

Florida Supervisors of Elections Postal Service Updates 2021



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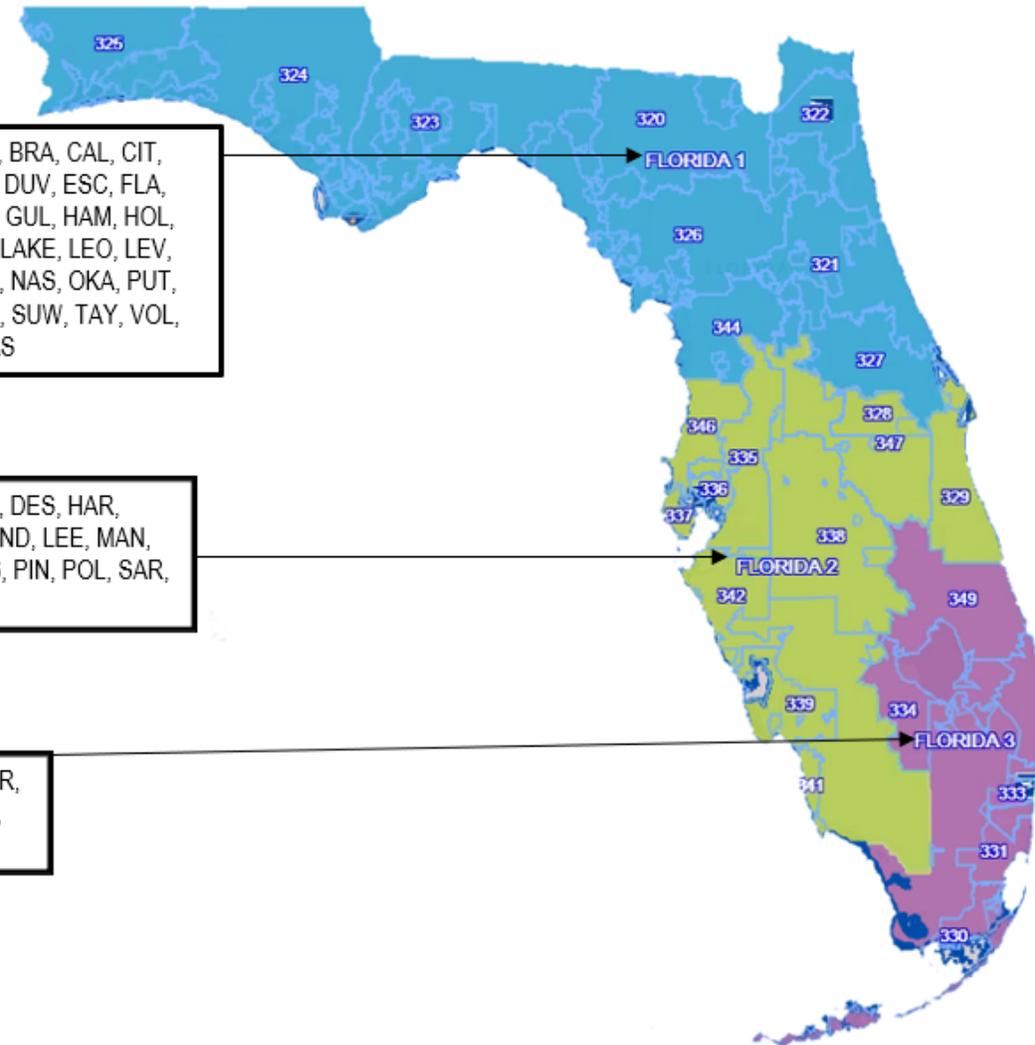
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U.S. Postal Service Announces New Competitive Prices and Two New Mail Products for 2022

The U.S. Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of price changes for **Shipping Services** to take effect **Jan. 9, 2022**.

The proposed prices, approved by the Postal Service Governors, would raise Shipping Services product prices approximately 3.1 percent for Priority Mail service, and 3.1 percent for Priority Mail Express service. Shipping Services price adjustments vary by product. Although Mailing Services price increases are based on the consumer price index, Shipping Services prices are primarily adjusted according to market conditions. The Governors believe these new rates will keep the Postal Service competitive while providing the agency with needed revenue.

