

Section 7 Postal Service and Correspondence Delivery Business

1. Postal service

There are 24,531 post offices as of the end of fiscal 2009. The breakdown of this figure shows that there are 20,236 directly managed post offices and 4,295 post office agencies, and that 24,280 of all post offices are operational and 251 are non-operational (figure 4-12).

The net income of the postal service for fiscal 2008 was minus 47.4 billion yen. Ordinary income was 56.9 billion yen.

Figure 4-12 Breakdown of the number of post offices (end of FY2008)

(Unit: offices)

Currently operational post offices				Non-operational post offices				Total
Directly managed post offices		Basic service post offices	Subtotal	Directly managed post offices		Basic service post offices	Subtotal	
Post offices	Annexes			Post offices	Annexes			
20,191	36	4,053	24,280	9	—	242	251	24,531

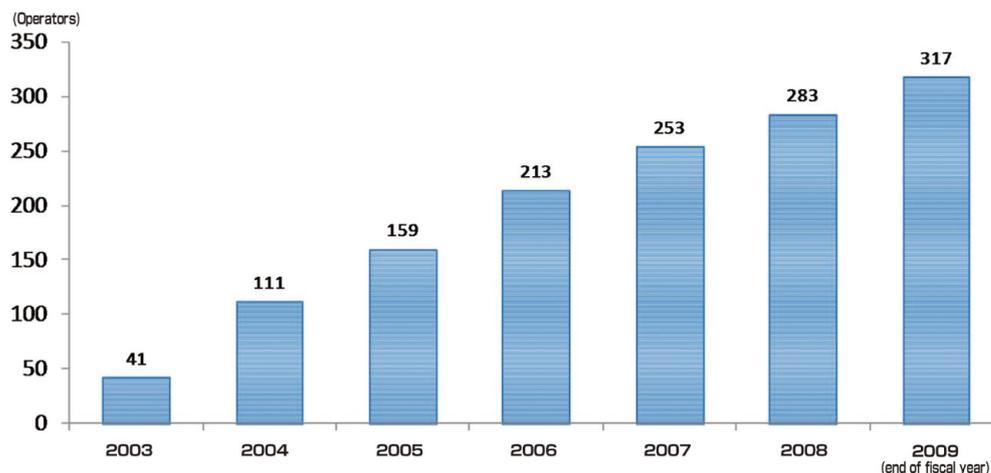
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2. Correspondence delivery business

Following the establishment of the Law Concerning Correspondence Delivery by Private-Sector Operators in April 2003, although no entries have been made to the general correspondence delivery business, the number of new entrants to the special correspondence delivery business has seen steady growth, with a total of 317 new entrants as of the end of FY2009 (figure 4-13).

Sales of special correspondence delivery operators in fiscal 2008 came to 3.5 billion yen, registering an increase of 21% over the previous year.

Figure 4-13 Changes in the number of special correspondence delivery operators



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