



Instant Value Guide

Find out if your collection is valuable
in less than five minutes without
connecting with an expert!





Cut to the chase!

Are my coins valuable?

Searching the internet for coin values can be an extremely frustrating experience. Most of the articles and videos you will find make it to the top of a Google search result page by delivering sensationalized and inflated information. These are meant to grab views and clicks, but contain very little helpful information. This guide seeks to do the opposite! We have distilled this information to help you quickly and easily find out if your coins are valuable and what to do next.

Use this simple guide to look up the denomination, date and mintmark of your items to find out if your collection is valuable.



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Denomination	Date Range	Valuable?	Big winners!	Silver Content	Rarity Scale
Half Cent	1794-1857	Yes			4
Large Cent	1793-1857	Yes			3
Flying Eagle Cent	1856-1858	Yes			4
Indian Cents	1864-1908	Yes	1877, 1908-S, 1909-S		2
Lincoln Wheat Cents	1909-1958	Yes	1909-S, 1909-S VDB, 1914-D		1
Lincoln Memorial Cents	1959-2008	No			0
Lincoln Bicentennial	2009-2010	No			0
Lincoln Shield	2010-present	No			0
Two Cent Pieces	1864-1873	Yes			4
Three Cent Silver	1851-1873	Yes		90% Silver	5
Three Cent Nickel	1865-1889	Yes			4
Half Dimes	1794-1873	Yes		90% Silver	6
Twenty Cent Pieces	1875-1878	Yes		90% Silver	6
Shield Nickels	1866-1883	Yes			5
Liberty "V" Nickel	1883-1912	Yes	1885-P, 1886-P, 1912-S		2
Buffalo Nickel	1913-1938	Yes			2
Jefferson Nickel	1942-1945	Yes		35% Silver	1
Jefferson Nickel	1938-Present	No			0
Bust Dimes	1796-1837	Yes		90% Silver	8
Seated Dimes	1837-1891	Yes		90% Silver	7
Barber Dimes	1892-1916	Yes	1895-O	90% Silver	6
Mercury Dime	1916-1945	Yes	1916-D, 1921	90% Silver	5
Roosevelt Dime	1946-1964	Yes		90% Silver	5
Roosevelt Dime	1965-Present	No			0
Bust Quarter	1796-1807	Yes		90% Silver	8
Seated Quarter	1838-1891	Yes		90% Silver	7
Barber Quarter	1892-1916	Yes		90% Silver	6
Standing Liberty Quarter	1916-1930	Yes	1916-P, 1923-S	90% Silver	6
Washington Quarter	1932-1964	Yes	1932-D, 1932-S	90% Silver	5
Washington Quarter	1965-present	No			0
Bust Half Dollars	1794-1839	Yes		90% Silver	8
Seated Half Dollars	1839-1891	Yes		90% Silver	7
Barber Half Dollars	1892-1915	Yes		90% Silver	6
Walking Liberty Half Dollar	1916-1947	Yes	1916-P, 1938-D	90% Silver	5
Franklin Half Dollar	1948-1963	Yes		90% Silver	5
Kennedy Half Dollar	1964-1964	Yes		90% Silver	5
Kennedy Half Dollar	1965-1970	Yes		40% Silver	3
Kennedy Half Dollar	1971-Present	No			0
Bust Dollar	1795-1804	Yes		90% Silver	10
Seated Dollar	1840-1873	Yes		90% Silver	7
Trade Dollar	1873-1878	Yes		90% Silver	8
Morgan Dollar	1878-1921	Yes	All CC mint marks, 1893-S, 1894-P	90% Silver	7
Peace Dollar	1921-1935	Yes			6
Eisenhower Dollar	1971-1978	No		90% Silver	0
Small Dollars	1979-Present Date	No			0

My coins are valuable!

My coins still need time to achieve rarity.

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Our experts are also standing by to help you with your paper money and foreign coin collections. While this guide focuses US Coins, Coinfully also provides top dollar offers on paper money and foreign material from a simple online appraisal.

Get my appraisal!

The Guide to Valuable Coins

If the answer on one or more of your coins was “yes”, congratulations!
Let's help you understand more about what this means and what to do next!

