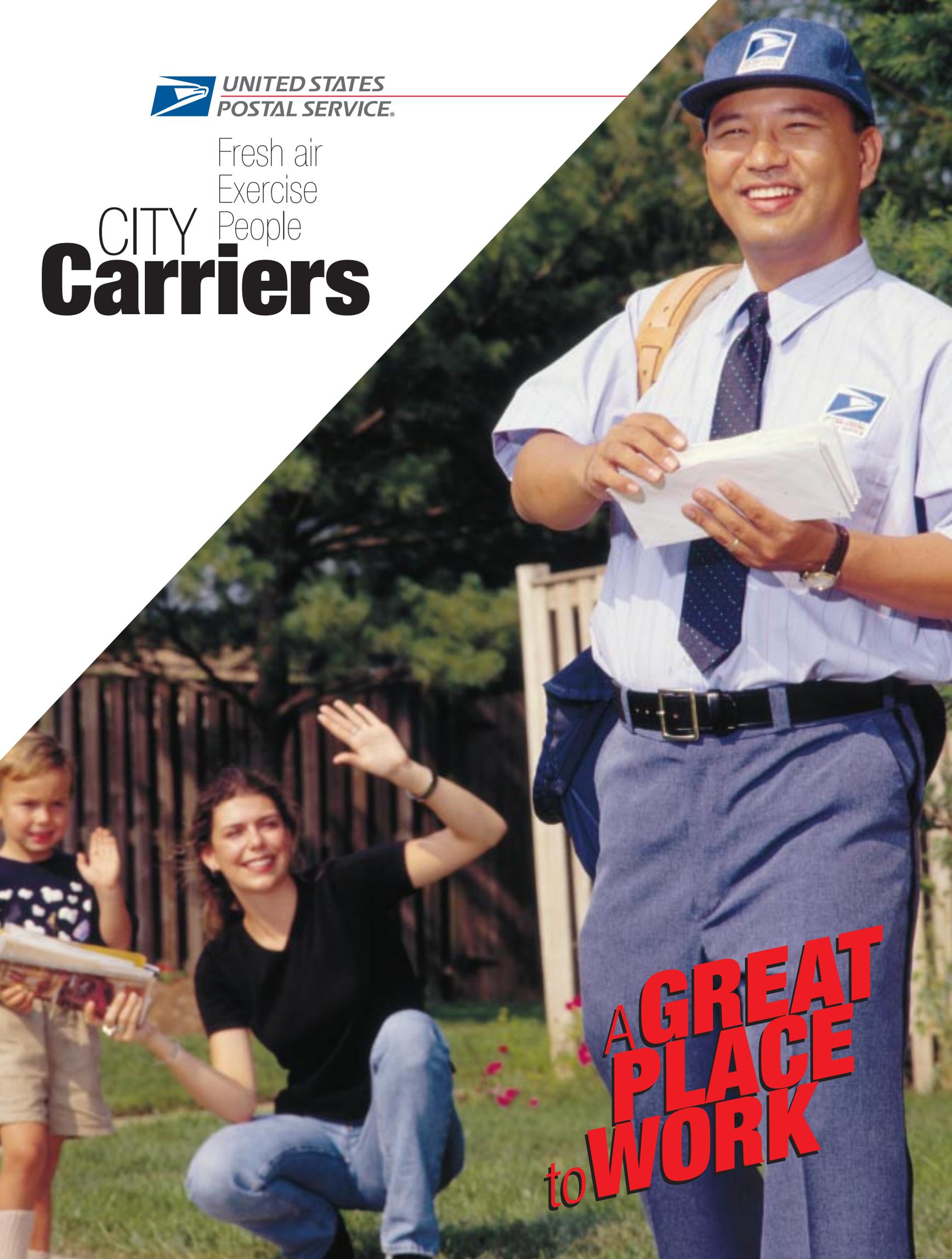




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Postal Facts:

You can leave the mail you want to send in your mail box for your mail carrier to pick up, drop it in one of our mail collection boxes, or drop it off at a post office. We also collect mail from thousands of businesses, schools, and other institutions around the country.

