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Attached, please find Postal Quarter II, FY'99 Revenue, Pieces and Weight Report. This report provides the official estimates of revenue, pieces and weight by class and sub-class of mail as well as fees by type of service.

Numerous systems are utilized in the compilation of these estimates. As an example mailing statement information is utilized to gather information on revenue, volume, and weight for First-Class presort, Periodicals, Standard (A) presort and Standard (B) permit imprint parcel post and bound printed matter. Sampling systems are used to estimate revenue, volume and weight for other line items.

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**REVENUE, PIECES, AND WEIGHT BY CLASSES OF MAIL AND SPECIAL SERVICES FOR POSTAL QUARTER 2**
**FISCAL YEAR 1999 (Dec. 5, 1998–Feb. 26, 1999) COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF FISCAL YEAR 1998**
**(Agency and Franked Mail Distributed – Data in Thousands)**

| Service Category | REVENUE | | | | PIECES | | | | WEIGHT | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Postal Quarter 2 | | Change 1999 over 1998 | | Postal Quarter 2 | | Change 1999 over 1998 | | Postal Quarter 2 | | Change 1999 over 1998 | |
| | 1999 | 1998 | Amount | Percent | 1999 | 1998 | Amount | Percent | 1999 | 1998 | Amount | Percent |
| First–Class Mail: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Single–Piece Letters, Flats, and IPPs | 5,424,213 | 5,266,886 | 157,327 | 3.0 | 13,482,896 | 13,341,965 | 140,931 | 1.1 | 639,569 | 618,531 | 21,038 | 3.4 |
| Nonautom. Presort Letters, Flats, & IPPs | 369,827 | 377,582 | (7,756) | (2.1) | 1,104,027 | 1,147,512 | (43,485) | (3.8) | 43,909 | 44,846 | (937) | (2.1) |
| Automation Presort Letters and Flats | 2,319,721 | 2,110,420 | 209,301 | 9.9 | 8,815,546 | 8,139,273 | 676,273 | 8.3 | 323,995 | 294,609 | 29,386 | 10.0 |
| Automation Carrier Route Presort Letters | 77,555 | 74,445 | 3,110 | 4.2 | 316,675 | 312,514 | 4,161 | 1.3 | 10,786 | 11,033 | (247) | (2.2) |
| Single–Piece Cards | 122,985 | 129,283 | (6,298) | (4.9) | 598,517 | 626,971 | (28,453) | (4.5) | 3,743 | 3,919 | (176) | (4.5) |
| Nonautomation Presort Cards | 25,124 | 23,324 | 1,800 | 7.7 | 139,577 | 129,580 | 9,997 | 7.7 | 1,018 | 972 | 46 | 4.7 |
| Automation Presort Cards | 69,256 | 72,861 | (3,605) | (4.9) | 445,502 | 469,913 | (24,411) | (5.2) | 3,818 | 4,308 | (490) | (11.4) |
| Automation Carrier Route Presort Cards | 4,875 | 6,612 | (1,736) | (26.3) | 34,703 | 47,227 | (12,524) | (26.5) | 276 | 428 | (152) | (35.5) |
| Domestic Mail Fees | 46,628 | 39,943 | 6,685 | 16.7 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total First–Class Mail | 8,460,184 | 8,101,356 | 358,827 | 4.4 | 24,937,443 | 24,214,954 | 722,489 | 3.0 | 1,027,115 | 978,646 | 48,469 | 5.0 |
| Priority Mail | 1,175,361 | 1,047,005 | 128,356 | 12.3 | 301,784 | 284,198 | 17,585 | 6.2 | 590,397 | 522,180 | 68,217 | 13.1 |
| Domestic Mail Fees | 315 | 250 | 65 | 25.9 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total Priority Mail | 1,175,676 | 1,047,256 | 128,421 | 12.3 | 301,784 | 284,198 | 17,585 | 6.2 | 590,397 | 522,180 | 68,217 | 13.1 |
| Express Mail | 222,364 | 204,392 | 17,972 | 8.8 | 16,090 | 15,567 | 523 | 3.4 | 20,805 | 19,834 | 970 | 4.9 |
| Mailgrams | 390 | 433 | (43) | (9.9) | 978 | 1,055 | (77) | (7.3) | – | – | – | – |
