

NUMBER OF POST OFFICES, LETTERS AND POST CARDS SENT IN
VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

| Countries. | Year. | Number of Post Offices. | Number of Letters and Post Cards sent. | Number per Head. |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| <i>Europe.</i> | | | | |
| Great Britain..... | 1898 | 21,197 | 2,372,700,000 | 59·0 |
| Austria..... | 1897 | 5,754 | 809,770,210 | 33·9 |
| Hungary..... | 1897 | 4,681 | 236,825,000 | 13·7 |
| Belgium..... | 1897 | 893 | 190,414,956 | 28·9 |
| Denmark..... | 1897 | 829 | 80,821,201 | 37·0 |
| France and Algeria..... | 1896 | 9,343 | 1,012,815,000 | 23·6 |
| German Empire..... | 1897 | 34,463 | 2,053,277,570 | 32·6 |
| Greece..... | 1896 | 354 | 9,444,000 | 3·9 |
| Italy..... | 1896 | *7,435 | 257,733,460 | 8·1 |
| Netherlands..... | 1897 | | 136,597,779 | 27·6 |
| Portugal..... | 1897 | 1,273 | †61,150,151 | 13·7 |
| Russia..... | 1896 | 7,887 | 357,816,529 | 3·4 |
| Roumania..... | 1897 | 3,062 | 32,884,861 | 5·7 |
| Servia..... | 1896 | 114 | †10,174,000 | 4·4 |
| Spain..... | 1896 | 3,010 | 105,405,000 | 6·0 |
| Sweden..... | 1896 | 2,595 | †182,923,354 | 36·5 |
| Norway..... | 1897 | | 46,192,600 | 23·1 |
| Switzerland..... | 1897 | 1,501 | 129,137,001 | 41·9 |
| Turkey..... | 1892-93 | 1,649 | 8,165,000 | 1·4 |
| <i>Asia.</i> | | | | |
| India..... | 1897 | *26,900 | 397,897,840 | 1·8 |
| Japan..... | 1897 | | 403,818,612 | 9·5 |
| <i>Africa.</i> | | | | |
| Cape of Good Hope..... | 1897 | 934 | 20,118,320 | 11·4 |
| Egypt..... | 1897 | 751 | 13,550,000 | 1·5 |
| <i>America.</i> | | | | |
| Argentine Republic..... | 1896 | 1,160 | †177,641,000 | 44·9 |
| Brazil..... | 1893 | 2,826 | 33,441,000 | 2·3 |
| Canada..... | 1898 | 9,282 | 163,128,000 | 31·1 |
| Chile..... | 1896 | 626 | †59,924,707 | 19·7 |
| Mexico..... | 1897-98 | 1,688 | 112,750,000 | 8·9 |
| Peru..... | 1897 | 320 | †12,760,771 | 4·9 |
| United States..... | 1898 | 73,570 | †12,242,783,928 | 164·6 |
| Uruguay..... | 1897 | 636 | 9,491,542 | 11·5 |
| <i>Australasia.</i> | | | | |
| New South Wales..... | 1897 | 2,046 | 74,024,854 | 55·4 |
| Victoria..... | 1897 | 1,572 | 62,526,448 | 53·5 |
| Queensland..... | 1897 | 1,126 | 18,370,937 | 37·2 |
| South Australia..... | 1897 | 681 | 19,128,982 | 53·4 |
| Western Australia..... | 1897 | | 12,898,552 | 79·7 |
| Tasmania..... | 1897 | 336 | 8,164,384 | 47·5 |
| New Zealand..... | 1897 | ‡1,353 | 34,371,916 | 46·2 |

* Including letter boxes. † Including all kinds of mail matter. α 1890. ‡ Letters only. ¶ Including telegraph offices. § 1894.