

# MAKING THE HOLIDAYS SPARKLE

## U.S. Postal Service Holidays by the Numbers

231	Number of years the U.S. Postal Service has been delivering holiday cheer
20 billion	Number of cards, letters and packages to be delivered between Thanksgiving and Christmas
100 million	Average daily number of First-Class cards and letters
150 million	Average daily number of First-Class cards and letters processed during the holidays
280 million	Number of First-Class cards and letters to be mailed on Dec. 18, busiest mailing day of the year
670 million	Average number of all pieces of mail processed daily
900 million	Average number of mail pieces processed daily during the holidays
10.5 million	In pounds, the amount of mail delivered to overseas military installations, including Iraq and Afghanistan
7,400	Number of Post Offices with expanded hours
55,000	Number of places other than Post Offices where stamps can be purchased
210,000	Number of vehicles used to transport holiday mail, including 176,405 half-ton trucks
4 billion	Number of holiday stamps the Postal Service printed this year

### MAIL-BY DATES

Dec. 4	Military mail destined for Iraq and Afghanistan
Dec. 10	Military mail to other international destinations
Dec. 13	Parcel Post
Dec. 18	First-Class Mail
Dec. 20	Priority Mail
Dec. 22/23	Express Mail