The four factors that make a coin valuable:

- **Mintage:** How many of the coin were originally made.
- **Population:** How many items still exist.
- **Popularity:** How appealing this type of coin is to collectors.
- **Condition:** How close the coin is to the original mint state.

Understanding Condition

- The condition of a coin is fundamental in its valuation. The slightest (often imperceptible) difference in the quality of a coin can result in a valuation difference of hundreds or even thousands of dollars. In some ways the entire rare coin industry exists to expertly answer this one question, what is the condition.
- Coin conditions are rated based on a 70 point scale, starting at 1 (Poor Condition) and ending at 70 (Mint State).
- An important consideration in value is also “problem coins” that have experienced cleaning, environmental damage, structural damage, and more.

Our experts are on call to [help definitively assign a condition and exact valuation here](#).

Market conditions for selling

- Are you asking “when is the right time to sell my collection?” That is an important question and one that should take into consideration the following factors.
- **Precious metal content:** The fluctuating metals market can be an important consideration, especially with bullion coins. Selling when metals are on an upward trend is ideal,

but metal content can often be only a small part of what makes your items valuable.

- **Numismatic premium:** If coins were valued on their metal alone, there would be no need to study coins as we have done. However, the rarity of an item, as defined above, is based on 4 key factors (mintage, population, popularity, and condition). The impact of these elements is what makes up the additional valuation premium.
- **Popularity:** Do collectors want to buy your coin? This question is not to be understated. This is why you can find 2,500 year old ancient coins that you can buy for \$200 and 20th century US coins for millions. It all comes down to which coins are popular and what someone is willing to pay for it! This popularity also changes over time based on trends and other factors.

Why should you talk to a Coinfully appraiser?

- Save time by avoiding unnecessary research and confusion.
- Conditions need to be evaluated by a professional.
- Coinfully will send you a top-of-market offer to sell when you are ready.

Call now or submit an appraisal to find out if now is the perfect time to get paid the most for your coin collection.

Get my appraisal!

Caring for a Maturing Collection

So your coins still need some time to become rare? That's ok! Here is some guidance on caring for your coins and what you can do next.

Care instructions: Here are some simple tips for keeping your coins safe as they mature.

- Never clean your coins for any reason. Cleaning coins is exclusively detrimental to their valuation and should never be done. A dirty and grimy coin has a better chance at holding value than a pristinely cleaned one. Cleaning damages the coin surface with hairlines and many other issues.
- Avoid PVC (polyvinyl chloride) plastic coin holders. These plastic flips, often sold on amazon and other places, chemically react with and damage your coins.
- Avoid storage in drastically fluctuating heat and moisture conditions. Coins should be stored in a cool and dry place long term.

Alternative methods for selling or donating.

- Your coins may not be currently valuable to a coin purchasing service, but may still have appeal for hobbyists in marketplaces like Ebay. While on higher value collections Ebay is not recommended due to added fees and limited exposure to experts, lower value items can sometimes sell quite well.
- Become involved in the hobby and grow your collection. Find the next coin collecting convention in your area and jump in.
- Young Numismatist groups and local coin clubs are always looking for donations of coins they can study, etc. Check your local listings to help find your coins a grateful new home

Holding on to your coins.

- The simplest solution is often to just hang on to your coins and wait for them to become more vintage. Changing market conditions and collector interest can shift significantly from year to year.



Glossary of Terms

Numismatics:

The study or collection of coins, paper currency, and medals.

Mint Mark:

The letter symbol on the coin indicating the US Mint where the coin was minted.

Obverse:

The “front” side of a coin, usually including a notable person's head or bust in the design.

Reverse:

The “back” side of a coin, usually displaying the denomination in the design.

Condition:

The physical state of a coin. Coin conditions are rated based on a 70 point scale, starting at 1 (Poor Condition) and ending at 70 (Mint State).

Denomination:

The currency (aka “face”) value of the coin.

Type coins:

Coin design types that are not currently being used in modern coin production.

Mint state:

A coin that has maintained its original condition from the mint where it was created.

Key dates:

Rare coins that have low mintages and populations for specific years.

Date

Denomination

Mintmark





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