| Periodicals: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| In–County | 17,937 | 17,463 | 474 | 2.7 | 212,839 | 206,739 | 6,100 | 3.0 | 55,484 | 53,599 | 1,885 | 3.5 |
| Regular | 377,086 | 367,000 | 10,085 | 2.7 | 1,630,389 | 1,641,081 | (10,692) | (0.7) | 801,025 | 780,492 | 20,533 | 2.6 |
| Special Nonprofit | 79,481 | 71,014 | 8,467 | 11.9 | 509,169 | 477,267 | 31,902 | 6.7 | 142,013 | 127,214 | 14,799 | 11.6 |
| Classroom | 3,879 | 3,188 | 692 | 21.7 | 16,206 | 16,015 | 191 | 1.2 | 10,053 | 8,129 | 1,923 | 23.7 |
| Domestic Mail Fees | 5,022 | 4,866 | 156 | 3.2 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total Periodical Mail | 483,404 | 463,531 | 19,873 | 4.3 | 2,368,602 | 2,341,101 | 27,501 | 1.2 | 1,008,575 | 969,435 | 39,140 | 4.0 |
| Standard Mail (A): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Single–Piece 1/ | 10,615 | 23,116 | (12,501) | (54.1) | 12,769 | 24,344 | (11,575) | (47.5) | 2,384 | 5,520 | (3,137) | (56.8) |
| Regular – Nonautomation Presort | 401,295 | 427,912 | (26,616) | (6.2) | 1,402,023 | 1,529,995 | (127,972) | (8.4) | 245,524 | 270,180 | (24,657) | (9.1) |
| – Automation Presort | 1,282,652 | 1,130,365 | 152,287 | 13.5 | 6,856,617 | 6,031,685 | 824,933 | 13.7 | 797,143 | 738,192 | 58,951 | 8.0 |
| Enhanced Carrier Route | 1,037,313 | 1,046,952 | (9,639) | (0.9) | 7,142,438 | 7,259,727 | (117,289) | (1.6) | 1,009,135 | 1,022,502 | (13,367) | (1.3) |
| Nonprofit – Nonautomation Presort | 115,649 | 111,693 | 3,956 | 3.5 | 781,269 | 850,187 | (68,919) | (8.1) | 50,074 | 54,597 | (4,523) | (8.3) |
| – Automation Presort | 177,085 | 148,142 | 28,942 | 19.5 | 1,668,679 | 1,533,392 | 135,286 | 8.8 | 110,604 | 98,311 | 12,293 | 12.5 |
| Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route | 44,823 | 45,560 | (737) | (1.6) | 565,805 | 572,970 | (7,165) | (1.3) | 42,438 | 40,948 | 1,490 | 3.6 |
| Domestic Mail Fees | 28,256 | 25,429 | 2,827 | 11.1 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total Standard Mail (A) | 3,097,688 | 2,959,169 | 138,519 | 4.7 | 18,429,599 | 17,802,300 | 627,299 | 3.5 | 2,257,301 | 2,230,251 | 27,050 | 1.2 |
| Standard Mail (B): 2/ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parcel Post | 268,654 | 238,882 | 29,772 | 12.5 | 82,378 | 78,201 | 4,177 | 5.3 | 522,084 | 472,504 | 49,579 | 10.5 |
| Bound Printed Matter | 105,792 | 105,949 | (157) | (0.1) | 117,023 | 121,301 | (4,278) | (3.5) | 313,210 | 319,683 | (6,473) | (2.0) |
| Special Standard Mail | 79,894 | 69,414 | 10,480 | 15.1 | 51,924 | 39,510 | 12,414 | 31.4 | 75,383 | 68,031 | 7,352 | 10.8 |
| Library Mail | 10,340 | 9,732 | 609 | 6.3 | 6,375 | 5,779 | 596 | 10.3 | 11,325 | 11,655 | (330) | (2.8) |
| Domestic Mail Fees | 676 | 549 | 126 | 23.0 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total Standard Mail (B) | 465,356 | 424,526 | 40,830 | 9.6 | 257,700 | 244,791 | 12,909 | 5.3 | 922,003 | 871,874 | 50,129 | 5.7 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Postal Quarter 2 | | Change 1999 over 1998 | | Postal Quarter 2 | | Change 1999 over 1998 | | Postal Quarter 2 | | Change 1999 over 1998 | |
| | 1999 | 1998 | Amount | Percent | 1999 | 1998 | Amount | Percent | 1999 | 1998 | Amount | Percent |
| U.S. Postal Service Mail | – | – | – | – | 82,129 | 84,053 | (1,924) | (2.3) | 27,589 | 24,167 | 3,423 | 14.2 |
| Free Mail for the Blind and Handicapped | – | – | – | – | 13,239 | 11,043 | 2,196 | 19.9 | 6,207 | 5,695 | 511 | 9.0 |
| Total Domestic Mail | 13,905,063 | 13,200,663 | 704,400 | 5.3 | 46,407,563 | 44,999,062 | 1,408,501 | 3.1 | 5,859,991 | 5,622,080 | 237,910 | 4.2 |
