

How Coins are Evaluated

Coins are evaluated by four criteria:
Condition, Scarcity, Content, & Demand.

Condition: Refers to the amount of wear on the detail of a coin. The less wear the higher the value on specific series.



Good Condition-G

Fine Condition-F

Very Fine Condition-XF

Scarcity: Some years and mint marks, less coins were made than others; these are referred to as 'better dates'



Examples of U.S. Mint Marks

P-Philadelphia, PA O-New Orleans, LA CC-Carson City, NV W-West Point, NY
C-Charlotte, NC S-San Francisco, CA D-Denver, CO

Content: What kind of metal a coin is made of



Copper/Nickel

Silver

Gold

Demand: How popular a particular series is to be collected



Here is a rough guide to help you identify and sort your coins.

Indian Head Cents 1859-1909



Better Dates: 1859-1879, 1908-S, 1909-S
(Sort by decade)

Lincoln Wheat Cents 1909-1958



Better Dates Any 1909, 1910-1915-S, 1914-D, 1922, 1924-D, 1931
(Sort by decade)

Liberty 'V' Nickels 1883-1912



Better Dates: 1885, 1886, 1912-S
(Sort by Decade)

Buffalo Nickels 1913-1938



Better Dates: 1913-S, 1914-D, 1921-S, 1931-S, 1937-D 3 Leg
(Sort by dated versus no-date)

Jefferson Nickels 1938-Date



Better Dates: 1939-D, 1950-D Silver: 1942-1945 with large mint mark over Monticello
(All other dates spend)

Barber Dimes 1892-1916



Better Dates: 1892-S, 1894-O, 1895-O, 1895-S, 1896-O, 1896-S, 1897-O, 1901-S, 1903-S, 1913-S

Mercury Dimes 1916-1945



Better Dates: 1916-D, 1921, 1921-D
(Others are worth at least their silver content)

Silver Roosevelt Dimes 1946-1964



1946-1964 are worth their silver content, 1965-Date can be spent
(Unless in US Mint packaging)

Barber Quarters 1892-1916



Better Dates: 1896-S, 1901-S, 1913-S
(Other dates are worth at least their silver value)

Standing Liberty Quarters 1916-1930



Better Dates: 1916-1924, 1927-D&S
(Others are worth at least their silver values)

Silver Washington Quarters 1932-1964



Better Dates: 1932-D, 1932-S
(1932-1964 are worth at least their silver value)

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Barber Half Dollars 1892-1915



Better Dates: 1892-O, 1893-S, 1896-S, 1897-O, 1897-S, 1913, 1914, 1915
(Other dates are worth at least their silver value)

Walking Liberty Half Dollars 1916-1947



Better Dates: 1916, 1921, 1938-D
(Other dates are worth at least their silver value)

Franklin Half Dollars 1948-1963



Worth at least their silver value (unless in uncirculated condition)

Silver Kennedy Half Dollars 1964-1970



1964 - 90% Silver 1965-1970 40% Silver
1971-Date can be spent (unless in US mint packaging)

Morgan Silver Dollars 1878-1921



Better dates: Any 'CC' mint marks, 1893, 1894 & 1895
All should be professionally evaluated

Peace Silver Dollars 1921-1935



Better Dates: 1921, 1928
All should be professionally evaluated

Eisenhower Dollars 1971-1978



Brown box or Blue envelope 40% silver

Susan B. Anthony Dollars 1979-1981 & 1999



Better Date: 1981, 1999
Others can be spent (unless in US mint packaging)

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