

## Pieces of Mail Handled, Number of Post Offices, Income, and Expenses Since 1789

Figures ending in "000" have been rounded to the nearest thousand; figures ending in "000,000" have been rounded to the nearest million. Numbers for some years were revised in later years; the most recent figures are shown. Where blanks appear, statistics are not available. Source: *Annual Report of the Postmaster General*.

| Year  | Pieces of Mail Handled | Number of Post Offices | Income           | Expenses         |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1789  |                        | 75                     | \$ 7,510         | \$ 7,560         |
| <i>Income and expenses listed for 1789 are for three months only.</i> |                        |                        |                  |                  |
| <b>1790</b>   |                        | <b>75</b>              | <b>37,935</b>    | <b>32,140</b>    |
| 1791  |                        | 89                     | 46,294           | 36,697           |
| 1792  |                        | 195                    | 67,443           | 54,530           |
| 1793  |                        | 209                    | 104,746          | 72,039           |
| 1794  |                        | 450                    | 128,947          | 89,972           |
| 1795  |                        | 453                    | 160,620          | 117,893          |
| 1796  |                        | 468                    | 195,066          | 131,571          |
| 1797  |                        | 554                    | 213,998          | 150,114          |
| 1798  |                        | 639                    | 232,977          | 179,084          |
| 1799  |                        | 677                    | 264,846          | 188,037          |
| <b>1800</b>   |                        | <b>903</b>             | <b>280,804</b>   | <b>213,994</b>   |
| 1801  |                        | 1,025                  | 320,442          | 255,151          |
| 1802  |                        | 1,114                  | 327,044          | 281,916          |
| 1803  |                        | 1,258                  | 351,822          | 322,364          |
| 1804  |                        | 1,405                  | 389,449          | 337,502          |
| 1805  |                        | 1,558                  | 421,373          | 377,367          |
| 1806  |                        | 1,710                  | 446,105          | 417,233          |
| 1807  |                        | 1,848                  | 478,762          | 453,885          |
| 1808  |                        | 1,944                  | 460,564          | 462,828          |
| 1809  |                        | 2,012                  | 506,633          | 498,012          |
| <b>1810</b>   |                        | <b>2,300</b>           | <b>551,684</b>   | <b>495,969</b>   |
| 1811  |                        | 2,403                  | 587,246          | 499,098          |
| 1812  |                        | 2,610                  | 649,208          | 540,165          |
| 1813  |                        | 2,708                  | 703,154          | 631,011          |
| 1814  |                        | 2,670                  | 730,270          | 727,126          |
| 1815  |                        | 3,000                  | 1,043,065        | 748,121          |
| <i>Income first exceeded one million dollars in 1815.</i>             |                        |                        |                  |                  |
| 1816  |                        | 3,260                  | 961,782          | 804,022          |
| 1817  |                        | 3,459                  | 1,002,973        | 916,515          |
| 1818  |                        | 3,618                  | 1,130,235        | 1,035,832        |
| <i>Expenses first exceeded one million dollars in 1818.</i>           |                        |                        |                  |                  |
| 1819  |                        | 4,000                  | 1,204,737        | 1,117,861        |
| <b>1820</b>   |                        | <b>4,500</b>           | <b>1,111,927</b> | <b>1,160,926</b> |

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| 1821        |                        | 4,650                  | 1,059,087        | 1,165,481         |
| 1822        |                        | 4,709                  | 1,117,490        | 1,167,572         |