| International Mail: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surface – Other Articles | 12,951 | 12,574 | 378 | 3.0 | 6,424 | 6,375 | 49 | 0.8 | 7,385 | 7,125 | 260 | 3.6 |
| – Parcel Post | 12,224 | 13,165 | (941) | (7.2) | 489 | 542 | (53) | (9.8) | 5,048 | 5,406 | (358) | (6.6) |
| – Periodicals | 14,428 | 15,840 | (1,412) | (8.9) | 14,019 | 15,299 | (1,280) | (8.4) | 7,958 | 8,660 | (702) | (8.1) |
| Total Surface Mail | 39,604 | 41,579 | (1,976) | (4.8) | 20,932 | 22,216 | (1,284) | (5.8) | 20,391 | 21,191 | (800) | (3.8) |
| Airmail – Letters and Cards | 148,217 | 148,983 | (765) | (0.5) | 163,593 | 173,334 | (9,741) | (5.6) | 9,614 | 9,701 | (87) | (0.9) |
| – Other Articles | 52,417 | 52,407 | 10 | 0.0 | 11,456 | 12,143 | (687) | (5.7) | 8,389 | 8,296 | 93 | 1.1 |
| – Parcel Post | 36,758 | 30,734 | 6,024 | 19.6 | 1,180 | 1,060 | 120 | 11.3 | 8,250 | 7,949 | 301 | 3.8 |
| Total Airmail | 237,393 | 232,124 | 5,269 | 2.3 | 176,228 | 186,536 | (10,308) | (5.5) | 26,253 | 25,946 | 307 | 1.2 |
| International Express Mail | 32,679 | 32,727 | (47) | (0.1) | 1,261 | 1,254 | 7 | 0.6 | 3,252 | 3,180 | 72 | 2.2 |
| International Surface Airlift Mail | 20,045 | 29,190 | (9,145) | (31.3) | 30,753 | 44,630 | (13,877) | (31.1) | 6,232 | 9,494 | (3,262) | (34.4) |
| International Priority Airmail | 8,979 | 9,507 | (529) | (5.6) | 13,044 | 12,661 | 383 | 3.0 | 1,048 | 1,076 | (28) | (2.6) |
| International Mail Subtotal | 338,700 | 345,127 | (6,428) | (1.9) | 242,218 | 267,297 | (25,079) | (9.4) | 57,175 | 60,886 | (3,712) | (6.1) |
| Foreign Postal Transactions | 48,735 | 57,526 | (8,791) | (15.3) | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| International Mail Fees | 1,974 | 1,521 | 454 | 29.8 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total International Mail | 389,409 | 404,174 | (14,765) | (3.7) | 242,218 | 267,297 | (25,079) | (9.4) | 57,175 | 60,886 | (3,712) | (6.1) |
| Total All Mail | 14,294,472 | 13,604,837 | 689,635 | 5.1 | 46,649,781 | 45,266,359 | 1,383,422 | 3.1 | 5,917,165 | 5,682,967 | 234,199 | 4.1 |
| Special and Other Services: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Registered | 24,474 | 21,314 | 3,160 | 14.8 | 3,501 | 3,562 | (61) | (1.7) | | | | |
| Insurance | 24,947 | 18,779 | 6,167 | 32.8 | 13,815 | 11,122 | 2,693 | 24.2 | | | | |
| Collect on Delivery | 4,273 | 4,360 | (87) | (2.0) | 901 | 909 | (8) | (0.9) | | | | |
| Certified | 80,308 | 76,841 | 3,467 | 4.5 | 57,288 | 55,455 | 1,833 | 3.3 | | | | |
| Return Receipts | 55,361 | 54,383 | 979 | 1.8 | 46,155 | 48,841 | (2,687) | (5.5) | | | | |
| Special Delivery | 0 | 0 | 0 | – | 0 | 0 | 0 | – | | | | |
| Money Orders | 39,914 | 38,961 | 953 | 2.4 | 47,260 | 45,948 | 1,312 | 2.9 | | | | |
| Total Special Services | 229,277 | 214,638 | 14,640 | 6.8 | 168,919 | 165,836 | 3,083 | 1.9 | | | | |
| Outstanding MO Taken into Revenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | – | | | | | | | | |
| Stamped Envelopes and Cards | 11,112 | 3,590 | 7,522 | 209.5 | | | | | | | | |
| Box Rents | 152,114 | 136,798 | 15,316 | 11.2 | | | | | | | | |
| Total Special and Other Services | 392,503 | 355,026 | 37,477 | 10.6 | | | | | | | | |
| Total Mail and Services | 14,686,975 | 13,959,863 | 727,112 | 5.2 | | | | | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 130,004 | 107,188 | 22,816 | 21.3 | | | | | | | | |
| Total Revenue | 14,816,979 | 14,067,050 | 749,928 | 5.3 | | | | | | | | |