If favorably reviewed by the PRC, the new prices will include an increase in the price of a Small Flat-Rate Box to \$9.45. The Medium Flat-Rate Box would increase to \$16.10; the Large Flat-Rate Box would decrease to \$21.50 and the price of the APO/FPO Large Flat-Rate Box would decrease to \$20.00. Regular Flat-Rate Envelopes, Legal Flat-Rate Envelopes, and Padded Flat-Rate Envelopes would increase to \$8.95, \$9.25, and \$9.65, respectively.

The proposed domestic Priority Mail Flat Rate Retail price changes are:

Product	Current	Planned Change
Small Flat-Rate Box	\$8.45	\$9.45
Medium Flat-Rate Box	\$15.50	\$16.10
Large Flat-Rate Box	\$21.90	\$21.50
APO/FPO Large Flat-Rate Box	\$20.40	\$20.00
Regular Flat-Rate Envelope	\$7.95	\$8.95
Legal Flat-Rate Envelope	\$8.25	\$9.25
Padded Flat-Rate Envelope	\$8.55	\$9.65



The Postal Service has some of the lowest letter-mail postage rates in the industrialized world and continues to offer a great value in shipping. For the Shipping Services filing, see Docket No. CP2022-22. The price change tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index.

Return by Mail Date Guidance

- **Domestic non-military voters**

For nonmilitary voters located in the United States and using the Postal Service to return a completed ballot, the general recommendation is that, as a measure, mail a completed ballot before Election Day, and at least one week prior to the state's deadline. Some states may recommend allowing additional time for mailing completed ballots.

- **APO/FPO**

The Military Postal Service Agency recommends that military personnel serving overseas follow the return by mail date for their location.



Mail Piece Design

Example of a **nicely designed** return envelope is shown below:

Sample 6 inches x 9 inches Business Reply Mail Envelope (Exclusion zone is shown in gray.)



It is critical to work together early to identify any potential envelope design issues or inconsistencies.

Mail Piece Design

Official Election Mail Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where can I find information about designing our envelopes?

Information on mail piece design can be found using Publication 631, or by contacting our Mail Piece Design Analyst at (855) 593-6093 or by email at MDA@USPS.GOV for assistance in reviewing your mail pieces to provide support and feedback on design issues and suggested improvements if needed.

2. Does the USPS have a resource page where I can find Election Mail information?

Election officials can find the Pub 631 Official Election Mail – Graphics Guidelines and Logos, Pub 632 State and Local Election Mail – User’s Guide, KIT 600 – 2020 Election Mail Program Kit, and other resources at: <https://about.usps.com/election-mail/election-mail-resources.htm>

3. Who do I call if I have an issue or question with our outgoing or incoming ballot envelopes, or anything related to our elections?

Every state and USPS district has a dedicated Political & Election Mail Coordinator who can be contacted directly for any questions, issues, or concerns. The list of coordinators and their contact information can be found at: <https://about.usps.com/election-mail/political-election-mail-coordinators.pdf> or in the slides that are part of the presentations given by the postal service.

4. If we wanted to test out our current or newly designed envelopes to ensure they can be processed with no issues, can the postal service accommodate that?

The Postal Service can accommodate these requests. By providing 10-25 fully addressed sample mail pieces to your district Political & Election Mail Coordinator, the USPS can run those on actual test mail processing equipment and return the results directly to you within 7-10 business days.

5. Is the use of the Intelligent Mail Barcode (IMb) or the Facing Identification Mark (FIM) required for our outgoing and incoming ballot envelopes?

While the use of the IMb and the FIM is not mandatory, the Postal Service does recommend the use of the IMb on outgoing balloting materials and the IMb and FIM on incoming balloting materials due to the visibility and mail processing benefits they provide to your individual mail pieces.

Service Standards Maps

Can be found at:

<https://postalpro.usps.com/ppro-tools/service-standards-maps>

Any 3-Digit ZIP can be entered along with the specific Mail Class.

Example: 323 TALLAHASSEE FL
Map shows 2-Day, 3-Day, 4-Day and 5-Day Delivery Areas

Service:

- Originating
- Destinating
- Destination Entry

Mail Class:

- First-Class Letters & Flats
- First-Class Parcels
- Package Services
- Periodicals
- Marketing Mail

ZIP and City Name:

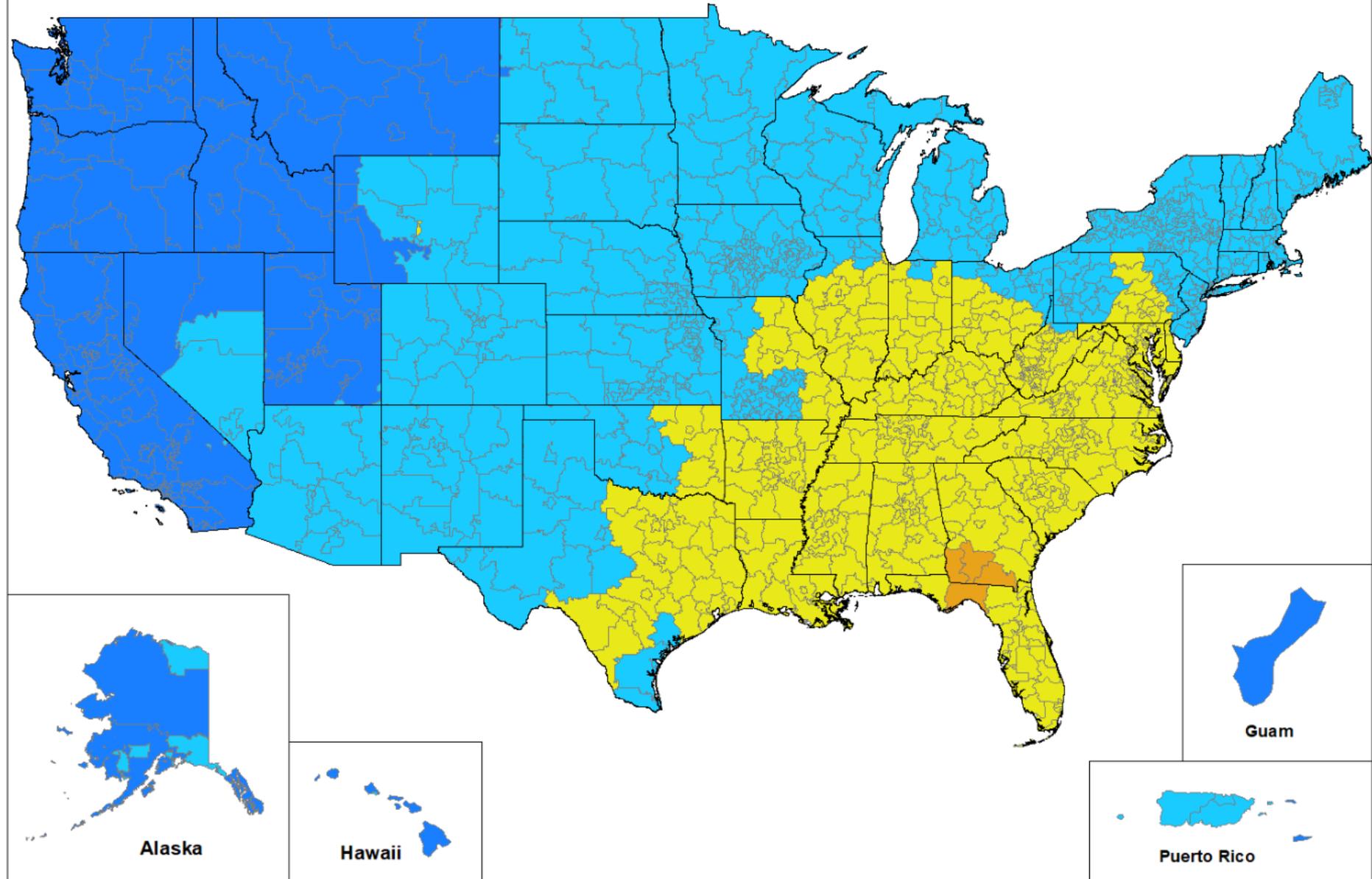
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Days 02 03 04 05

Originating Service Standards First-Class Letters, Flats, and Cards for SCF 323

Current Service Standards as of October 1, 2021



Service Standards Maps

Can be found at:

<https://postalpro.usps.com/ppro-tools/service-standards-maps>

Any 3-Digit ZIP can be entered along with the specific Mail Class.

