

DOMESTIC POSTCARD RATES

A "postal card" sold at postal outlets received a lower rate from May 1, 1873 through June 30, 1898, and from April 1, 1925 through June 30, 1928. Privately printed cards were charged the "all other cards" rates indicated in the "Notes" heading.

Effective Date	Surface	Airmail	Notes
March 3, 1863	0.03		Postcard rate same as letter rate
May 1, 1873	0.01		Postal card rate 1¢, all other cards 3¢
October 1, 1883	0.01		Postal card rate 1¢, all other cards 2¢
July 1, 1898	0.01		Postal cards and post cards charged the same rate
November 2, 1917	0.02		Rate increased due to World War I
July 1, 1919	0.01		Rate returned to pre-war Level
April 1, 1925	0.01		Postal card rate 1¢, all other cards 2¢
July 1, 1928	0.01		Postal cards and post cards charged the same rate
January 1, 1948	0.01	0.04	
January 1, 1952	0.02	0.04	
August 1, 1958	0.03	0.05	
January 7, 1963	0.04	0.06	
January 7, 1968	0.05	0.08	
May 16, 1971	0.06	0.09	
March 2, 1974	0.08	0.11	
September 14, 1975	0.07	0.11	
December 28, 1975	0.09	0.14	Last surface mail rate
December 31, 1975		0.09	All long distance domestic first class & postcards by airmail
May 29, 1978		0.10	
March 22, 1981		0.12	
November 1, 1981		0.13	
February 17, 1985		0.14	
April 3, 1988		0.15	
February 3, 1991		0.19	
January 1, 1995		0.20	
January 10, 1999		0.20	1¢ additional charge for stamped cards sold by USPS
July 1, 2001		0.21	2¢ additional charge for stamped cards sold by USPS
June 30, 2002		0.23	2¢ additional charge for stamped cards sold by USPS
January 8, 2006		0.24	2¢ additional charge for stamped cards sold by USPS
May 14, 2007		0.26	2¢ additional charge for stamped cards sold by USPS
May 12, 2008		0.27	
May 11, 2009		0.28	
April 17, 2011		0.29	
January 22, 2012		0.32	
January 27, 2013		0.33	
January 26, 2014		0.34	
May 31, 2015		0.35	
April 10, 2016		0.34	
January 21, 2018		0.35	
January 24, 2021		0.36	