- 312,000 mail collection boxes.
- 38,019 post offices.
- 130 million delivery points.
- 108 billion pieces of First-Class Mail each year.

At the post office, we sort your mail according to size, cancel the stamp, and read the bar code with an optical scanner. If it doesn't have a bar code, we read the address with an optical reader (which also sprays a bar code on it) and then put it in the correct tray for shipping to its destination.

- 331 processing plants sort and ship the mail.
- 75,184 pieces of mail processing equipment.
- 34,588 buildings with 270 million square feet.
- 38 million change of addresses per year.

Your mail is trucked to the airport, where it is placed on one of the 15,000 commercial airline flights that carry the mail over long distances. For shorter distances we use our fleet of trucks.

- 2.7 billion pounds of mail carried on commercial airline flights, making us the airlines' biggest shipper.
- 1.1 billion miles driven to move the mail annually.
- 192,904 vehicles to pick up, transport, and deliver the mail.

When your mail arrives at its destination city, it is trucked to a central distribution plant, where it is directed to the post office closest to its delivery address. At the local post office, the mail carrier sorts your mail for delivery.

- 7 million customers a day transact business at our post offices.
- 234,033 mail carriers deliver the mail in cities across the country.
- 18 million post office boxes.

Your mail carrier delivers your mail to your mail box, 6 days a week (and for Express Mail we deliver 7 days a week, including Christmas Day), rain or shine, wherever you live, from Key West, Florida, to Fairbanks, Alaska, from Honolulu, Hawaii, to Bar Harbor, Maine, from the bottom of the Grand Canyon (by mule) to the top of the Empire State Building (by elevator). Every day, everywhere we take care of the business of delivering the mail.

- 24 pieces of mail for every household every week.
- 3.4 billion pieces of mail delivered every week.
- 765,174 career employees (and 127,699 other employees) working to deliver your mail.

If the U.S. Postal Service were a private company, it would be the tenth largest in the country.

The U.S. Postal Service handles 41 percent of the world's mail volume, 630 million pieces every day. Next largest is Japan at 6 percent.

The U.S. Postal Service owns the nation's largest compressed natural gas (CNG) delivery fleet, with 7,000 of its Long-Life Vehicles converted. Electric and ethanol-powered vehicles also are being tested.

Postal News:

CITY CARRIERS MAKING HEADLINES:

Take a glance at the headlines and excerpts from news stories appearing across the country as City Carriers deliver Dependability, Security, and Value to the American people.

Carrier honored for safe driving and 30 years of service

Titusville city letter carrier Richard Cauvel received the prestigious Million Mile Safe Driving Award and celebrated his retirement in April.
- Allegheny Area Update, June 1999.

Life Saver

"We are on the streets almost every day and we get to know the people we serve, said East Aurora Letter Carrier Jonathan Hause, after being named East Aurora Rotary Club citizen of year. Hause was honored for saving life of elderly, handicapped customer who had fallen from wheelchair in home.
- *PostalLink*, July 23, 1999

Long Island Letter Carriers Set to Collect Food

Long Island's letter carriers are set to collect 1 million pounds of food on May 8, and deliver it to 650 agencies that feed the Island's hungry as part of their efforts to help stamp out hunger ...
- *Newsday*, Thursday, April 29, 1999.

500 new electric vehicles ... 11,275 flexible-fuel vehicles also bought

USPS also has option to acquire additional 5,500 electric vehicles. "These vehicles demonstrate our commitment to new technology and to cleaner air," said Postmaster General Bill Henderson. [USPS] also approved purchase of 11,275 flexible-fuel vehicle (FFV), which operate from ethanol, unleaded gasoline or combination of both in same tank. New FFVs are 75% cleaner than delivery vehicles they are replacing. Postal Service's 207,681 vehicles are nation's largest civilian fleet. Its existing inventory of 8,272 Alternate Fuel Vehicles (AFVs) operate from compressed natural gas, ethanol, propane and electricity. AFV fleet is expected to grow to more than 30,000 by 2001.
- *PostalLink*, August 6, 1999

