

Set these aside. Check them carefully.

Selected U.S. coin dates and mintmarks worth a closer review. This is not an exhaustive list and is not a value, grade or authenticity guarantee.

Coin	Date / mark	Check before concluding
Lincoln cent	1909-S VDB	1909 and an S below the date on the front; V.D.B. at the bottom of the back. Both S and V.D.B. must be present for this issue. Added marks and counterfeit coins exist.
Lincoln cent	1914-D	The complete date 1914 and a D below it on the front. A 1914 cent with no mintmark or an S is a different issue. Have a suspected match authenticated.
Lincoln cent	1931-S	1931 and an S below the date on the front. Many were saved. Low mintage alone does not make every example rare or high-value.
Jefferson nickel	1950-D	1950 on the front; a D on the back, to the right of Monticello. Contains no silver. Many were saved; a match does not guarantee a large premium.
Mercury dime	1916-D	The winged-cap Liberty design, 1916, and a D low on the back, left of the fasces bundle. 1916 alone is insufficient: Barber dimes also exist for that year. A suspected 1916-D needs authentication.
Washington quarter	1932-D	1932 on the front and a D below the eagle on the back. A plain 1932 is a different issue. Added D mintmarks are a known counterfeit method.
Washington quarter	1932-S	1932 on the front and an S below the eagle on the back. Record the exact mark. The date alone cannot distinguish this issue from 1932-D or Philadelphia coins.
Walking Liberty half dollar	1921-D	1921 on the front; a D on the back, above and left of HALF. 1921 with no mintmark and 1921-S are different issues that also deserve review. Do not dismiss them.
Morgan dollar	1893-S	The Morgan design, 1893 on the front, and an S mintmark on the back. A date-and-mark match is only a screening result. Added mintmarks and counterfeit coins are known.
Peace dollar	1928 - no mintmark	The Peace design, 1928 on the front, and no mintmark in the mintmark area on the back. 1928-S is different. Removed S marks and altered 1923 dates exist; no visible mark is not proof.

Check the source.

Use the exact issue, date and mintmark when comparing a reference. Source prices and population figures can change; none are reproduced here.

The date is a prompt to inspect, not proof of value. Altered mintmarks, counterfeits, varieties, wear and damage can change the conclusion. Keep holders intact and seek a qualified assessment where appropriate.

[Have one of these? Include clear photographs with your collection review.](#)

Lincoln cent - 1909-S VDB

[PCGS: Lincoln Cent guide](#)

Lincoln cent - 1914-D

[PCGS: Lincoln Cent guide](#)

Lincoln cent - 1931-S

[PCGS: Lincoln Cent guide](#)

Jefferson nickel - 1950-D

[PCGS: 1950-D Jefferson nickel CoinFacts](#)

Mercury dime - 1916-D

[PCGS: Six Classic Mercury Dime Key Dates and Rarities](#)

Washington quarter - 1932-D

[PCGS: The Washington Quarter Made Coin Collecting a Household Pursuit](#)

Washington quarter - 1932-S

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Walking Liberty half dollar - 1921-D

[PCGS: The Rare 1921-D Walking Liberty Half Dollar](#)

Morgan dollar - 1893-S

[PCGS: Targeting Morgan Dollars](#)

Peace dollar - 1928 - no mintmark

[PCGS: 1928 Peace dollar CoinFacts](#)