Example: 335 TAMPA FL
Map shows 2-Day, 3-Day, 4-Day and 5-Day Delivery Areas

Service:

- Originating
- Destinating
- Destination Entry

Mail Class:

- First-Class Letters & Flats
- First-Class Parcels
- Package Services
- Periodicals
- Marketing Mail

ZIP and City Name:

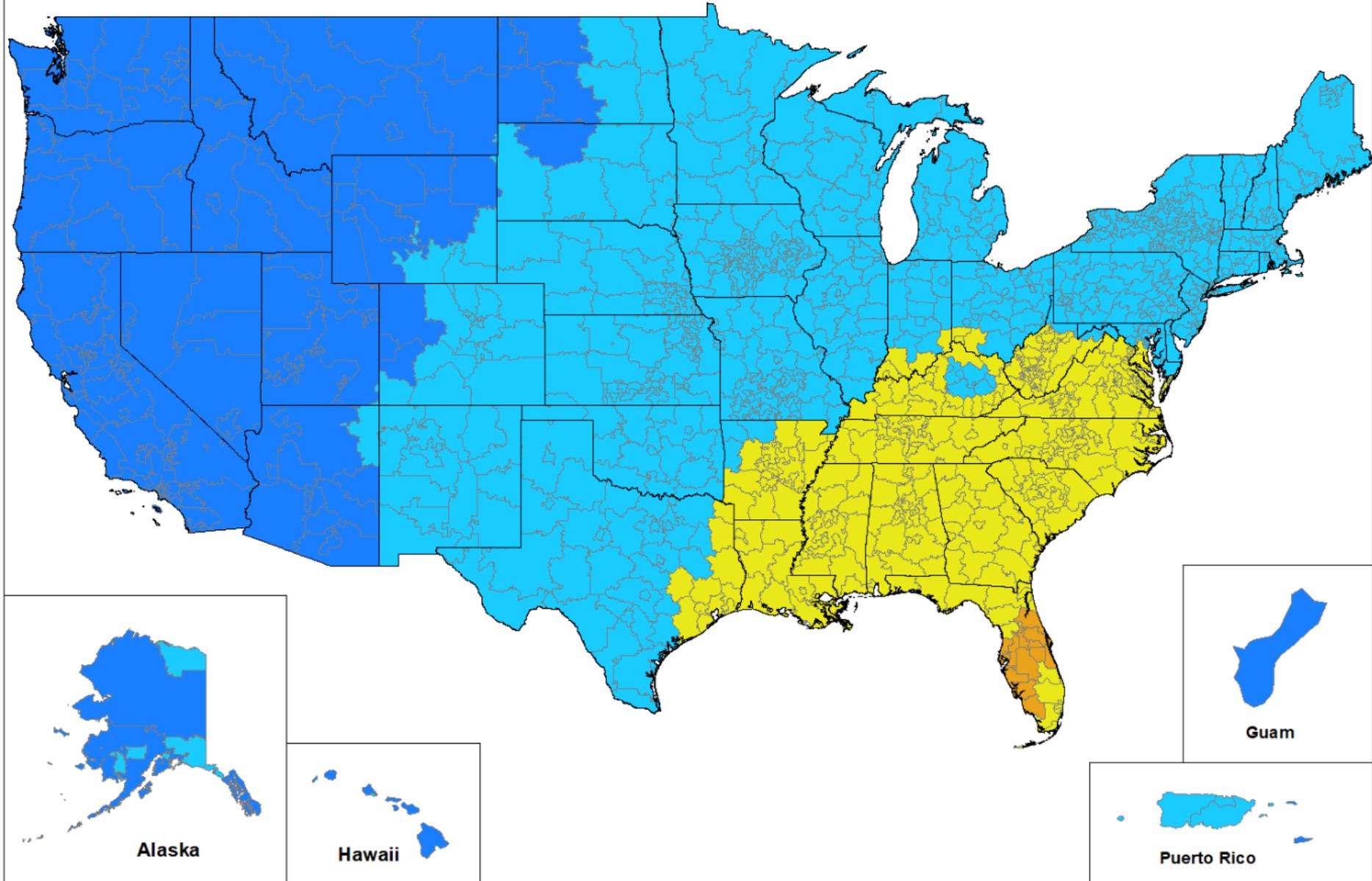
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Days 02 03 04 05

Originating Service Standards First-Class Letters, Flats, and Cards for SCF 335

Current Service Standards as of October 1, 2021



Service Standards Maps

Can be found at:

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Any 3-Digit ZIP can be entered along with the specific Mail Class.

Example: 323 MIAMI FL
Map shows 2-Day, 3-Day, 4-Day and 5-Day Delivery Areas

Service:

- Originating
- Destinating
- Destination Entry

Mail Class:

- First-Class Letters & Flats
- First-Class Parcels
- Package Services
- Periodicals
- Marketing Mail

ZIP and City Name:

323 MIAMI FL



Days 02 03 04 05

Originating Service Standards

First-Class Letters, Flats, and Cards for SCF 331

Current Service Standards as of October 1, 2021

