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Arrests and convictions handled by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service

Fiscal years 1981-2007

Fiscal year	Total		Mail fraud		Mail theft ^a	
	Arrests	Convictions	Arrests	Convictions	Arrests	Convictions
1981	5,358	5,410	1,100	1,046	NA	NA
1982	5,658	4,783	1,026	966	NA	NA
1983	6,254	5,019	1,194	938	NA	NA
1984	6,426	5,095	1,272	1,042	NA	NA
1985	7,115	5,570	1,142	887	NA	NA
1986	8,620	6,608	1,435	1,131	NA	NA
1987	9,006	7,732	1,304	1,206	4,830	4,170
1988	10,470	8,114	1,488	1,015	5,661	4,409
1989	11,502	9,479	1,543	1,225	5,879	5,074
1990	12,060	9,614	1,699	1,486	5,914	4,842
1991	13,513	10,320	1,772	1,297	7,017	5,399
1992	14,578	11,359	1,904	1,582	7,074	5,730
1993	14,263	12,428	1,965	1,900	6,789	6,112
1994	11,514	10,588	1,730	1,571	5,095	5,100
1995	10,920	10,038	1,538	1,473	5,172	4,799
1996	10,540	9,097	1,547	1,342	4,777	4,224
1997	10,668	10,013	1,545	1,533	4,815	4,632
1998	10,095	9,642	1,396	1,533	4,939	4,369
1999	10,395	9,337	1,523	1,370	5,051	4,601
2000	11,356	9,393	1,633	1,377	5,724	4,829
2001	11,873	9,914	1,691	1,477	6,364	5,384
2002	10,828	9,588	1,634	1,453	5,858	5,215
2003	11,161	9,783	1,453	1,387	6,269	5,456
2004	11,894	9,527	1,446	1,245	6,618	5,351
2005	12,073	9,486	1,577	1,264	6,788	5,544
2006	8,760	8,225	1,299	1,198	5,060	4,625
2007	9,146	NA	1,236	1,118	3,608	2,927

Note: The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is the law enforcement, crime prevention, and security agency of the U.S. Postal Service. Responsibilities include enforcing over 200 statutes related to crime against the mail, the Postal Service, Postal Service employees, and customers. The Office of Inspector General (OIG), established in 1996, is an independent agency within the Postal Service. The OIG's main responsibilities are to prevent and detect fraud, waste, program abuse and mismanagement; promote efficiency of operations; and conduct investigations of revenue and cost containment issues. The Postal Inspection Service continues to be primarily concerned with the security and integrity of the mail, postal employees, and their environments; and conducts investigations relating to these responsibilities. Data for 1997 to 2000 include the activities of both the Postal Inspection Service and the OIG.

Arrests and convictions include joint investigations with other Federal law enforcement agencies. Convictions reported in a given year may be the result of arrests made during a previous year.

^aIncludes theft and possession of stolen mail by employees and non-employees or contractors. For 1987 and 1988, category includes mistreatment of mail.

Source: U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, *Digest of Activities, Fiscal Year 1987*, p. 1; *Fiscal Year 1988*, p. 1 (Washington, DC: U.S. Postal Inspection Service); U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, *Semiannual Report, April 1 - September 30, 1989*, p. 64; *April 1 - September 30, 1990*, p. 50; *April 1 - September 30, 1991*, p. 55; *April 1 - September 30, 1992*, p. 65; *April 1 - September 30, 1993*, p. 60; *April 1 - September 30, 1994*, p. 63; *April 1 - September 30, 1995*, p. 47; *April 1 - September 30, 1996*, p. 56 (Washington, DC: U.S. Postal Inspection Service); U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General, *Semiannual Report, April 1 - September 30, 1997*, p. 63; *April 1 - September 30, 1998*, pp. 100, 101; *October 1, 1998 - March 31, 1999*, p. 104; *April 1, 1999 - September 30, 1999*, p. 118; *October 1, 1999 - March 31, 2000*, p. 138; *April 1 - September 30, 2000*, p. 115 (Washington, DC: U.S. Postal Service); U.S. Postal Inspection Service, *2001 Annual Report of Investigations of the United States Postal Inspection Service*, p. 58; *2002*, p. 62; *2003*, p. 75; *2004*, p. 56; *2005*, p. 59; *2006*, p. 55; *2007*, pp. 9, 27, 56 (Washington, DC: U.S. Postal Inspection Service); and data provided by the U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.