

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SUBJECTS ON UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS

Beginning in 1940 with a 10-cent stamp honoring Booker T. Washington, the United States Post Office Department began issuing stamps to commemorate the contributions of African Americans. A list of these stamps, their denomination, and their dates of issue follows. Stamps on which African Americans are part of a mixed scene – for example, the 15-cent "International Year of the Child" issued in 1979 and the 22-cent "Help End Hunger" stamp issued in 1985 – are not included.

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<i>Subject</i>	<i>Denomination</i>	<i>Date Issued</i>
Booker T. Washington	10¢	April 7, 1940
13th Amendment	3¢	October 20, 1940
Dr. George Washington Carver	3¢	January 5, 1948
Centennial of Booker T. Washington	3¢	April 5, 1956
Emancipation Proclamation	5¢	August 16, 1963
Frederick Douglass	25¢	February 4, 1967
W. C. Handy	6¢	May 17, 1969
Henry Ossawa Tanner	8¢	September 10, 1973
Paul Laurence Dunbar	10¢	May 1, 1975
Salem Poor	10¢	March 25, 1975
Black Heritage: Harriet Tubman	13¢	February 1, 1978
Black Heritage: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	15¢	January 13, 1979
Olympic Summer Games: Javelin Thrower	10¢	September 5, 1979
Olympic Summer Games: Runner	15¢	September 28, 1979
Black Heritage: Benjamin Banneker	15¢	February 15, 1980
Black Heritage: Whitney Moore Young, Jr.	15¢	January 30, 1981
Charles R. Drew, MD	35¢	June 3, 1981
Ralph Bunche	20¢	January 12, 1982
Black Heritage: Jackie Robinson	20¢	August 2, 1982
Olympic Summer Games: Shotputter	40¢	April 8, 1983
Black Heritage: Scott Joplin	20¢	June 9, 1983
Olympic Summer Games: Hurdler	28¢	June 17, 1983
Olympic Summer Games: Basketball Player	28¢	June 17, 1983
Olympic Summer Games: Boxers	13¢	July 28, 1983
Black Heritage: Dr. Carter G. Woodson	20¢	February 1, 1984

Olympic Summer Games: Long Jump	20¢	May 4, 1984
Olympic Summer Games: Wrestling	20¢	May 4, 1984
Black Heritage: Mary McLeod Bethune	22¢	March 5, 1985
Black Heritage: Sojourner Truth	22¢	February 4, 1986
Duke Ellington	22¢	April 29, 1986
Arctic Explorers: Matthew Henson	22¢	May 28, 1986
Black Heritage: Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable	22¢	February 20, 1987
Black Heritage: James Weldon Johnson	22¢	February 2, 1988
Black Heritage: A. Philip Randolph	25¢	February 3, 1989
Black Heritage: Ida B. Wells	25¢	February 1, 1990
Olympians: Jesse Owens	25¢	July 6, 1990
Black Heritage: Jan E. Matzeliger	29¢	September 15, 1991
Black Heritage: W.E.B. DuBois	29¢	January 31, 1992
Black Heritage: Percy Lavon Julian	29¢	January 29, 1993
Rock & Roll / Rhythm & Blues: Clyde McPhatter	29¢	June 16, 1993
Rock & Roll / Rhythm & Blues: Otis Redding	29¢	June 16, 1993
Rock & Roll / Rhythm & Blues: Dinah Washington	29¢	June 16, 1993
Joe Louis	29¢	June 22, 1993
Broadway Musicals: Porgy & Bess	29¢	July 14, 1993
Black Heritage: Dr. Allison Davis	29¢	February 1, 1994
Buffalo Soldiers	29¢	April 22, 1994
Popular Singers: Nat 'King' Cole	29¢	September 1, 1994
Popular Singers: Ethel Waters	29¢	September 1, 1994
Jazz and Blues Singers: Mildred Bailey	29¢	September 17, 1994
Jazz and Blues Singers: Billie Holiday	29¢	September 17, 1994
Jazz and Blues Singers: Robert Johnson	29¢	September 17, 1994
Jazz and Blues Singers: 'Ma' Rainey	29¢	September 17, 1994
Jazz and Blues Singers: Jimmy Rushing	29¢	September 17, 1994
Jazz and Blues Singers: Bessie Smith	29¢	September 17, 1994
Jazz and Blues Singers: Muddy Waters	29¢	September 17, 1994
Jazz and Blues Singers: Howlin' Wolf	29¢	September 17, 1994
Legends of the West: Jim Beckwourth	29¢	October 18, 1994
Legends of the West: Bill Pickett	29¢	October 18, 1994
Black Heritage: Bessie Coleman	32¢	April 27, 1995
Civil War: Frederick Douglass	32¢	June 29, 1995
Civil War: Harriet Tubman	32¢	June 29, 1995
Jazz Musicians: Louis Armstrong *	32¢	September 16, 1995
Jazz Musicians: Eubie Blake	32¢	September 16, 1995
Jazz Musicians: John Coltrane	32¢	September 16, 1995
Jazz Musicians: Erroll Garner	32¢	September 16, 1995
Jazz Musicians: Coleman Hawkins	32¢	September 16, 1995
Jazz Musicians: James P. Johnson	32¢	September 16, 1995
Jazz Musicians: Charlie Parker	32¢	September 16, 1995
Jazz Musicians: Charles Mingus	32¢	September 16, 1995
Jazz Musicians: Thelonious Monk	32¢	September 16, 1995

