

Number of Stamped Cards and Postcards Sent via First-Class Mail Since 1926

(totals are unavailable for prior years)

Fiscal Year	Stamped Cards	Postcards	Presorted Postcards
1926	1,323,000,000	206,000,000	
1927	1,422,000,000	184,000,000	
1928	1,507,000,000	172,000,000	
1929	1,417,000,000	283,000,000	
1930	1,325,000,000	298,000,000	
1931	1,322,000,000	278,000,000	
1932	1,188,000,000	260,000,000	
1933	1,200,000,000	253,000,000	
1934	1,328,000,000	309,000,000	
1935	1,495,000,000	295,000,000	
1936	1,622,000,000	367,000,000	
1937	1,736,000,000	448,000,000	
1938	1,877,000,000	468,000,000	
1939	1,887,000,000	464,000,000	
1940	1,953,000,000	525,000,000	
1941	2,107,000,000	633,000,000	
1942	2,083,000,000	595,000,000	
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1944	1,895,000,000	614,000,000	
1945	2,093,000,000	612,000,000	
1946	2,304,000,000	685,000,000	
1947	2,620,000,000	713,000,000	
1948	2,828,000,000	773,000,000	
1949	3,187,000,000	866,000,000	
1950	3,438,000,000	976,000,000	
1951	3,434,000,000	1,073,000,000	
1952	2,898,000,000	1,148,000,000	
1953	2,206,000,000	1,176,000,000	
1954	2,077,000,000	1,177,000,000	
1955	2,120,000,000	1,163,000,000	
1956	2,049,000,000	1,229,000,000	
1957	2,080,000,000	1,195,000,000	
1958	2,101,000,000	1,135,000,000	
1959	1,746,000,000	1,145,000,000	
1960	1,502,000,000	1,140,000,000	
1961	1,356,000,000	1,114,000,000	
1962	1,324,000,000	1,172,000,000	
1963	1,307,000,000	1,225,000,000	
1964	1,226,000,000	1,382,000,000	
1965	1,095,000,000	1,284,000,000	
1966	1,058,000,000	1,225,000,000	
1967	1,078,184,000	1,500,514,000	
1968	867,491,000	1,494,144,000	
1969	801,730,000	1,589,858,000	
1970	798,483,000	1,569,263,000	
1971	714,304,000	1,709,006,000	
1972	572,192,000	1,646,070,000	
1973	605,633,000	1,646,825,000	
1974	565,994,000	1,728,145,000	
1975	488,367,000	1,627,228,000	
1976	495,346,000	1,645,133,000	

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1977	392,390,000	1,562,961,000	393,581,000
1978	343,133,000	1,525,744,000	507,684,000
1979	333,055,000	1,589,868,000	397,433,000
1980	334,384,000	1,488,934,000	559,131,000
1981	296,851,000	1,563,640,000	595,306,000
1982	348,924,000	1,601,073,000	568,549,000
1983	483,440,000	1,656,390,000	696,777,000
1984	340,442,000	1,799,817,000	710,485,000
1985	347,819,000	2,007,984,000	607,430,000
1986	353,710,000	2,024,326,000	811,496,000
1987	372,667,000	2,119,152,000	838,278,000
1988	506,467,000	2,578,765,000	1,086,563,000
1989	539,415,000	2,434,535,000	1,231,611,000
1990	482,812,000	2,824,264,000	1,590,187,000
1991	497,081,000	2,560,724,000	2,070,419,000
1992	609,834,000	2,506,719,000	1,469,650,000
1993	535,208,000	2,378,412,000	1,401,376,000
1994	437,908,000	2,561,614,000	1,768,583,000
1995	440,529,000	2,576,651,000	1,934,292,000
1996	454,006,000	2,598,099,000	1,956,017,000
1997	3,003,755,000		2,353,333,000
1998	2,971,751,000		2,555,124,000
1999	2,850,770,000		2,442,946,000
2000	2,719,298,000		2,761,407,000
2001	2,653,454,000		2,842,078,000
2002	2,669,202,000		2,798,088,000
2003	2,551,592,000		2,661,507,000
2004	2,525,931,000		2,904,901,000
2005	2,521,714,000		3,107,701,000
2006	2,295,825,000		3,386,571,000
2007	2,141,488,000		3,656,291,000
2008	1,845,860,000		3,555,997,000
2009	1,616,231,000		2,944,297,000
2010	1,447,435,000		2,931,565,000
2011	1,312,911,000		2,752,430,000
2012	1,157,309,000		2,588,140,000
2013	1,049,318,000		2,419,290,000
2014	923,418,000		2,198,318,000
2015	854,796,000		2,169,537,000
2016	796,372,000		2,197,374,000
2017	674,676,000		2,125,273,000
2018	631,737,000		2,074,704,000
2019	563,195,000		1,923,399,000
2020	486,071,000		2,079,692,000
2021	434,530,000		2,277,695,000
2022	414,102,000		2,822,236,000
2023	368,629,000		2,437,327,000

Note: Postal Service-issued stamped cards were called "postal cards" prior to 1999; postcards are privately printed mailing cards. Presorted postcards mailed in bulk have been counted separately since 1977. Since 1997, stamped cards and postcards sent individually by mailers have been counted together as "single-piece cards." Numbers for some years were revised in later years; the most recent figures are shown.