Special Service Transactions
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|---|---|
| Registered | 3,175 |
| Certified | 577 |
| Return Receipts | 694 |
| Special Delivery | 0 |
| Special Handling | 11 |
| Total | 4,456 |

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RPW SUMMARY REPORT FOOTNOTES

1/ Standard Mail (A) single–piece was discontinued on January 10, 1999.
2/ Starting Quarter 1 FY 1999, permit imprint Standard Mail (B) parcel post RPW data were estimated using PERMIT System data.
FY 1998 Same Period Last Year (SPLY) data was reestimated using the same methodology.
3/ Not included elsewhere on this table.

– Totals may not sum due to rounding.

**REVENUE, PIECES, AND WEIGHT BY CLASSES OF MAIL AND SPECIAL SERVICES FOR POSTAL QUARTER 2 YEAR-TO-DATE**
**FISCAL YEAR 1999 (Sep. 12, 1998-Feb. 26, 1999) COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF FISCAL YEAR 1998**
**(Agency and Franked Mail Distributed -- Data in Thousands)**

| Service Category | REVENUE | | | | PIECES | | | | WEIGHT | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Postal Quarter 2 YTD | | Change 1999 over 1998 | | Postal Quarter 2 YTD | | Change 1999 over 1998 | | Postal Quarter 2 YTD | | Change 1999 over 1998 | |
| | 1999 | 1998 | Amount | Percent | 1999 | 1998 | Amount | Percent | 1999 | 1998 | Amount | Percent |
| First-Class Mail: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Single-Piece Letters, Flats, and IPPs | 10,410,610 | 10,334,233 | 76,378 | 0.7 | 25,821,012 | 25,955,443 | (134,431) | (0.5) | 1,237,459 | 1,220,929 | 16,529 | 1.4 |
| Nonautom. Presort Letters, Flats, & IPPs | 723,297 | 742,084 | (18,787) | (2.5) | 2,164,238 | 2,246,983 | (82,746) | (3.7) | 87,678 | 89,957 | (2,279) | (2.5) |
| Automation Presort Letters and Flats | 4,517,049 | 4,132,127 | 384,922 | 9.3 | 17,254,442 | 15,911,212 | 1,343,230 | 8.4 | 638,944 | 584,010 | 54,934 | 9.4 |
| Automation Carrier Route Presort Letters | 151,240 | 148,134 | 3,106 | 2.1 | 623,319 | 622,566 | 753 | 0.1 | 21,971 | 22,363 | (392) | (1.8) |
| Single-Piece Cards | 269,829 | 288,981 | (19,153) | (6.6) | 1,312,637 | 1,404,261 | (91,624) | (6.5) | 8,209 | 8,779 | (570) | (6.5) |
| Nonautomation Presort Cards | 50,938 | 47,874 | 3,064 | 6.4 | 282,991 | 265,967 | 17,024 | 6.4 | 1,881 | 2,147 | (267) | (12.4) |
| Automation Presort Cards | 135,972 | 132,091 | 3,881 | 2.9 | 875,617 | 851,462 | 24,155 | 2.8 | 7,318 | 7,575 | (257) | (3.4) |
| Automation Carrier Route Presort Cards | 8,419 | 10,417 | (1,998) | (19.2) | 60,018 | 74,408 | (14,390) | (19.3) | 451 | 620 | (169) | (27.2) |
| Domestic Mail Fees | 78,462 | 74,762 | 3,700 | 4.9 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total First-Class Mail | 16,345,816 | 15,910,703 | 435,114 | 2.7 | 48,394,274 | 47,332,302 | 1,061,972 | 2.2 | 2,003,910 | 1,936,380 | 67,530 | 3.5 |
| Priority Mail | 2,208,887 | 2,023,467 | 185,419 | 9.2 | 591,193 | 558,790 | 32,402 | 5.8 | 1,078,863 | 984,882 | 93,982 | 9.5 |
| Domestic Mail Fees | 559 | 467 | 92 | 19.7 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total Priority Mail | 2,209,446 | 2,023,934 | 185,512 | 9.2 | 591,193 | 558,790 | 32,402 | 5.8 | 1,078,863 | 984,882 | 93,982 | 9.5 |
