

UPS 2027 GENERAL RATE INCREASE KEY TAKEAWAYS

UPS announced a 5.9% average increase. That only tells part of the story — many surcharges are rising much faster.

Our take: Unwieldy packages take the steepest hits — commercial Large Package up 13.96% and the AHS minimum billable weight moving from 40 to 50 lbs — while charges that eat driver time, like signatures and address corrections, climb ~9%. If your mix leans oversized, residential or signature-heavy, your real increase is well above 5.9% — and a rate cap won't shield you, since caps typically don't apply to surcharges.

Effective December 21, 2026 — two weeks before FedEx's 2027 GRI takes effect on January 4, 2027.

ADDITIONAL HANDLING

40 → 50 lbs

AHS minimum billable weight jumps 25%, on top of an 8.92% average rise in AHS charges

DOMESTIC AIR

6.41%

3 Day Select, 1–10 lbs — the steepest air weight tier, against a 4.48% service average

ACCESSORIAL

13.96%

Highest accessorial increase — Large Package, Commercial (\$254.50 → \$290.00 average)

BASE RATES

Where base rates beat the 5.9% headline

No domestic service averages above 5.9% overall — but these parts of the rate tables do.

Minimum charges

● 3 Day Select		
\$16.90 → \$18.07		+6.92%
● Next Day Air Saver		
\$41.31 → \$44.00		+6.51%
● Next Day Air		
\$45.06 → \$47.99		+6.50%
● Ground		
\$11.99 → \$12.70		+5.92%

Light packages

● 3 Day Select		
1–10 lbs		+6.41%
● Next Day Air		
1–10 lbs		+6.25%
● Ground		
1–5 lbs		+6.13%

Averaged across zones 2–8. Zones barely move — weight drives the increase.

ACCESSORIAL CHARGES

Accessorials are rising faster than the base rates

The most-used accessorials average **+9.93%** — every one of them above 5.9%. Highest to lowest:

● Large Package — Commercial			● Additional Handling (AHS)		
\$254.50 → \$290.00 avg · all LPS categories		+13.96%	Avg of cubic, dimensions, length, width, weight & packaging		+8.92%
● Signature Charges			● Address Correction		
Avg of Adult Signature & Delivery Confirmation Signature		+9.36%	\$25.25 → \$27.50		+8.91%
● Delivery Area Surcharge (DAS)			● Residential Surcharge		
Avg of Comm, Resi & Extended		+8.97%	\$6.75 → \$7.35		+8.90%

Source: UPS 2027 published domestic list rates (2026 vs. 2027), zones 2–8, 1–150 lbs, and published accessorial rates for the most-used charges. Where a surcharge has several categories (e.g. AHS cubic, length, weight, packaging), the figure is the average across them. Averages are unweighted, not weighted by shipment volume. Ground Saver 2027 rates have not been released yet.

It's your money. Don't let a filed increase be the final word.

TransImpact benchmarks your actual UPS agreement against this GRI and negotiates the exceptions back down.

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