| 1823        |                        | 4,043                  | 1,130,115        | 1,156,995         |
| 1824        |                        | 5,182                  | 1,197,758        | 1,188,019         |
| 1825        |                        | 5,677                  | 1,306,525        | 1,229,043         |
| 1826        |                        | 6,150                  | 1,447,703        | 1,366,712         |
| 1827        |                        | 7,300                  | 1,524,633        | 1,469,959         |
| 1828        |                        | 7,530                  | 1,659,915        | 1,689,945         |
| 1829        |                        | 8,004                  | 1,707,418        | 1,782,132         |
| <b>1830</b> |                        | <b>8,450</b>           | <b>1,850,583</b> | <b>1,932,708</b>  |
| 1831        |                        | 8,686                  | 1,997,811        | 1,936,122         |
| 1832        |                        | 9,205                  | 2,258,570        | 2,266,171         |
| 1833        |                        | 10,127                 | 2,617,011        | 2,930,414         |
| 1834        |                        | 10,693                 | 2,823,749        | 2,910,605         |
| 1835        |                        | 10,770                 | 2,993,556        | 2,757,350         |
| 1836        |                        | 11,091                 | 3,408,323        | 2,841,766         |
| 1837        |                        | 11,767                 | 4,101,703        | 3,288,319         |
| 1838        |                        | 12,519                 | 4,238,733        | 4,430,662         |
| 1839        |                        | 12,780                 | 4,484,657        | 4,636,536         |
| <b>1840</b> |                        | <b>13,468</b>          | <b>4,543,522</b> | <b>4,718,236</b>  |
| 1841        |                        | 13,778                 | 4,407,726        | 4,499,687         |
| 1842        |                        | 13,733                 | 4,546,850        | 4,627,717         |
| 1843        |                        | 13,814                 | 4,296,225        | 4,374,754         |
| 1844        |                        | 14,103                 | 4,237,288        | 4,298,513         |
| 1845        |                        | 14,183                 | 4,289,842        | 4,320,732         |
| 1846        |                        | 14,601                 | 3,487,199        | 4,076,037         |
| 1847        | 124,173,000            | 15,146                 | 3,880,309        | 3,979,542         |
| 1848        |                        | 16,159                 | 4,555,211        | 4,326,850         |
| 1849        |                        | 16,749                 | 4,705,176        | 4,479,049         |
| <b>1850</b> |                        | <b>18,417</b>          | <b>5,499,985</b> | <b>5,212,953</b>  |
| 1851        |                        | 19,796                 | 6,410,601        | 6,278,402         |
| 1852        |                        | 20,901                 | 5,184,526        | 7,108,459         |
| 1853        |                        | 22,320                 | 5,240,725        | 7,982,757         |
| 1854        |                        | 23,548                 | 6,255,586        | 8,577,424         |
| 1855        |                        | 24,410                 | 6,642,136        | 9,968,342         |
| 1856        |                        | 25,565                 | 6,920,822        | 10,405,286        |
| 1857        |                        | 26,586                 | 7,353,952        | 11,508,058        |
| 1858        |                        | 27,977                 | 7,486,793        | 12,722,470        |
| 1859        |                        | 28,539                 | 7,968,484        | 15,754,093        |
| <b>1860</b> |                        | <b>28,498</b>          | <b>8,518,067</b> | <b>14,874,601</b> |
| 1861        |                        | 28,586                 | 8,349,296        | 13,606,759        |
| 1862        |                        | 28,875                 | 8,299,821        | 11,125,364        |
| 1863        |                        | 29,047                 | 11,163,790       | 11,314,207        |
| 1864        |                        | 28,878                 | 12,438,254       | 12,644,786        |

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| 1865   |                        | 28,882                 | 14,556,159         | 13,694,728         |