| Express Mail | 416,265 | 388,495 | 27,770 | 7.1 | 31,141 | 29,889 | 1,251 | 4.2 | 38,540 | 36,281 | 2,259 | 6.2 |
| Mailgrams | 804 | 857 | (53) | (6.2) | 2,085 | 2,056 | 29 | 1.4 | – | – | – | – |
| Periodicals: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| In-County | 36,331 | 36,421 | (90) | (0.2) | 419,885 | 423,676 | (3,791) | (0.9) | 116,669 | 116,033 | 636 | 0.5 |
| Regular | 766,627 | 755,097 | 11,530 | 1.5 | 3,269,100 | 3,278,086 | (8,986) | (0.3) | 1,673,254 | 1,641,088 | 32,166 | 2.0 |
| Special Nonprofit | 158,092 | 150,319 | 7,773 | 5.2 | 1,035,920 | 1,007,676 | 28,243 | 2.8 | 289,527 | 278,985 | 10,542 | 3.8 |
| Classroom | 6,940 | 6,042 | 898 | 14.9 | 29,473 | 28,937 | 536 | 1.9 | 18,699 | 16,822 | 1,877 | 11.2 |
| Domestic Mail Fees | 9,228 | 9,772 | (544) | (5.6) | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total Periodical Mail | 977,218 | 957,652 | 19,567 | 2.0 | 4,754,377 | 4,738,376 | 16,002 | 0.3 | 2,098,149 | 2,052,929 | 45,220 | 2.2 |
| Standard Mail (A): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Single-Piece 1/ | 41,747 | 58,055 | (16,308) | (28.1) | 51,781 | 65,332 | (13,551) | (20.7) | 8,965 | 13,460 | (4,495) | (33.4) |
| Regular - Nonautomation Presort | 864,519 | 925,992 | (61,473) | (6.6) | 3,080,806 | 3,345,188 | (264,383) | (7.9) | 531,588 | 573,964 | (42,375) | (7.4) |
| - Automation Presort | 2,679,393 | 2,384,582 | 294,811 | 12.4 | 14,264,599 | 12,680,074 | 1,584,525 | 12.5 | 1,731,876 | 1,583,549 | 148,328 | 9.4 |
| Enhanced Carrier Route | 2,427,452 | 2,352,041 | 75,411 | 3.2 | 16,445,989 | 15,995,989 | 449,999 | 2.8 | 2,417,184 | 2,386,299 | 30,885 | 1.3 |
| Nonprofit - Nonautomation Presort | 240,480 | 236,063 | 4,417 | 1.9 | 1,722,728 | 1,805,811 | (83,083) | (4.6) | 111,343 | 117,302 | (5,959) | (5.1) |
| - Automation Presort | 377,242 | 319,837 | 57,406 | 17.9 | 3,708,826 | 3,320,465 | 388,361 | 11.7 | 248,135 | 219,353 | 28,781 | 13.1 |
| Nonprofit Enhanced Carrier Route | 128,208 | 104,268 | 23,940 | 23.0 | 1,549,090 | 1,309,423 | 239,668 | 18.3 | 105,249 | 92,880 | 12,368 | 13.3 |
| Domestic Mail Fees | 44,253 | 40,611 | 3,642 | 9.0 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total Standard Mail (A) | 6,803,295 | 6,421,449 | 381,846 | 5.9 | 40,823,820 | 38,522,283 | 2,301,537 | 6.0 | 5,154,339 | 4,986,806 | 167,533 | 3.4 |
| Standard Mail (B): 2/ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parcel Post | 547,435 | 493,247 | 54,189 | 11.0 | 177,264 | 164,843 | 12,421 | 7.5 | 1,073,542 | 973,179 | 100,363 | 10.3 |
| Bound Printed Matter | 205,986 | 210,000 | (4,014) | (1.9) | 229,859 | 237,992 | (8,132) | (3.4) | 581,370 | 581,895 | (525) | (0.1) |
| Special Standard Mail | 161,387 | 155,378 | 6,009 | 3.9 | 100,720 | 89,146 | 11,574 | 13.0 | 147,709 | 146,942 | 767 | 0.5 |
| Library Mail | 21,442 | 21,303 | 139 | 0.7 | 13,095 | 12,650 | 445 | 3.5 | 24,452 | 25,456 | (1,004) | (3.9) |
| Domestic Mail Fees | 1,346 | 1,104 | 242 | 22.0 | – | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| Total Standard Mail (B) | 937,596 | 881,031 | 56,565 | 6.4 | 520,939 | 504,631 | 16,308 | 3.2 | 1,827,073 | 1,727,473 | 99,600 | 5.8 |

