

COMPARING 2017 SHIPPING RATES



Effective January 22, 2017, here's how the United States Postal Service compares to FedEx and UPS for residential delivery of B2C shipments:

Priority Mail vs. Ground Service

12x10x6 Package Across 8 Zones

(ex. Seattle, WA to Atlanta, GA)

	USPS	FedEx	UPS
Actual Weight	2 lbs.	2 lbs.	2 lbs.
DIM Weight	N/A	6 lbs.	5 lbs.
Base Charge	\$10.28	\$13.18	\$13.10
Fuel Surcharge	N/A	\$0.53	\$0.69
Residential Surcharge	N/A	\$3.85	\$3.40
TOTAL COST	\$10.28	\$17.56	\$17.19

8x8x8 Package Across 6 Zones

(ex. Palo Alto, CA to Lincoln, NE)

	USPS	FedEx	UPS
Actual Weight	2 lbs.	2 lbs.	2 lbs.
DIM Weight	N/A	4 lbs.	4 lbs.
Base Charge	\$9.19	\$11.17	\$11.17
Fuel Surcharge	N/A	\$0.45	\$0.59
Residential Surcharge	N/A	\$3.85	\$3.40
TOTAL COST	\$9.19	\$15.47	\$15.16

Parcel Select Ground vs. Ground Service

24x12x12 Package Across 4 Zones

(ex. Minneapolis, MN to Chicago, IL)

	USPS	FedEx	UPS
Actual Weight	8 lbs.	8 lbs.	8 lbs.
DIM Weight	N/A	25 lbs.	25 lbs.
Base Charge	\$10.97	\$15.66	\$15.58
Fuel Surcharge	N/A	\$0.63	\$0.82
Residential Surcharge	N/A	\$3.85	\$3.40
TOTAL COST	\$10.97	\$20.14	\$19.80

First-Class Package Service vs. Ground Service

8x6x4 Package Across 4 Zones

(ex. Minneapolis, MN to Chicago, IL)

	USPS	FedEx	UPS
Actual Weight	13 oz.	13 oz.	13 oz.
DIM Weight	N/A	2 lbs.	2 lbs.
Base Charge	\$3.88	\$9.31	\$9.39
Fuel Surcharge	N/A	\$0.37	\$0.49
Residential Surcharge	N/A	\$3.85	\$3.40
TOTAL COST	\$3.88	\$13.53	\$13.28

Priority Mail vs. 3-Day Service

8x6x4 Package Across 8 Zones

(ex. Seattle, WA to Atlanta, GA)

	USPS	FedEx	UPS
Actual Weight	1 lb.	1 lb.	1 lb.
DIM Weight	N/A	2 lb.	2 lb.
Base Charge	\$7.25	\$24.52	24.26
Fuel Surcharge	N/A	\$0.98	\$1.27
Residential Surcharge	N/A	\$3.85	\$3.40
TOTAL COST	\$7.25	\$29.35	\$28.93

12x12x4 Package Across 6 Zones

(ex. Palo Alto, CA to Lincoln, NE)

	USPS	FedEx	UPS
Actual Weight	2 lbs.	2 lbs.	2 lbs.
DIM Weight	N/A	5 lbs.	4 lbs.
Base Charge	\$9.19	\$28.74	\$25.01
Fuel Surcharge	N/A	\$1.15	\$1.31
Residential Surcharge	N/A	\$3.85	\$3.40
TOTAL COST	\$9.19	\$33.74	\$29.72

Priority Mail Express vs. 2-Day Service

12x10x6 Package Across 3 Zones

(ex. Dallas, TX to Houston, TX)

	USPS	FedEx	UPS
Actual Weight	1 lb.	1 lb.	1 lb.
DIM Weight	N/A	6 lbs.	5 lbs.
Base Charge	\$22.10	\$20.08	\$19.52
Fuel Surcharge	N/A	\$0.80	\$1.02
Residential Surcharge	N/A	\$3.85	\$3.40
TOTAL COST	\$22.10	\$24.73	\$23.94

12x10x8 Package Across 8 Zones

(ex. Seattle, WA to Atlanta, GA)

	USPS	FedEx	UPS
Actual Weight	4 lbs.	4 lbs.	4 lbs.
DIM Weight	N/A	7 lbs.	6 lbs.
Base Charge	\$47.74	\$56.54	\$51.31
Fuel Surcharge	N/A	\$2.26	\$2.69
Residential Surcharge	N/A	\$3.85	\$3.40
TOTAL COST	\$47.74	\$62.65	\$57.40

Sources: 2017 USPS Commercial Base Pricing Tables, 2017 FedEx Ground Standard List Rates, 2017 UPS Standard List Rates, FedEx and UPS published fuel surcharges for January 2017.

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