Jazz Musicians: 'Jelly Roll' Morton	32¢	September 16, 1995
Black Heritage: Ernest E. Just	32¢	February 1, 1996
Folk Heroes: John Henry	32¢	July 11, 1996
Big Band Leaders: Count Basie	32¢	September 11, 1996
Black Heritage: Benjamin O. Davis, Sr.	32¢	January 28, 1997
Kwanzaa	32¢	October 22, 1997
Black Heritage: Madam C. J. Walker	32¢	January 28, 1998
Folk Musicians: Leadbelly	32¢	June 26, 1998
Folk Musicians: Sonny Terry	32¢	June 26, 1998
Folk Musicians: Josh White	32¢	June 26, 1998
Gospel Singers: Mahalia Jackson	32¢	July 15, 1998
Gospel Singers: Roberta Martin	32¢	July 15, 1998
Gospel Singers: Sister Rosetta	32¢	July 15, 1998
Gospel Singers: Clara Ward	32¢	July 15, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1900s: W. E. B. DuBois, Social Activist	32¢	February 3, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1910s: George Washington Carver	32¢	February 3, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1920s: Jazz Flourishes	32¢	May 28, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1930s: Jesse Owens	32¢	September 10, 1998
Black Heritage: Malcolm X	33¢	January 20, 1999
Celebrate the Century—1940s: Jackie Robinson	33¢	February 18, 1999
Celebrate the Century—1950s: Desegregating Public Schools	33¢	May 26, 1999
Celebrate the Century—1960s: "I Have A Dream"	33¢	September 17, 1999
Celebrate the Century—1980s: "The Cosby Show"	33¢	January 12, 2000
Celebrate the Century—1980s: Hip-hop Culture	33¢	January 12, 2000
Black Heritage: Patricia Roberts Harris	33¢	January 27, 2000
Legends of Baseball: Josh Gibson	33¢	July 6, 2000
Legends of Baseball: Satchel Paige	33¢	July 6, 2000
Legends of Baseball: Jackie Robinson	33¢	July 6, 2000
Black Heritage: Roy Wilkins	34¢	January 24, 2001
Holiday Celebrations: Kwanzaa	34¢	October 21, 2001
Black Heritage: Langston Hughes	34¢	February 1, 2002
Masters of American Photography: James VanDerZee	37¢	June 13, 2002
Women In Journalism: Ethel L. Payne	37¢	September 14, 2002
Holiday Celebrations: Kwanzaa	37¢	October 10, 2002
Black Heritage: Thurgood Marshall	37¢	January 7, 2003
Literary Arts: Zora Neale Hurston	37¢	January 24, 2003
Black Heritage: Paul Robeson	37¢	January 20, 2004
American Choreographers: Alvin Ailey	37¢	May 4, 2004
Distinguished Americans: Wilma Rudolph	23¢	July 14, 2004
Literary Arts: James Baldwin	37¢	July 23, 2004
Holiday Celebrations: Kwanzaa	37¢	October 16, 2004

Black Heritage: Marian Anderson

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- * A separate stamp honoring Louis Armstrong was issued in July 1995; the same stamp also was part of the Jazz Musicians series in September 1995.

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