

INDIAN HEAD CENTS

1859-1864

Copper-Nickel

The small cent was redesigned in 1859, and a representation of an Indian girl was adopted as the obverse device. The 1859 reverse was also changed to represent a laurel wreath. In 1860 the reverse only was modified to display an oak wreath with a small shield at the top. The weight and composition of the coin was not changed.

Good — No **LIBERTY** visible.

V. Good — At least half of **LIBERTY** readable.

Fine — **LIBERTY** completely visible.

V. Fine — Slight but even wear on **LIBERTY**.

Ex. Fine — **LIBERTY** sharp. All other details sharp. Only slight wear on ribbon end.



1859 Only
Without shield
at top of wreath
on reverse



1860 to 1909
With shield
on reverse



	Quan.	Minted	Good	V.G.	Fine	V.F.	E.F.	Unc.	Proof
1859.....	36,400,000		\$3.75	\$4.50	\$8.50	\$14.00	\$24.00	\$90.00	\$600.00
1860..(400)	20,566,000		3.00	4.00	8.00	11.00	18.00	70.00	425.00
1861..(375)	10,100,000		7.00	10.00	15.00	21.00	32.50	100.00	535.00
1862..(450)	28,075,000		2.00	3.00	4.50	6.00	11.00	35.00	350.00
1863..(460)	49,840,000		2.00	3.00	4.25	5.50	10.00	30.00	325.00
1864..(300)	13,740,000		5.00	7.00	11.00	16.50	24.00	65.00	600.00

1864-1909 Bronze

During the year 1864 the alloy of the cent was changed to 95 per cent copper and five per cent tin and zinc. The weight was reduced to 48 grains, resulting in a thinner coin than the "White" Cents. The design remained unchanged. The first 1864 bronze cents did not have the designer's initial L on the bottom of the ribbon. Later in the year the letter appeared on only a small quantity. The initial appeared on all dates of Indian Cents thereafter. Consult the illustrations for details.

1864 (No L on ribbon)									
..(150)	39,233,714	2.25	4.00	8.00	13.00	21.00	66.00	800.00	



1864 Bronze Indian Head Cent With "L"

If the coin is turned slightly Indian faces observer the lighted details of the "L" appear to better advantage. The point of the bust is point the variety with "L" without "L." The "L" is initial of the engraver, Long.

SMALL CENTS



Closed 3

Open 3

Select brilliant Unc. and Proof small cents command higher prices.

	Quan.	Minted	Good	V.G.	Fine	V.F.	E.F.	Unc.	Proof
1864 (L on ribbon must show)									
....(20) Unknown		\$16.00	\$30.00	\$57.50	\$75.00	\$110.00	\$300.00	—	—
1865..(500)	35,429,286	2.00	3.00	6.00	8.00	16.00	45.00	\$375.00	
1866..(725)	9,826,500	9.00	14.00	22.00	42.00	62.00	150.00	350.00	
1867..(625)	9,821,000	9.00	14.00	21.00	40.00	60.00	145.00	325.00	
1868..(600)	10,266,500	10.00	15.00	24.00	43.00	63.00	160.00	350.00	
†1869 over 8 All Kinds									
....(600)	6,420,000	45.00	58.00	90.00	145.00	235.00	650.00		
1869.....		15.00	26.00	50.00	75.00	125.00	370.00	550.00	
1870 (1,000)	5,275,000	14.00	22.00	37.00	55.00	80.00	175.00	375.00	
1871..(960)	3,929,500	21.00	30.00	50.00	70.00	100.00	220.00	425.00	
1872..(950)	4,042,000	23.00	37.00	57.50	85.00	125.00	300.00	525.00	
1873 Closed 3 All Kinds									
....(600)	11,676,500	5.50	9.00	15.00	22.00	35.00	92.50	325.00	
1873 Open 3.....		5.50	9.00	15.00	22.00	35.00	92.50		
1874..(700)	14,187,500	5.00	8.00	15.00	22.00	35.00	92.50	275.00	
1875..(700)	13,528,000	5.00	8.00	15.00	22.00	35.00	92.50	275.00	
1876 (1,150)	7,944,000	7.00	11.00	20.00	30.00	45.00	115.00	230.00	
1877..(510)	852,500	115.00	160.00	230.00	350.00	475.00	950.00	1600.00	
1878 (2,350)	5,799,850	8.00	12.00	20.00	29.00	42.00	100.00	165.00	
1879 (3,200)	16,231,200	2.00	3.00	5.00	8.00	12.50	42.50	85.00	
1880 (3,955)	38,964,955	1.25	2.25	4.00	6.00	11.00	32.50	62.50	
1881 (3,575)	39,211,575	1.25	2.25	4.00	6.00	11.00	32.50	62.50	
1882 (3,100)	38,581,100	1.25	2.25	4.00	6.00	11.00	32.50	62.50	
1883 (6,609)	45,598,109	1.00	2.00	3.25	5.00	10.00	30.00	55.00	
1884 (3,942)	23,261,742	2.00	3.00	6.00	10.00	15.00	40.00	67.50	
1885 (3,790)	11,765,384	4.50	7.00	13.00	18.00	28.00	62.50	85.00	
1886 (*Var. 1) All Kinds									
....(4,290)	17,654,290	2.25	3.50	7.00	12.00	21.00	45.00	75.00	
1886 (*Var. 2).....		2.25	3.50	7.00	12.00	21.00	45.00	75.00	
1887 (2,960)	45,226,483	.50	1.00	2.50	4.00	8.00	25.00	60.00	
1888 (4,582)	37,494,414	.55	1.10	2.65	4.50	8.50	30.00	55.00	
1889 (3,336)	48,869,361	.50	1.00	2.00	4.00	7.00	25.00	60.00	
1890 (2,740)	57,182,854	.50	1.00	2.00	4.00	7.00	25.00	55.00	
1891 (2,350)	47,072,350	.50	1.00	2.00	4.00	7.00	25.00	55.00	
1892 (2,745)	37,649,832	.55	1.10	2.65	4.50	8.50	27.50	60.00	
1893 (2,195)	46,642,195	.50	1.00	2.00	4.00	7.00	26.00	57.50	
1894 (2,632)	16,752,132	1.75	4.00	7.50	10.00	17.50	47.50	80.00	
1895 (2,062)	38,343,636	.50	1.00	2.00	4.00	7.00	22.50	60.00	
1896 (1,862)	39,057,293	.50	1.00	2.00	4.00	7.50	28.50	70.00	
1897 (1,938)	50,466,330	.40	.80	1.75	3.50	6.50	25.00	70.00	
1898 (1,795)	49,823,079	.40	.80	1.75	3.50	6.50	27.50	60.00	

Do not confuse with recut variety.

VAR. 1 Last feather points between I and C.

VAR. 2 Last feather points between C and A.