

# A Guide To United States Coins

## QUARTER DOLLARS

## FEDERAL ISSUES

### Crossing the Delaware (2021)

The America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008 specified what would happen when the program ended in 2021: "The reverse of the quarter dollar shall contain an image of General Washington crossing the Delaware River prior to the Battle of Trenton," and the obverse would "revert to the same design containing an image of President Washington" that was used before the State quarters program started in 1999.

Designers John Flanagan and Benjamin Sowards; weight 5.67 grams; composition, outer layers of copper-nickel (.750 copper, .250 nickel) bonded to an inner core of pure copper. Silver Proofs:

weight 6.343 grams; composition .999 silver, .100 copper (net weight .2039 oz. pure silver); diameter 24.3 mm; reeded edge; mints: Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco.



Circulation strike.



Proof strike.

	Mintage	MS-63	MS-65	PF-66DC	PF-69DC
2021P, Crossing the Delaware	998,800,000	\$0.75	\$1		
2021D, Crossing the Delaware	1,169,400,000	0.75	1		
2021S, Crossing the Delaware	(512,729)			\$12	\$15
2021S, Crossing the Delaware, Silver	(350,323)			12	20

### American Women (2022–2025)

The Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign Act of 2020, signed into law January 13, 2021, brought wide-ranging changes involving all of America's circulating coins. In particular, it scheduled the quarter dollar as the venue for several new educational coin programs, including the American Women Quarters program.

From 2022 to 2025, the quarter commemorates prominent American women and the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment granting women the right to vote. Five coins are being issued per year, each featuring a new reverse design honoring a woman selected from fields and accomplishments such as "suffrage, civil rights, abolition, government, humanities, science, space, and arts."



Common obverse design by Laura Gardin Fraser.



	Mintage	MS-63	MS-65	PF-66DC	PF-69DC
2022P, Maya Angelou	237,600,000	\$0.75	\$1		
2022D, Maya Angelou	258,200,000	0.75	1		
2022S, Maya Angelou (a)	(442,828)	303,520	3.00	5	\$5 \$15

a. Relatively small quantities of Uncirculated clad quarters with the S mintmark are available directly from the Mint for a premium above face value.

A guide to United States coins serves as an essential resource for collectors, numismatists, and anyone interested in the rich history of American currency. This guide will cover the various denominations of U.S. coins, their historical significance, collecting tips, and how to spot valuable pieces. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced collector, understanding U.S. coins is crucial for navigating the fascinating world of

numismatics.

## Overview of U.S. Coin Denominations

The United States mint produces several types of coins, each with distinct features and purposes. Coins are categorized based on their denominations, which include:

- Penny (1 cent)
- Nickel (5 cents)
- Dime (10 cents)
- Quarter (25 cents)
- Half Dollar (50 cents)
- Dollar Coins (100 cents)

### Penny

The penny, also known as the one-cent coin, is the lowest denomination in U.S. currency. Initially introduced in 1793, the penny has undergone numerous design changes. The current design features President Abraham Lincoln on the obverse and the Lincoln Memorial on the reverse. In 2010, the reverse was changed to feature a new design: the Union Shield.

### Nickel

The nickel, valued at five cents, was first minted in 1866. The current design displays Thomas Jefferson on the obverse and Monticello, his plantation home, on the reverse. In 2004, the U.S. Mint released a series of nickels featuring designs that commemorate the Louisiana Purchase.

### Dime

The dime is worth ten cents and is the smallest U.S. coin in terms of size. The obverse features President Franklin D. Roosevelt, while the reverse showcases a torch, an olive branch, and an oak branch. This design was

introduced in 1946, shortly after Roosevelt's death.

## **Quarter**

The quarter, valued at 25 cents, has a long history. The current design, featuring George Washington on the obverse, has been in circulation since 1932. However, the U.S. Mint has also released various commemorative series, like the 50 State Quarters Program, which began in 1999.

## **Half Dollar**

The half dollar coin, worth 50 cents, is often overlooked in circulation. The obverse features President John F. Kennedy, adopted shortly after his assassination in 1963. The reverse displays the Presidential Seal. Interestingly, half dollars are still minted but rarely used in everyday transactions.

## **Dollar Coins**

Dollar coins represent the highest denomination of U.S. coinage. The most recognizable dollar coin is the Sacagawea dollar, introduced in 2000, which features the Native American woman Sacagawea on the obverse. The Presidential Dollar series, which honors former presidents, was introduced in 2007.

