

ANACS GRADING ANALYSIS:

1909-S

1909-S VDB CENTS

Grading Report - 1982

1909-S & 1909-S VDB 1982 ANACS GRADING REPORT

All coins graded in the calendar year 1982:

ANACS GRADES	NUMBER OF 1909-S CENTS GRADED (Percentage)	NUMBER OF 1909-S VDB CENTS GRADED (Percentage)
Good 4/4	1 (*)	1 (*)
Good 4/V.G. 8	1 (*)	3 (*)
Very Good 8/8	14 (5%)	30 (3.5%)
V.G. 8/F. 12	2 (*)	9 (1%)
Fine 12/V.G. 8	0	1 (*)
Fine 12/12	33 (12%)	120 (14.5%)
F. 12/V.F. 20	1 (*)	10 (1%)
Very Fine 20/20	23 (8.5%)	101 (12%)
Very Fine 20/30	3 (1%)	18 (2%)
Very Fine 30/20	0	1 (*)
V.F. 20/E.F. 40	0	1 (*)
Very Fine 30/30	12 (4.5%)	63 (7.5%)
V.F. 30/E.F. 40	1 (*)	8 (1%)
Extremely Fine 40/40	17 (6.5%)	62 (7.5%)
Extremely Fine 40/45	4 (1.5%)	34 (4%)
Extremely Fine 45/45	11 (4%)	37 (4.5%)
E.F. 45/A.U. 50	0	4 (*)
E.F. 45/A.U. 55	0	1 (*)
About Uncirculated 50/50	29 (11%)	58 (7%)
About Uncirculated 50/55	7 (2.5%)	29 (3.5%)
About Uncirculated 55/55	23 (8.5%)	51 (6%)
A.U. 55/ MS 60	0	3 (*)
A.U. 55/ MS 63	1 (*)	1 (*)
Mint State 60/60	5 (2%)	12 (1.5%)
Mint State 60/63	5 (2%)	28 (3.5%)
Mint State 63/63	22 (8%)	39 (4.5%)
Mint State 63/65	25 (9%)	38 (4.5%)
Mint State 65/63	0	4 (*)
Mint State 65/65	28 (10.5%)	55 (6.5%)
Mint State 65/67	1 (*)	0
Mint State 67/67 (+)	0	0
TOTAL NUMBER GRADED	269	822

(%) = Percentage of the total coins graded, to the nearest .5%

(*) = Less than 1%

After well over a year of trying to get statistical information from ANACS, the following is our first and possibly last installment.

To our knowledge, this is the first time ever that any hard quantitative numbers have been placed on coins authenticated and graded by ANACS. The A.N.A. Board recently ruled on our proposal, thus allowing these "numbers" public. Ken Bressett, ANACS Director informed us that he doesn't have the manpower or time at present to retrieve any further information from ANACS' computer. For this reason the 1909-S and 1909-S VDB Grading Analysis might be the last release of our statistical study.

We will be approaching the A.N.A. Board again, asking for full access to ANACS quantitative grading numbers. If after studying the information derived from the following listing, you agree that the release of such information would be an asset to our hobby; please write to this publication stating such support.

One of the primary reasons ANACS was established in the mid-1970's, was to help put a stop to the ever increasing number of counterfeit coins coming on the numismatic market. Of the 1,190 1909-S VDB cents sent in by collectors in 1982, 18% were rejected as either counterfeit or altered by ANACS staffers. 1909-S cents had almost just as bad counterfeit or altered percentage - 11.5%. These numbers put into perspective ANACS' true value as a hobby watchdog.

**1909-S CENTS NOTED AS COUNTERFEIT OR ALTERED -
(354 Sent In) 41 (11.5%)**

**1909-S VDB CENTS NOTES AS COUNTERFEIT OR ALTERED -
(1,190 Sent In) 216 (18%)**

The most common graded 1909-S cent was the Fine 12/12 with 33 coins (12%), followed by the AU 50/50 with 29 coins (11%). The scarcest ANACS grade for an '09-S was one lone coin graded MS-65/67.

The most common graded 1909-S VDB cent, just as with the '09-S, was the Fine 12/12 coin with 120 (14.5%) pieces, followed by the Very Fine 20/20 with 101 (12%) coins. Among the scarcest quantity of '09-S VDB's is the only coin graded AU 55/ MS 63. One side of the coin circulated, the other uncirculated; this piece can really be graded either Circ. or Unc. just by a toss of the coin!

Another interesting observation made while reading the computer printouts from ANACS was what has to be one of the nicest lots of 1909-S VDB cents sent in by one person. In early 1982, a lot of 44 coins, the bulk of what must have been an original roll was graded by ANACS as follows:

- 3 - 1909-S VDB CENTS MS-63/63
- 11 - 1909-S VDB CENTS MS-63/65
- 4 - 1909-S VDB CENTS MS-65/63
- 24 - 1909-S VDB CENTS MS-65/65

We would like to offer future statistical reports, but their fate is up to you - our readers, and the A.N.A. Board of Governors.

In addition to the above, some coins were sent in for authentication only.

1909-S CENTS AUTHENTICATED ONLY - 44
1909-S VDB CENTS AUTHENTICATED ONLY - 152