

History of First-Class Stamp Rates

Date*	Rate(\$)**	
July 1, 1885 - November 1, 1917	0.02	
November 2, 1917 - June 30, 1919	0.03	War Years
July 1, 1919	0.02	Dropped back by Congress
July 6, 1932	0.03	
August 1, 1958	0.04	
January 7, 1963	0.05	
January 7, 1968	0.06	
May 16, 1971	0.08	
March 2, 1974	0.10	
December 31, 1975	0.13	
May 29, 1978	0.15	"A" Stamp
March 22, 1981	0.18	"B" Stamp
November 1, 1981	0.20	"C" Stamp
February 17, 1985	0.22	"D" Stamp
April 3, 1988	0.25	"E" Stamp
February 3, 1991	0.29	"F" Stamp
January 1, 1995	0.32	"G" Stamp
January 10, 1999	0.33	"H" Stamp
January 7, 2001	0.34	Nondenominated Stamps
June 30, 2002	0.37	Flag and Antique Toy Stamps
January 8, 2006	0.39	Love True Blue and Lady Liberty Flag Stamps
May 13, 2007	0.41	Introduction of Forever Stamp
May 12, 2008	0.42	

* The date specified is the first day on which the rate became applicable. In some instances, the rate introduced was temporary.

** The rate for the first ounce of a First-Class letter. Beginning September 14, 1975, additional ounces have been charged rates lower than the applicable first-ounce rate.