

JUNK SILVER QUICK REFERENCE

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WHICH COINS CONTAIN SILVER

Coin	Dates	Silver	Pure silver per coin	Weight
Dime (Mercury, Roosevelt)	1964 and earlier	90%	0.0723 oz	2.50 g
Quarter (Washington)	1964 and earlier	90%	0.1808 oz	6.25 g
Half dollar (Walking Liberty, Franklin, Kennedy)	1964 and earlier	90%	0.3617 oz	12.50 g
Kennedy half dollar	1965–1970	40%	0.1479 oz	11.50 g
Jefferson "war nickel"	1942–1945 (large mint mark above Monticello)	35%	0.0563 oz	5.00 g

Per-coin silver figures are for uncirculated coins. Worn coins contain slightly less.

FACE VALUE MATH (90% COINS)

Face value	Coins	Pure silver (worn, dealer standard)
\$1	10 dimes, 4 quarters or 2 halves	~0.715 troy oz
\$10	e.g. 2 rolls of quarters	~7.15 troy oz
\$100		~71.5 troy oz
\$1,000 ("full bag")		~715 troy oz

QUICK CHECKS

- **Date:** 1964 or earlier for dimes, quarters and halves.
- **Edge:** solid silver color. A copper stripe means clad (not silver).
- **Weight:** a 90% silver quarter is about 6.25 g; a clad quarter about 5.67 g.
- **Melt value** $\approx$ troy oz of silver $\times$ today's spot price. Dealers buy and sell around this, not exactly at it.

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