

Number of Postal Employees Since 1926

(totals are unavailable for prior years)

Year	Number of Employees
1926	245,769
1927	248,587
1928	250,759
1929	253,147
1930	254,563
1931	253,433
1932	250,005
1933	242,501
1934	237,461
1935	236,472
1936	249,882
1937	253,915
1938	258,089
1939	260,800
1940	266,076
1941	273,418
1942	278,569
1943	268,219
1944	272,328
1945	278,442
1946	293,957
1947	301,158
1948	330,602
1949	351,974
1950	363,774
1951	352,017
1952	355,143
1953	360,819
1954	360,863
1955	366,901
1956	373,383
1957	379,721
1958	392,599
1959	402,776
1960	408,987
1961	423,739
1962	435,196
1963	437,127
1964	440,759
1965	447,394
1966	474,403
1967	509,145
1968	532,301
1969	546,181
1970	548,572
1971	545,911
1972	570,688
1973	548,876

1974	564,015
1975	559,064
1976	542,604
1977	528,556
1978	526,115
1979	533,749
1980	536,373
1981	546,154
1982	546,417
1983	546,941
1984	672,849
1985	704,807
1986	744,929
1987	765,338
1988	779,083
1989	777,715
1990	760,668
1991	748,961
1992	725,290
1993	691,723
1994	728,944
1995	753,384
1996	760,966
1997	765,174
1998	792,041
1999	797,795
2000	787,538
2001	775,903
2002	752,949
2003	729,035
2004	707,485
2005	704,716
2006	696,138
2007	684,762
2008	663,238
2009	623,128
2010	583,908
2011	557,251
2012	528,458
2013	491,017
2014	488,300
2015	491,863
2016	508,908
2017	503,103
2018	497,157
2019	496,934
2020	495,941
2021	516,636

Note:

Figures are those listed in the *Annual Report of the Postmaster General* for total “regular” (through 1971), “full-time” (1972 through 1983), and “career” (since 1984) employees. Numbers for some years were revised in later years; the most recent figures are shown.