3 lbs and Cubic Tiers 1-3.
- \$0.75 cents increase for Zones 5-9, 4-10 lbs and Cubic Tiers 4-9.
- \$1.25 increase for Zones 5-9, 11-25 lbs and Cubic Tier 10.
- \$5.50 increase for Zones 5-9, 26-70 lbs and Oversized.

Priority Mail Express:

- \$1.00 increase for Zones 1-4, 0-3 lbs.
- \$1.75 increase for Zones 5-9, 0-3 lbs.
- \$1.50 increase for Zones 1-4, 4-10 lbs.
- \$3.95 increase for Zones 5-9, 4-10 lbs.
- \$3.50 increase for Zones 1-4, 11-25 lbs.
- \$7.50 increase for Zones 5-9, 11-25 lbs.
- \$8.95 increase for Zones 1-4, 26-70 lbs.
- \$13.00 increase for Zones 5-9, 26-70 lbs.

Priority Mail Express Flat Rate

- \$1.75 for Flat Rate Envelopes.

The PRC will review the proposed prices before they are scheduled to take effect Oct. 5. The most commonly used rates that are changing are listed above. Complete USPS price filings, with prices for all

products, can be found on the PRC website's Daily Listings section at prc.arkcase.com/portal/filings. Price change tables are also available on the Postal Explorer website at pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index.

Notably, the Postal Service has some of the lowest mailing rates in the industrialized world and continues to offer great values in shipping.

**This release was updated on 8/19/2025 when the price change of commercial Priority Mail, USPS Ground Advantage Zone 1-4 and Parcel Select was revised to \$2.25 from the previously announced \$3.00. Cubic tier and Oversized information was also provided in that update.*

Postal Products

Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through the [Postal Store](https://usps.com/shopstamps) at usps.com/shopstamps, by calling 844-737-7826, by mail through [USA Philatelic](https://usa.philatellic.com) or at Post Office locations nationwide. For officially licensed stamp products, shop the [USPS Officially Licensed Collection on Amazon](https://www.usps.com/officially-licensed-collection). Additional information on stamps, First Day of Issue Ceremonies and stamp inspired products can be found at [StampsForever.com](https://stampsforever.com).

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