

By the Numbers

“Ensuring a Viable Postal Service for America”

The U.S. Postal Service is experiencing unprecedented losses that are forecast to continue during the next 10 years. Without dramatic changes to the way the Postal Service does business, that cumulative loss will reach \$238 billion in 2020. There is no one easy solution or quick fix. The Postal Service has created a suite of solutions that takes a balanced and reasonable approach to creating a financially sound future. Many of these actions will require legislative and regulatory changes.

124 billion	In dollars, revenue-generating and cost-cutting already underway
50 billion	In dollars, savings by eliminating prepayment of Retiree Health Benefits
40 billion	In dollars, savings by eliminating one day of mail delivery
25 billion	In dollars, savings from expanding access to products and services
15 billion	In dollars, needed revenue through price increases to close the gap*
213 billion	Number of pieces mailed in 2006
177 billion	Number of pieces mailed in 2009
150 billion	Number of pieces projected to be mailed in 2020
17	In percentage, the mail volume loss from the 2006 peak to today
37	In percentage, the volume loss from First-Class Mail alone by 2020
51	In percentage, revenue generated by First-Class Mail today
35	In percentage, revenue generated by First-Class Mail in 2020
32,000	Number of Post Offices in 2010
6,000	Number of Post Offices with total revenue exceeding expenses
26,000	Number of Post Offices with total expenses exceeding revenue
0	Number of Post Offices USPS can close solely for economic reasons
1.80	In dollars, daily revenue generated per delivery in 2000
1.40	In dollars, daily revenue generated per delivery in 2009
1.0	In dollars, daily revenue generated per delivery in 2020**
8	In percentage, the increase in new addresses through 2020
1.5	In percentage, mail volume declines annually projected through 2020
1.9	In percentage, prices rising during the same time period
65,000	Reduction in workforce in FY2009 through attrition, retirement
50	In percentage, workforce retiring in the next 10 years

* The amount of revenue needed through pricing could be as much as \$160 billion, depending on when and if Congress acts on Retiree Health Benefits and delivery frequency.

** Numbers are based on 2000 dollars