First-Class Mail Volume Since 1926
(Number of Pieces Mailed, to the Nearest Million)

An Act of February 28, 1925, authorized the Postmaster General to account annually for revenues and costs associated with different types of mail; annual analyses, with detailed estimates of mail volume, are available beginning in 1926.

Year	Pieces	Year	Pieces	Year	Pieces
1926	15,266	1958	32,218	1991	90,285
1927	16,284	1959	32,274	1992	90,781
1928	16,706	**1960**	**33,235**	1993	92,169
1929	17,170	1961	34,289	1994	95,333
1930	**16,901**	1962	35,333	1995	96,296
1931	15,824	1963	35,833	1996	98,216
1932	14,598	1964	36,943	1997	99,660
1933	10,878	1965	38,068	1998	100,434
1934	11,557	1966	40,422	1999	101,937
1935	12,498	1967	41,998	**2000**	**103,526**
1936	12,731	1968	43,183	2001	103,656
1937	13,882	1969	46,411	2002	102,379
1938	14,226	**1970**	**48,640**	2003	99,059
1939	14,657	1971	50,036	2004	97,926
1940	**15,224**	1972	48,933	2005	98,567
1941	15,989	1973	50,965	2006	98,016
1942	16,972	1974	51,594	2007	96,297
1943	--	1975	51,373	2008	90,671
1944	20,510	1976	52,108	2009	82,727
1945	21,009	1977	53,654	**2010**	**77,592**
1946	20,059	1978	55,981	2011	72,522
1947	20,665	1979	57,926	2012	68,674
1948	21,948	**1980**	**60,276**	2013	65,754
1949	23,206	1981	61,410	2014	63,849
1950	**24,500**	1982	62,200	2015	62,599
1951	25,578	1983	64,247	2016	61,240
1952	26,502	1984	68,429	2017	58,834
1953	27,257	1985	72,440	2018	56,712
1954	27,085	1986	76,187	2019	54,936
1955	28,713	1987	78,869	**2020**	**52,628**
1956	30,078	1988	84,749	2021	50,664
1957	31,561	1989	85,855	2022	48,940
		1990	**89,270**	2023	45.979

Note:
Numbers for some years were revised in later years; the most recent figures are shown. Beginning in 2008, figures do not include First-Class Parcels and international pieces.

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