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| | 1999 | 1998 | Amount | Percent | 1999 | 1998 | Amount | Percent | 1999 | 1998 | Amount | Percent |
| U.S. Postal Service Mail | - | - | - | - | 180,474 | 173,032 | 7,442 | 4.3 | 52,951 | 46,096 | 6,855 | 14.9 |
| Free Mail for the Blind and Handicapped | - | - | - | - | 25,444 | 24,576 | 868 | 3.5 | 12,528 | 12,772 | (243) | (1.9) |
| Total Domestic Mail | 27,690,441 | 26,584,121 | 1,106,321 | 4.2 | 95,323,746 | 91,885,935 | 3,437,812 | 3.7 | 12,266,354 | 11,783,618 | 482,736 | 4.1 |
| International Mail: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surface - Other Articles | 24,709 | 26,070 | (1,361) | (5.2) | 12,971 | 13,040 | (69) | (0.5) | 13,981 | 14,806 | (824) | (5.6) |
| - Parcel Post | 27,647 | 29,603 | (1,956) | (6.6) | 1,129 | 1,169 | (40) | (3.4) | 11,571 | 12,207 | (636) | (5.2) |
| - Periodicals | 28,829 | 32,680 | (3,851) | (11.8) | 27,562 | 30,860 | (3,298) | (10.7) | 15,956 | 17,969 | (2,013) | (11.2) |
| Total Surface Mail | 81,185 | 88,353 | (7,168) | (8.1) | 41,662 | 45,069 | (3,407) | (7.6) | 41,509 | 44,982 | (3,473) | (7.7) |
| Airmail - Letters and Cards | 263,531 | 259,612 | 3,920 | 1.5 | 288,157 | 294,803 | (6,646) | (2.3) | 18,029 | 16,873 | 1,156 | 6.9 |
| - Other Articles | 96,568 | 99,517 | (2,948) | (3.0) | 21,395 | 22,514 | (1,119) | (5.0) | 15,353 | 15,613 | (260) | (1.7) |
| - Parcel Post | 70,381 | 62,784 | 7,597 | 12.1 | 2,362 | 2,097 | 265 | 12.6 | 16,128 | 15,404 | 723 | 4.7 |
| Total Airmail | 430,481 | 421,912 | 8,569 | 2.0 | 311,914 | 319,414 | (7,500) | (2.3) | 49,509 | 47,890 | 1,620 | 3.4 |
| International Express Mail | 61,907 | 68,442 | (6,535) | (9.5) | 2,368 | 2,721 | (353) | (13.0) | 5,926 | 6,925 | (998) | (14.4) |
| International Surface Airlift Mail | 44,365 | 62,484 | (18,119) | (29.0) | 66,776 | 90,389 | (23,613) | (26.1) | 13,647 | 20,573 | (6,926) | (33.7) |
| International Priority Airmail | 18,022 | 18,779 | (757) | (4.0) | 24,784 | 25,184 | (400) | (1.6) | 2,084 | 2,110 | (26) | (1.2) |
| International Subtotal | 635,959 | 659,971 | (24,012) | (3.6) | 447,504 | 482,777 | (35,272) | (7.3) | 112,676 | 122,479 | (9,803) | (8.0) |
| Foreign Postal Transactions | 101,587 | 117,771 | (16,185) | (13.7) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| International Mail Fees | 4,172 | 11,146 | (6,974) | (62.6) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total International Mail | 741,718 | 788,888 | (47,170) | (6.0) | 447,504 | 482,777 | (35,272) | (7.3) | 112,676 | 122,479 | (9,803) | (8.0) |
