

## A QUICK HISTORY OF US MAIL

<b>1775</b>	Benjamin Franklin appointed first Postmaster General by the Continental Congress
<b>1847</b>	U.S. postage stamps issued
<b>1860</b>	Pony Express began
<b>1896</b>	Free rural delivery began
<b>1918</b>	Scheduled airmail service began
<b>1963</b>	ZIP Code inaugurated
<b>1971</b>	United States Postal Service® began operations
<b>1992</b>	Self-adhesive stamps introduced nationwide
<b>1994</b>	Postal Service launched public Internet site
<b>2006</b>	Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act signed
<b>2008</b>	Competitive pricing for expedited mail began
<b>2020</b>	Became politicized for personal gain of POTUS

## FUN POST OFFICE FACTS

- U.S. mailing industry employs more than 7.3 million people
- Free Priority Mail boxes meet Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Forest Stewardship Council certification standards with 30% recycled content
- The Postal Service has the nation's largest retail network — bigger than McDonald's, Starbucks and Walmart combined, domestically
- The Postal Service processes and delivers 48 percent of the world's mail and is constantly innovating to make customer experiences better
- The Postal Service has more than 228,000 vehicles, one of the largest civilian fleets in the world
- From 1911 to 1967, the Postal Service maintained its own banking system, allowing citizens to open small savings accounts at local post offices — actually a better approach than “partnering” with banks
- Free Priority Mail boxes meet Sustainable Forestry Initiative and Forest Stewardship Council certification standards with 30% recycled content
- The Postal Service is the only organization in the country that has the ability to regularly deliver to every residential and business address in the nation
- Security: U.S. Mail is protected by more than 200 federal laws enforced by the Postal Inspection Service, one of the nation's oldest law enforcement agencies
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## BEST MAIL-IN VOTING PRACTICES

- 1.0** **Sign up for vote by mail early**  
We are in a pandemic, it is free, and honestly less hassle
- 2.0** **Fill out your ballot ASAP**  
The earlier your vote, the less chance of deadline suppression
- 3.1** **Best case: drop off at a Ballot Drop Box**  
Check your local election office. Ballots are counted directly.
- 3.2** **Second best: Drop off at Polling Location**  
Check your local rules, but there are more locations than Drop Box's
- 3.3** **Or: Community Collection**  
Most areas allow organizations to collect ballots on your behalf  
Great option for those with compromised immune systems

## A DIVE DEEPER

WE HAVE ALL SEEN THE MAILBOXES ON A TRUCK AND HEARD TRUMPS COMMENTS... THE USPS IMPACTS MORE FOLKS THAN WE THINK. ELECTION OR NOT, I STILL CARE ABOUT IT.

**USPS**  
GOT MAIL?



THIS IS A ZINE  
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\*\*\*YOU CAN STILL VOTE IN PERSON BY HANDING OVER YOUR MAIL IN BALLOT\*\*\*