

RRECS by the Numbers

What does RRECS mean for your route's evaluation?

- [Analysis on the RuralMailTalk.com Forum](#)
- [86PPM.org](#)

Analysis on the RuralMailTalk.com Forum

A whole sub-forum dedicated to the new evaluation system. Forum users are quite active, and will do their best to answer any questions posted.

[RRECS Detailed Calculations](#)

86PPM.org

What is 86ppm?

Under RRECS, The standard to verify a letter's address is 0.0116 minutes per pieces. That works out to 86 pieces of mail per minute (86ppm). This is the **ONLY** per piece time for DPS.

So 86ppm, what's the big deal?

86ppm is fast. Like *FAST* fast. So fast, it isn't even possible. I've tried... repeatedly.

With approximately 425 DPS letters in a tray --> **roughly 5 minutes per DPS tray.**

For RCAs and low step table 2'ers --> **less than \$2 per tray of DPS.**

Only a slight exaggeration: **we essentially deliver DPS for free in RRECS.**

Okay lose on DPS. But gain package time in RRECS, a fair swap?

no. no. no. **1000 TIMES NO!** The **whole** point of RRECS is having rigorous, achievable, fair standards. 86ppm is none of those.

If the USPS and NRLCA are going to horse swap time standards, they might as well drop the engineering facade and go back to the old eval system.

But the engineers did it! It must be right, we can't change it.

Quatsch! If you hire a cab for the airport, but it drops you off at the train station by mistake, do you just assume 'well I guess trains can fly now!' Or do you apply a little common sense and realize even experts (yes even cabbies and engineers) can be in error.

Wasn't there a 'statistical review' validating the standards?

Yes, that's what the [comprehensive guide](#) says. But either the engineers measured the wrong thing, or the carriers being measured did the wrong thing. Either way the measurement is wrong, the validation is invalid, and the whole mess is a crock-pot full of crock.

Aren't there other unfair standards in RRECS?

To be sure. But 86ppm is particularly egregious. It affects the major majority of rural carriers. Plus it is *demonstrably unrealistic*.

Demonstrably? How so?

Glad you asked. There is a website that generates DPS'ish letters. No physically handling the letters, just clicking/swiping right if valid, left if invalid.

TLDR;

86ppm is an unrealistic standard. [86ppm.org](#) demonstrates how unrealistic. Ideally every carrier

will see the site, find their rate, and start raising a stink.