| Total All Mail | 28,432,159 | 27,373,009 | 1,059,150 | 3.9 | 95,771,251 | 92,368,712 | 3,402,539 | 3.7 | 12,379,030 | 11,906,098 | 472,933 | 4.0 |
| Special and Other Services: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Registered | 45,162 | 42,826 | 2,336 | 5.5 | 7,002 | 7,193 | (190) | (2.6) | | | | |
| Insurance | 43,785 | 33,329 | 10,455 | 31.4 | 24,233 | 18,946 | 5,287 | 27.9 | | | | |
| Collect on Delivery | 9,639 | 9,074 | 565 | 6.2 | 2,069 | 1,943 | 126 | 6.5 | | | | |
| Certified | 168,517 | 171,820 | (3,303) | (1.9) | 120,879 | 124,423 | (3,544) | (2.8) | | | | |
| Return Receipts | 116,695 | 115,096 | 1,600 | 1.4 | 101,783 | 104,035 | (2,252) | (2.2) | | | | |
| Special Delivery | 1 | 0 | 1 | - | 1 | 0 | 1 | - | | | | |
| Money Orders | 82,682 | 80,580 | 2,101 | 2.6 | 96,385 | 93,410 | 2,975 | 3.2 | | | | |
| Total Special Services | 466,482 | 452,726 | 13,756 | 3.0 | 352,353 | 349,950 | 2,403 | 0.7 | | | | |
| Outstanding MO Taken into Revenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | | | | | | | | |
| Stamped Envelopes | 17,269 | 7,631 | 9,638 | 126.3 | | | | | | | | |
| Box Rents | 294,327 | 273,596 | 20,731 | 7.6 | | | | | | | | |
| Total Special and Other Services | 778,078 | 733,952 | 44,125 | 6.0 | | | | | | | | |
| Total Mail and Services | 29,210,237 | 28,106,961 | 1,103,275 | 3.9 | | | | | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 225,129 | 188,069 | 37,060 | 19.7 | | | | | | | | |
| Total Revenue | 29,435,366 | 28,295,030 | 1,140,335 | 4.0 | | | | | | | | |

Special Service Transactions
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|---|---|
| Registered | 6,111 |
| Certified | 648 |
| Return Receipts | 842 |
| Special Delivery | 0 |
| Special Handling | 13 |
| Total | 7,614 |

**REVENUE, PIECES, AND WEIGHT BY CLASSES OF MAIL AND SPECIAL SERVICES FOR POSTAL QUARTER 2 YEAR-TO-DATE FISCAL YEAR 1999 (Sep. 12, 1998-Feb. 26, 1999) COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF FISCAL YEAR 1998 (Agency and Franked Mail Distributed - Data in Thousands)**

RPW SUMMARY REPORT FOOTNOTES

1/ Standard Mail (A) single-piece was discontinued on January 10, 1999.
2/ Starting Quarter 1 FY 1999, permit imprint Standard Mail (B) parcel post RPW data were estimated using PERMIT System data. FY 1998 Same Period Last Year (SPLY) data was reestimated using the same methodology.
3/ Not included elsewhere on this table.

- Totals may not sum due to rounding.