UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
FIRST CLASS POSTAGE RATES

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Minimum Qualification Levels

First-Class® Mail Rate Chart	
Postal and Postcards	**Rate**
Nonautomation	
Single Piece	36.0¢
Presorted	29.3
Automation	
Mixed ADC	28.5¢
ADC	27.9
5-Digit	26.9
Letters (First ounce*)	**Rate**
Nonautomation	
Single Piece	55.0¢
Presorted	46.0
Letters (First ounce*)	**Rate**
Automation	
Mixed ADC	45.0¢
ADC	42.8
5-Digit	39.8
Flats Size (First ounce**)	**Rate**
Nonautomation	
Single Piece	$1.000
Presorted	87.0¢
Flats Size (First ounce**)	**Rate**
Automation	
Mixed ADC	77.4¢
ADC	66.6
3-Digit	61.8
5-Digit	46.0

* Letters - For each additional ounce, add 20.0¢ for nonautomated single piece. For 1st class letters automated or presorted, the 2nd ounce is free.
** Flats - For each additional ounce, add 20.0¢.

- **Single Piece Rate**
  - Highest rate
  - No minimum quantity requirement

- **Presort Rate**
  - Presorted/Non-Barcoded mail rate
  - 500 mail piece **minimum** per mail drop

- **Automation Rates**
  - 100% of mail pieces must be barcoded
  - 500 barcoded mail piece **minimum** per mail drop in any combination of the following:
    - **5-Digit Barcoded Rate**
      - 150 piece minimum **per** 5-digit zip code to qualify
    - **3-Digit Barcoded Rate**
      - 150 piece minimum **per** 3-digit zip code to qualify
    - **ADC and Mixed ADC Barcoded Rate**
      - All barcoded mail pieces that do not qualify at the 5-digit or 3-digit barcoded level would qualify at one of these rates.

NOTES:

- **All mailings** that are mailed at presort or automation rates must be processed through both C.A.S.S. Certification and P.A.V.E. software. Certification forms must be delivered with each mail drop to the post office certifying that these processes have been completed.

- There are specific dimension and weight restrictions (by piece and by class) that must be adhered to in order to utilize postal automation equipment.

- **Tabbing is required** for all mail pieces that are not closed on all sides or contained in a closed envelope if mailing at automation rates.

- Many new mail processing requirements are in effect with classification reform (e.g. barcoded tray tags, tray size, tray strapping).

- Move update verification/certification is required using an approved USPS process for any postage discounts.