

Postal Service Workers

SOMETHING EXTRA

Stamps with errors in printing or design are often more valuable than the number printed on them—and gain value as they get older. Take for instance the world's most expensive stamp—a Swedish stamp that was printed in yellow-orange instead of green. It was discovered by a 14-year-old boy in 1885. It recently sold for more than two million dollars! Imagine finding that in your mailbox.

On the Job

The U.S. Postal Service delivers billions of pieces of mail each week. Postal workers sort mail for delivery, sell stamps, weigh packages, and help customers file claims for damaged packages. Mail sorters prepare incoming and outgoing mail for delivery. Mail

carriers deliver the mail to homes and

businesses on foot or by car in all kinds of weather.

They also pick up mail from homes and businesses on their route.

Subjects to Study

English, physical education, driver's education, communication skills, computer skills

Education & Training

Short-term OJT



Earnings

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Job Outlook

Declining



Discover More

Find out who delivers your mail and talk to your carrier about his or her job. Does your carrier walk or drive? What are the working hours? What does your carrier like or dislike about the job?

Related Jobs

Cashiers; counter and rental clerks; file clerks; shipping, receiving, and traffic clerks; couriers and messengers; truck drivers and driver/sales workers; inspectors, testers, sorters, samplers, and weighers; material moving occupations