| 1866   |                        | 29,389                 | 14,386,986         | 15,352,079         |
| 1867   |                        | 25,163                 | 15,237,027         | 19,235,483         |
| 1868   |                        | 26,481                 | 16,292,001         | 22,730,793         |
| 1869   |                        | 27,106                 | 17,314,176         | 23,698,132         |
| <b>1870</b>  |                        | <b>28,492</b>          | <b>18,879,537</b>  | <b>23,998,838</b>  |
| 1871   |                        | 30,045                 | 20,037,045         | 24,390,104         |
| 1872   |                        | 31,863                 | 21,915,426         | 26,658,192         |
| 1873   |                        | 33,244                 | 22,996,742         | 29,084,946         |
| 1874   |                        | 34,294                 | 26,471,072         | 32,126,415         |
| 1875   |                        | 35,547                 | 26,791,314         | 33,611,309         |
| 1876   |                        | 36,383                 | 28,644,198         | 33,236,488         |
| 1877   |                        | 37,345                 | 27,531,585         | 33,486,322         |
| 1878   |                        | 38,253                 | 29,277,517         | 34,165,084         |
| 1879   |                        | 40,588                 | 30,041,983         | 33,449,899         |
| <b>1880</b>  |                        | <b>42,989</b>          | <b>33,315,479</b>  | <b>36,542,804</b>  |
| 1881   |                        | 44,512                 | 36,785,398         | 39,592,566         |
| 1882   |                        | 46,231                 | 41,876,410         | 40,482,021         |
| 1883   |                        | 46,820                 | 45,508,693         | 43,282,944         |
| 1884   |                        | 48,434                 | 43,325,959         | 47,224,560         |
| 1885   |                        | 51,252                 | 42,560,844         | 50,046,235         |
| 1886   | 3,747,000,000          | 53,614                 | 43,948,423         | 51,004,744         |
| 1887   | 3,495,100,000          | 55,157                 | 48,837,609         | 53,006,194         |
| 1888   | 3,576,100,000          | 57,376                 | 52,695,177         | 56,458,315         |
| 1889   | 3,860,200,000          | 58,999                 | 56,175,611         | 62,317,119         |
| <b>1890</b>  | <b>4,005,408,000</b>   | <b>62,401</b>          | <b>60,882,098</b>  | <b>66,259,548</b>  |
| 1891   | 4,369,900,000          | 64,329                 | 65,931,786         | 73,059,519         |
| 1892   | 4,776,575,000          | 67,119                 | 70,930,475         | 76,980,846         |
| 1893   | 5,021,841,000          | 68,403                 | 75,896,993         | 81,581,681         |
| 1894   | 4,919,090,000          | 69,805                 | 75,080,479         | 84,994,112         |
| 1895   | 5,134,281,000          | 70,064                 | 76,983,128         | 87,179,551         |
| 1896   | 5,693,719,000          | 70,360                 | 82,499,208         | 90,932,670         |
| 1897   | 5,781,002,000          | 71,022                 | 82,665,462         | 94,077,242         |
| 1898   | 6,214,447,000          | 73,570                 | 89,012,618         | 98,053,523         |
| 1899   | 6,576,310,000          | 75,000                 | 95,021,384         | 101,632,161        |
| <b>1900</b>  | <b>7,129,990,000</b>   | <b>76,688</b>          | <b>102,353,579</b> | <b>107,740,268</b> |
| 1901   | 7,424,390,000          | 76,945                 | 111,631,193        | 115,554,921        |
| <i>The number of Post Offices peaked in 1901. The growth of rural free delivery, which became a permanent service in 1902, contributed to subsequent declines in the number of Post Offices.</i> |                        |                        |                    |                    |
| 1902   | 8,085,447,000          | 75,924                 | 121,848,047        | 124,785,697        |
| 1903   | 8,867,467,000          | 74,169                 | 134,224,443        | 138,784,488        |
| 1904   | 9,502,460,000          | 71,131                 | 143,582,624        | 152,362,117        |
| 1905   | 10,187,506,000         | 68,131                 | 152,826,585        | 167,399,169        |

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| 1906   | 11,361,091,000         | 65,600                 | 167,932,783        | 178,449,779        |
