

FY	Total USPS Retirements
2008	23,238
2009	35,517
2010	34,197
2011	24,359
2012	27,293
2013	30,727
Total	180,472

The 10-year average for career retirements is about 25K to 27K.

In the years where retirement numbers are higher, this is due to incentives.

USPS offered incentives in later 2009/early 2010 to the APWU and NPMHU. Incentives were also offered to the NPMHU and the EAS Postmasters in 2012. USPS just completed an incentive in early 2013 for the APWU.