# **Historical Significance of U.S. Coins**

U.S. coins hold significant historical value, reflecting the nation's heritage and evolution. From the early colonial-era coins to the modern pieces we use today, each coin tells a story.

## **Colonial Coins**

Before the establishment of the U.S. Mint, various colonies issued their own coins. These included the Pine Tree Shilling and the Massachusetts Bay Colony coinage. These coins often carried significant local symbolism and served as a means for colonies to assert economic independence.

## **The Establishment of the U.S. Mint**

The Coinage Act of 1792 established the U.S. Mint and set the standards for coinage. The first mint building was located in Philadelphia, which was then the nation's capital. The mint played a crucial role in creating a standardized currency, promoting trade, and ensuring economic stability.

## Commemorative Coins

Throughout history, the U.S. Mint has produced commemorative coins to celebrate significant events, anniversaries, and individuals. Examples include the 1986 Statue of Liberty commemorative coin and the 2009 Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial coin. These coins often have unique designs and are sought after by collectors.

## Collecting United States Coins

Collecting U.S. coins can be a rewarding hobby, but it's essential to approach it with knowledge and strategy. Here are some tips for getting started and enhancing your collection.

## Understanding Coin Grading

Coin grading is critical for collectors to determine a coin's value. Coins are graded on a scale from 1 to 70, with 70 being a perfect coin. The most common grading systems include:

- **Good (G):** Coins in this category show heavy wear but are recognizable.
- **Fine (F):** Some detail remains, but the coin shows moderate wear.
- **Very Fine (VF):** Well-defined details are visible, and the coin shows minimal wear.
- **Extremely Fine (EF):** Almost all details are sharp, with only minor wear.
- **Uncirculated (MS):** Coins in this category have no wear and retain their original luster.

## Building a Collection

When building a coin collection, consider focusing on specific themes or

types. Some popular collecting areas include:

1. **Type Sets:** Collecting one of each type of coin.
2. **Year Sets:** Collecting coins from a specific year.
3. **Commemoratives:** Focusing on coins that commemorate significant events or figures.
4. **Mint Marks:** Collecting coins from different U.S. Mint locations.

## Resources for Collectors

Several resources can aid collectors in their journey:

- **Books:** Guides and catalogs provide valuable information about coin values and history.
- **Online Communities:** Forums and social media groups allow collectors to share experiences and knowledge.
- **Coin Shows:** Attending local or national coin shows enables collectors to buy, sell, and network with others.

## Spotting Valuable Coins

Not all coins are created equal, and some may hold significant value beyond their face value. Here are some tips for spotting valuable coins:

### Key Dates and Mint Marks

Certain coins are more valuable due to their rarity. Key dates refer to specific years when fewer coins were minted, increasing their desirability. Additionally, mint marks can affect a coin's value. For example, the 1909-S V.D.B. penny is highly sought after due to its low mintage and distinctive mark.

## **Errors and Varieties**

Coins that have minting errors or unique varieties can be particularly valuable. Common errors include double strikes, off-center strikes, and wrong planchets. These coins are often worth significantly more than their standard counterparts.

## **Condition Matters**

The condition of a coin can greatly influence its value. Well-preserved coins in uncirculated condition often fetch higher prices than those showing signs of wear. Regularly handling coins with care and storing them appropriately helps maintain their condition.

## **Conclusion**

In summary, understanding U.S. coins is essential for anyone interested in the world of numismatics. From their historical significance to the intricacies of collecting, coins offer a captivating glimpse into American culture and economics. With this guide, you are now better equipped to explore the diverse and exciting realm of United States coins. Happy collecting!

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What are the main types of U.S. coins?**

The main types of U.S. coins include pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half dollars, and dollar coins. Each type has its own unique design and value.

### **How can I determine the value of my old U.S. coins?**

To determine the value of old U.S. coins, you can check coin value guides, consult with a professional coin dealer, or use online resources and auctions to see recent sale prices for similar coins.

### **What is the significance of the Mint marks on U.S. coins?**

Mint marks indicate the facility where a coin was produced. They can affect a coin's value and rarity, with some mint marks being more sought after by collectors.

## What should I look for when collecting U.S. coins?

When collecting U.S. coins, consider factors such as rarity, condition (graded on a scale from poor to mint), historical significance, and demand among other collectors.

## Are there any coins that are particularly valuable to collectors?

Yes, certain coins, such as the 1909-S V.D.B. penny, the 1913 Liberty Head nickel, and the 1804 silver dollar, are highly valuable and sought after due to their rarity and historical importance.

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