| 1907   | 12,255,666,000         | 62,658                 | 183,585,006        | 190,238,288        |
| 1908   | 13,364,069,000         | 60,704                 | 191,478,663        | 208,351,886        |
| 1909   | 14,004,577,000         | 60,144                 | 203,562,383        | 221,004,103        |
| <b>1910</b>  | <b>14,850,103,000</b>  | <b>59,580</b>          | <b>224,128,658</b> | <b>229,977,225</b> |
| 1911   | 16,900,552,000         | 59,237                 | 237,879,824        | 237,648,927        |
| 1912   | 17,588,659,000         | 58,729                 | 246,744,016        | 248,525,450        |
| 1913   | 18,567,445,000         | 58,020                 | 266,619,526        | 262,067,541        |
| 1914   |                        | 56,810                 | 287,934,565        | 283,543,769        |
| 1915   |                        | 56,380                 | 287,248,165        | 298,546,026        |
| 1916   |                        | 55,935                 | 312,057,689        | 306,204,033        |
| 1917   |                        | 55,414                 | 329,726,116        | 319,838,718        |
| 1918   |                        | 54,347                 | 388,975,962        | 324,833,728        |
| 1919   |                        | 53,084                 | 436,239,126        | 362,497,636        |
| <b>1920</b>  |                        | <b>52,641</b>          | <b>437,150,212</b> | <b>454,322,609</b> |
| 1921   |                        | 52,168                 | 463,491,275        | 620,993,674        |
| 1922   |                        | 51,950                 | 484,853,541        | 545,644,209        |
| 1923   | 23,054,832,000         | 51,613                 | 532,827,925        | 556,850,966        |
| 1924   |                        | 51,266                 | 572,948,778        | 587,376,916        |
| 1925   |                        | 50,957                 | 599,591,478        | 639,281,648        |
| 1926   | 25,483,529,000         | 50,601                 | 659,819,801        | 679,704,053        |
| 1927   | 26,686,556,000         | 50,266                 | 683,121,989        | 714,577,492        |
| 1928   | 26,837,005,000         | 49,944                 | 693,633,921        | 725,699,766        |
| 1929   | 27,951,548,000         | 49,482                 | 696,947,578        | 782,343,648        |
| <b>1930</b>  | <b>27,887,823,000</b>  | <b>49,063</b>          | <b>705,484,098</b> | <b>803,667,219</b> |
| 1931   | 26,544,352,000         | 48,733                 | 656,463,383        | 802,484,840        |
| 1932   | 24,306,744,000         | 48,159                 | 588,171,923        | 793,684,323        |
| 1933   | 19,868,456,000         | 47,641                 | 587,631,364        | 699,887,186        |
| 1934   | 20,625,827,000         | 46,506                 | 586,733,166        | 630,732,934        |
| 1935   | 22,331,752,000         | 45,686                 | 630,795,302        | 696,503,235        |
| 1936   | 23,571,315,000         | 45,230                 | 665,343,356        | 753,616,212        |
| 1937   | 25,801,279,000         | 44,877                 | 726,201,110        | 772,743,145        |
| 1938   | 26,041,979,000         | 44,586                 | 728,634,051        | 772,307,506        |
| 1939   | 26,444,846,000         | 44,327                 | 745,955,075        | 784,549,842        |
| <b>1940</b>  | <b>27,749,467,000</b>  | <b>44,024</b>          | <b>766,948,627</b> | <b>807,629,180</b> |
| 1941   | 29,235,791,000         | 43,739                 | 812,827,735        | 836,858,580        |
| 1942   | 30,117,633,000         | 43,358                 | 859,817,491        | 873,950,372        |
| 1943   | 32,818,262,000         | 42,654                 | 966,227,288        | 952,529,098        |
| 1944   | 34,930,685,000         | 42,161                 | 1,112,877,174      | 1,068,986,872      |
| <i>Income and expenses first exceeded one billion dollars in 1944.</i> |                        |                        |                    |                    |
| 1945   | 37,912,067,000         | 41,792                 | 1,314,240,132      | 1,145,002,246      |
| 1946   | 36,318,158,000         | 41,751                 | 1,224,572,173      | 1,353,654,000      |
| 1947   | 37,427,706,000         | 41,760                 | 1,299,141,041      | 1,504,799,000      |
| 1948   | 40,280,374,000         | 41,695                 | 1,410,971,284      | 1,687,805,000      |

