

Indian Head Cents Mintage

The **Indian Head Cent** was issued as the second design for the small cent. The coin was designed by James B. Longacre and features an image of Liberty in a Native American headdress on the obverse, which lends itself to the series name. The reverse of the coin first featured a laurel wreath, which was replaced with an oak wreath and shield after only one year.



The series was produced from 1859 to 1909 with a few design modifications. The composition of the Indian Head Cent began as 88% copper and 12% nickel. This proved difficult to strike and the composition was changed to 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc during 1864. For this year, pieces were struck in both the copper nickel and bronze.

For the Indian Head Cent series:

- There were 54 regular issues for the series. This include the two compositions used during 1864 and the San Francisco Minted pieces for the final two years of the series.
- The series had a duration of 50 years from 1859 to 1909. Coins were issued for every year inclusive at the Philadelphia Mint and for the final two years at the San Francisco Mint.
- The highest reported mintage is for the 1907 Indian Head Cent with 108,138,618 pieces. This was also the only issue of the series with a mintage above 100 million.
- The lowest reported mintage is for the [1909-S Indian Head Cent](#) with 309,000 pieces reported struck. Along with the 1877, this is one of only two issues of the series with a mintage below 1 million.
- The average mintage across all 54 regular issues of the series is 34,252,575.

Indian Head Cent Mintages

1859	36,400,000
1860	20,566,000
1861	10,100,000
1862	28,075,000
1863	49,840,000
1864 (Copper)	13,740,000
1864 (Bronze)	39,233,714
1865	35,429,286
1866	9,826,500
1867	9,821,000
1868	10,266,500
1869	6,420,000
1870	5,275,000

1871	3,929,500
1872	4,042,000
1873	11,676,500
1874	14,187,500
1875	13,528,000
1876	7,944,000
1877	852,500
1878	5,799,850
1879	16,231,200
1880	38,964,955
1881	39,211,575
1882	38,581,100
1883	45,589,109
1884	23,261,742
1885	11,765,384
1886	17,654,290
1887	45,226,483
1888	37,494,414
1889	48,869,361
1890	57,182,854
1891	47,072,350
1892	37,649,832
1893	46,642,195
1894	16,752,132
1895	38,343,636
1896	39,057,293
1897	50,466,330
1898	49,823,079
1899	53,600,031
1900	66,833,794
1901	79,611,143
1902	87,376,722
1903	85,094,493
1904	61,328,015
1905	80,719,163
1906	96,022,255
1907	108,138,618
1908	32,327,987
1908-S	1,115,000
1909	14,370,645
1909-S	309,000

Source: [Indian Cent](#)