Speed Walking

Hartford, CT, Letter Carrier Peter Palmer set speed record for hiking Appalachian Trail. Palmer, age 45, who got up at 4 a.m. every day, averaged 44 miles a day on 2,160-mile trip. He finished trail in 48 days, 20 hours and 11 minutes, beating old record set in 1991, by more than three days.
- *PostalLink*, July 23, 1999

Million Mile Award

Cary, NC, Letter Carrier Jimmy Nunn was recently presented with the Postal Service's coveted Million Mile Award. Nunn joined the Postal Service in 1967 and has delivered mail along only two routes for 30 years.
-Mid-Atlantic Area Update, July 1999

Carrier has burning desire to serve

Bradenton Letter Carrier Del Ridenour who has been letter carrier for the past 11 years saved east Bradenton home from burning down — or worse. Looking for the source of the smoke, he found dry mulch burning alongside the house. Ridenour grabbed a garden hose and put out the fire that was close to a propane gas tank
-Southeast Area Update, June 1999

Letter carrier becomes hero

Elijah Woody is a letter carrier at the Gratigny Post Office. He's also a hero. Woody was delivering mail when he heard a commotion at a swimming pool. He arrived to find a motionless little girl who had been pulled from the water. He quickly began performing CPR on her Paramedics arrived to find the six-year old girl breathing. They credited Woody with saving her life Woody was honored for his heroic actions. He humbly credited the post office for CPR training he received 20 years ago
-Southeast Area Update, June 1999

Super city letter carrier turns superhero

Chuck Amicone's superhero senses kicked in when he heard a smoke detector sounding inside a customer's house on his route [he] entered the home of an elderly customer and discovered him lying on his kitchen floor. The man had been cooking and when he went to quickly retrieve something, he fell down his basement steps Amicone quickly ran to the neighbors to ask them to call for assistance, and then waited with the man, comforting him until help arrived. South Jersey District Manager Elwood Mosley honored Amicone with the Superhero Award, presented to an employee of distinction every postal quarter.
-Allegheny Area Update, June 1999.

Heat-stricken woman aided by mailman

The standard fare for postal deliveries is letters and packages. But one Columbus postal carrier delivered something extra last week: help to a woman who had become disoriented by the heat. one person is calling postal carrier David Scheer a hero Scheer, who has been a postal carrier for nine months stayed with the woman, talking to her and keeping her company until police and paramedics arrived. The paramedics determined the woman was dehydrated and made her drink several glasses of water. Scheer said he didn't think he was doing anything out of the ordinary by leading the woman to the library [nearest public facility]. "I was just helping out," he said. But library worker Cindy Steinke, who helped with the woman, thinks otherwise. "He didn't walk on by like a lot would do — he stopped and helped her," "He was very kind and very gentlemanly with her"
-The Columbus Dispatch, June 15, 1999.

Postal Benefits Comparison:

MOST EMPLOYERS CAN OFFER YOU:

- An adequate salary.
- Usually very limited health plan choices and variable employer contributions.
- A 401(K) plan where you can get a tax break on your contributions.
- A life insurance plan of up to twice your annual pay.
- 8 paid holidays.
- A vacation plan from 10 to 20 days a year. No unused leave carryover from year to year.
- Uncertain job future.
- On-the-job training.

THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE CAN OFFER YOU:

- An excellent starting salary with continuous wage increases (i.e. cost-of-living adjustments, general wage increases, wage progression).
- A wide choice of plans under the Federal Health Benefits Program, one of the best in the nation, with a generous employer contribution.
- A total retirement program that includes a generous federal pension plan and company-matching, tax-favored savings plan.
- An employer-paid life insurance of up to twice your annual pay — you can add up to five times more your pay at affordable group rates.
- 10 paid holidays.
- An annual leave policy of 13 to 26 days (accrues depending on length of service) and leave carryover of up to 440 hours a year.
- Job security
- Combination of classroom instruction and on-the-job training.



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