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|---|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1949  | 43,555,108,000         | 41,607                 | 1,571,851,202         | 2,149,322,000         |
| <b>1950</b>   | <b>45,063,737,000</b>  | <b>41,464</b>          | <b>1,677,486,967</b>  | <b>2,222,949,000</b>  |
| 1951  | 46,908,410,000         | 41,193                 | 1,776,816,354         | 2,341,399,000         |
| 1952  | 49,905,875,000         | 40,919                 | 1,947,316,280         | 2,666,860,000         |
| 1953  | 50,948,156,000         | 40,609                 | 2,091,714,112         | 2,742,126,000         |
| 1954  | 52,213,170,000         | 39,405                 | 2,268,516,717         | 2,667,664,000         |
| 1955  | 55,233,564,000         | 38,316                 | 2,349,476,528         | 2,712,150,214         |
| 1956  | 56,441,216,000         | 37,515                 | 2,419,353,664         | 2,883,305,122         |
| 1957  | 59,077,633,000         | 37,012                 | 2,496,614,310         | 3,044,438,004         |
| 1958  | 60,129,911,000         | 36,308                 | 2,550,220,791         | 3,440,810,346         |
| 1959  | 61,247,220,000         | 35,750                 | 3,035,231,808         | 3,640,368,053         |
| <b>1960</b>   | <b>63,674,604,000</b>  | <b>35,238</b>          | <b>3,276,588,433</b>  | <b>3,873,952,908</b>  |
| 1961  | 64,932,859,000         | 34,955                 | 3,423,058,716         | 4,249,413,744         |
| 1962  | 66,493,190,000         | 34,797                 | 3,557,040,595         | 4,331,617,483         |
| 1963  | 67,852,738,000         | 34,498                 | 3,879,127,992         | 4,698,527,911         |
| 1964  | 69,676,477,000         | 34,040                 | 4,276,123,326         | 4,927,824,958         |
| 1965  | 71,873,166,000         | 33,624                 | 4,483,389,833         | 5,275,839,877         |
| 1966  | 75,607,302,000         | 33,121                 | 4,784,186,482         | 5,726,522,930         |
| 1967  | 78,366,572,000         | 32,626                 | 5,101,982,384         | 6,249,026,677         |
| 1968  | 79,516,731,000         | 32,260                 | 5,660,111,244         | 6,680,971,666         |
| 1969  | 82,004,501,000         | 32,064                 | 6,255,883,348         | 7,278,849,508         |
| <b>1970</b>   | <b>84,881,833,000</b>  | <b>32,002</b>          | <b>6,472,737,791</b>  | <b>7,982,551,936</b>  |
| 1971  | 86,983,000,000         | 31,947                 | 8,751,484,000         | 8,955,264,000         |
| <i>Effective July 1, 1971, the Post Office Department was transformed into the United States Postal Service, an independent establishment of the executive branch of the Government of the United States.</i> |                        |                        |                       |                       |
| 1972  | 87,156,084,000         | 31,686                 | 9,308,379,000         | 9,585,369,000         |
| 1973  | 89,683,439,000         | 31,385                 | 9,824,540,000         | 9,926,441,000         |
| 1974  | 90,098,108,000         | 31,000                 | 10,758,759,000        | 11,295,339,000        |
| 1975  | 89,265,979,000         | 30,754                 | 11,548,104,000        | 12,574,205,000        |
| 1976  | 89,767,903,000         | 30,521                 | 12,843,714,000        | 13,922,736,000        |
| 1977  | 92,223,912,000         | 30,521                 | 14,709,939,000        | 15,310,169,000        |
| 1978  | 96,913,154,000         | 30,518                 | 15,854,566,000        | 16,219,619,000        |
| 1979  | 99,828,883,000         | 30,449                 | 17,825,629,000        | 17,529,303,000        |
| <b>1980</b>   | <b>106,311,062,000</b> | <b>30,326</b>          | <b>18,752,915,000</b> | <b>19,412,587,000</b> |
| 1981  | 110,130,400,000        | 30,242                 | 20,408,000,000        | 21,369,000,000        |
| 1982  | 114,049,205,000        | 30,155                 | 23,307,000,000        | 22,826,000,000        |
| <i>The Postal Service last received a public service subsidy (taxpayer dollars) in 1982.</i>  |                        |                        |                       |                       |
| 1983  | 119,381,409,000        | 29,990                 | 24,370,667,000        | 24,083,073,000        |
| 1984  | 131,544,620,000        | 29,750                 | 26,192,554,000        | 26,357,353,000        |
