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## Fall Mailing Season Underway As USPS Looks To Holiday Peak Season

WASHINGTON — The United States Postal Service reported new delivery performance metrics for the tenth week of the fiscal fourth quarter. During the reporting period, the average time for the Postal Service to deliver a mailpiece or package across the postal network was just 2.5 days.

FY2022 fourth quarter service performance scores covering July 1 through Sept. 9 included:

- **First-Class Mail:** 93.2 percent of First-Class Mail delivered on time against the USPS service standard, consistent with performance from the fiscal third quarter.
- **Marketing Mail:** 94.6 percent of Marketing Mail delivered on time against the USPS service standard, consistent with performance from the fiscal third quarter.
- **Periodicals:** 87.0 percent of Periodicals delivered on time against the USPS service standard, consistent with performance from the fiscal third quarter.

One of the goals of Delivering for America, the Postal Service's 10-year plan for achieving financial sustainability and service excellence, is to meet or exceed 95 percent on-time service performance for all mail and shipping products once all elements of the plan are implemented. Service performance is defined by the Postal Service as the time it takes to deliver a mailpiece or package from its acceptance into our system through its delivery, as measured against published service standards.

As service across the network holds steady through the busy fall mailing season, USPS announced this week efforts underway to prepare for the holiday shipping and mailing season. This preparedness reflects strategic investments and operational precision improvements made as part of the Delivering for America plan. Initiatives include stabilizing the USPS permanent workforce by converting 100,000 workers to full time since beginning of 2021; with more than 41,000 part time workers converted to full time since January 2022. Additionally, USPS is actively hiring additional 28,000 seasonal employees ahead of the holiday season. As part of \$40 billion in capital investments under the Delivering for America plan, USPS is installing 137 new package sorting machines across the nation this year. This brings the organization's total to 249 new processing machines since the beginning of 2021. The new equipment combined with increased operational precision will expand daily package processing capacity to 60 million.

Since January, USPS has installed 81 of 137 new package sorting machines ahead of the holiday season. New package sorting machines have recently been installed in: Las Vegas (NV), Saint Louis (MO), Nashville (TN), Portland (OR), Philadelphia (PA), Detroit (MI), Cleveland (OH), Salt Lake City (UT), Jackson (MS), Jacksonville (FL).

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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