

Rates for Stamped Cards and Postcards Since 1873

Postcards (privately manufactured cards) were charged letter postage rates until July 1, 1898. Since then, the rates for postcards have been the same as for stamped cards (produced by the Postal Service) except for the period from April 15, 1925, to July 1, 1928.

Until 1999, stamped cards were called postal cards. On January 10, 1999, the Postal Service changed the term to stamped cards and increased their price to one penny more than the postage rate in order to pay for the paper and printing of the card. The price of a stamped card increased to two cents more than the postage rate on January 7, 2001, and to three cents more on May 12, 2008. In addition to regular stamped cards, on October 18, 1994, the Postal Service began selling higher-cost stamped cards with collectible artwork, called premium stamped cards since 2007.

Effective Date	Postage, in Cents
May 12, 1873	1
November 2, 1917	2
July 1, 1919	1
April 15, 1925	1 for stamped cards; 2 for postcards
July 1, 1928	1
January 1, 1952	2
August 1, 1958	3
January 7, 1963	4
January 7, 1968	5
May 16, 1971	6
March 2, 1974	8
September 14, 1975	7
December 31, 1975	9
May 29, 1978	10
March 22, 1981	12
November 1, 1981	13
February 17, 1985	14
April 3, 1988	15
February 3, 1991	19
January 1, 1995	20
July 1, 2001	21
June 30, 2002	23
January 8, 2006	24
May 14, 2007	26
May 12, 2008	27
May 11, 2009	28
April 17, 2011	29
January 22, 2012	32
January 27, 2013	33