| 1985  | 140,097,956,000        | 29,557                 | 28,705,691,000        | 29,207,201,000        |
| 1986  | 147,375,805,000        | 29,344                 | 30,817,927,000        | 30,716,595,000        |
| 1987  | 153,930,574,000        | 29,319                 | 32,178,112,000        | 32,519,689,000        |
| 1988  | 160,953,625,000        | 29,203                 | 35,553,000,000        | 36,119,000,000        |

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| 1989        | 161,603,264,000        | 29,083                 | 38,415,000,000        | 38,371,000,000        |
| <b>1990</b> | <b>166,300,770,000</b> | <b>28,959</b>          | <b>39,654,830,000</b> | <b>40,489,884,000</b> |
| 1991        | 165,850,600,000        | 28,912                 | 43,884,472,000        | 42,119,000,000        |
| 1992        | 166,443,400,000        | 28,837                 | 46,695,800,000        | 45,652,878,000        |
| 1993        | 171,220,000,000        | 28,728                 | 47,582,000,000        | 46,321,600,000        |
| 1994        | 178,039,400,000        | 28,657                 | 49,383,400,000        | 48,455,200,000        |
| 1995        | 180,733,700,000        | 28,392                 | 54,293,500,000        | 50,730,200,000        |
| 1996        | 183,439,500,000        | 28,189                 | 56,402,000,000        | 53,113,000,000        |
| 1997        | 190,888,100,000        | 28,060                 | 58,216,000,000        | 55,131,000,000        |
| 1998        | 196,904,700,000        | 27,952                 | 60,072,000,000        | 57,786,000,000        |
| 1999        | 201,576,300,000        | 27,893                 | 62,726,000,000        | 60,642,000,000        |
| <b>2000</b> | <b>207,882,200,000</b> | <b>27,876</b>          | <b>64,540,000,000</b> | <b>62,992,000,000</b> |
| 2001        | 207,462,600,000        | 27,876                 | 65,834,000,000        | 65,640,000,000        |
| 2002        | 202,821,900,000        | 27,791                 | 66,463,000,000        | 65,234,000,000        |
| 2003        | 202,184,700,000        | 27,556                 | 68,529,000,000        | 63,902,000,000        |
| 2004        | 206,105,600,000        | 27,505                 | 68,996,000,000        | 65,851,000,000        |
| 2005        | 211,742,700,000        | 27,385                 | 69,907,400,000        | 68,281,000,000        |
| 2006        | 213,137,700,000        | 27,318                 | 72,650,400,000        | 71,681,000,000        |
| 2007        | 212,234,000,000        | 27,276                 | 74,778,100,000        | 80,105,000,000        |
| 2008        | 202,703,000,000        | 27,232                 | 74,932,000,000        | 77,738,000,000        |
| 2009        | 176,744,000,000        | 27,161                 | 68,090,500,000        | 71,830,000,000        |
| <b>2010</b> | <b>170,859,000,000</b> | <b>27,077</b>          | <b>67,052,000,000</b> | <b>75,426,000,000</b> |
| 2011        | 168,297,000,000        | 26,927                 | 65,711,000,000        | 70,634,000,000        |
| 2012        | 159,835,000,000        | 26,755                 | 65,223,000,000        | 80,964,000,000        |
| 2013        | 158,222,000,000        | 26,670                 | 67,318,000,000        | 72,128,000,000        |
| 2014        | 155,532,000,000        | 26,669                 | 67,830,000,000        | 73,178,000,000        |
| 2015        | 154,321,000,000        | 26,615                 | 68,928,000,000        | 73,826,000,000        |
| 2016        | 154,342,000,000        | 26,611                 | 71,498,000,000        | 76,899,000,000        |
| 2017        | 149,590,000,000        | 26,410                 | 69,636,000,000        | 72,210,000,000        |
| 2018        | 146,402,000,000        | 26,365                 | 70,660,000,000        | 74,445,000,000        |
| 2019        | 142,562,000,000        | 26,362                 | 71,154,000,000        | 79,879,000,000        |
| <b>2020</b> | <b>129,171,000,000</b> | <b>26,362</b>          | <b>73,133,000,000</b> | <b>82,187,000,000</b> |
| 2021        | 128,842,000,000        | 26,362                 | 77,041,000,000        | 81,844,000,000        |
| 2022        | 127,444,000,000        | 26,269                 | 78,620,000,000        | 79,570,000,000        |
| 2023        | 116,146,000,000        | 26,261                 | 78,383,000,000        | 85,387,000,000        |