

IT'S TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAY BY THE NUMBERS

The U.S. Postal Service continues as a \$65 billion company serving more than 150 million American homes, businesses and PO Boxes in every state, city, town and borough in the country — delivering nearly 40 percent of the world's mail.

- 237** Number of years U.S. Postal Service has been delivering holiday cheer
- 17.9 billion** Amount of cards, letters and packages to be delivered between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve
- 658 million** Number of pieces of mail processed on Dec. 17, the busiest mailing day of 2012
- 528 million** Average number of pieces of mail processed daily
- 560 million** Average number of pieces of mail processed daily during the holidays
- 29.5 million** In pounds, the amount of mail the Postal Service will process for overseas military installations
- 170,000** Number of vehicles used to transport holiday mail
- 2.5 billion** Amount of holiday stamps the Postal Service has available this year
- 242 million** Number of customers who visit a Post Office during the holidays
- 34 percent** Percentage increase of air cargo lift of mail by Postal Service during the holidays
- 37 million** Customer visits to *usps.com* during the holidays
- Tuesday, Dec. 4** National Operations Center at USPS staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Monday, Dec. 17** Busiest MAILING day for holiday cards
- Wednesday, Dec. 19** Busiest DELIVERY day for holiday cards
- Monday, Dec. 17** Busiest MAILING day for holiday packages
- Thursday, Dec. 20** Busiest DELIVERY day for holiday packages

MAIL-BY-DATES

- Dec. 3** Priority Mail International
- Dec. 11** Express Mail International
- Dec. 14** Parcel Post
- Dec. 20** First-Class Mail
- Dec. 21** Priority Mail
- Dec. 22** Express Mail

