

A Special Exhibition on the U.S. Quarter Coins featuring symbols of 50 States

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From 1999 to 2008, the United States Mint issued a new state quarter coin approximately every 10 weeks. Each quarter coin's reverse side is designed to celebrate one state with a design honoring its unique history, traditions, and symbols of the state.

State designs are displayed on the reverse of the quarters, while the obverse of the quarters continue to display the familiar image of George Washington. To accommodate state designs on the reverse, the words "United States of America," "Quarter Dollar," "Liberty," and "In God We Trust" all appear on the obverse. These Statehood coins were issued in the order of each State's admission to the Union with designs selected in consultation with State officials.

(All information is from the website "<http://www.usmint.gov/>")

	State Name	Statehood Date	Reverse Feature
1999	Delaware	1787.12.07	The Delaware quarter's reverse celebrates Caesar Rodney's historic horseback ride in 1776.
	Pennsylvania	1787.12.12	The Pennsylvania quarter's reverse features the "Commonwealth" statue, an allegorical female figure.
	New Jersey	1787.12.18	The New Jersey quarter's reverse features General George Washington crossing the Delaware River.
	Georgia	1788.01.02	The Georgia quarter's reverse celebrates the state's geographical outline, motto, tree, and nickname.
	Connecticut	1788.01.09	The Connecticut quarter's reverse celebrates "The Charter Oak" tree, which proved to be a good hiding place.
2000	Massachusetts	1788.02.06	The Massachusetts quarter's reverse bears a likeness of the celebrated Minuteman of the American Revolution against an outline of the state.
	Maryland	1788.04.28	The Maryland quarter's reverse highlights the striking Maryland Statehouse surrounded by White Oak leaf clusters and the nickname "The Old Line State."
	South Carolina	1788.05.23	The South Carolina quarter's reverse is an outline of the state complimented by an intriguing group of state symbols.
	New Hampshire	1788.06.21	The New Hampshire quarter's reverse showcases the rock formation, "The Old Man of the Mountain."
	Virginia	1788.06.25	The Virginia quarter's reverse features the three ships, Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery. These ships brought the first English settlers to Jamestown.
2001	New York	1788.07.26	The New York quarter's reverse features the Statue of Liberty, the state outline, the words, "Gateway to Freedom", and 11 stars representing the number of states when it entered the union.
	North Carolina	1789.11.21	The North Carolina quarter's reverse features the first successful airplane "flight" in Kill Devil Hills, NC.
	Rhode Island	1790.05.29	The Rhode Island quarter's reverse features a sailboat on the open sea to commemorate the "Ocean State."
	Vermont	1791.03.04	The Vermont quarter's reverse features Camel's Hump Mountain with an image of maple trees with sap buckets in the forefront.
	Kentucky	1792.06.01	The Kentucky quarter's reverse features Federal Hill, or "My Old Kentucky Home," with a race horse behind a fence.
2002	Tennessee	1796.06.01	The Tennessee quarter design incorporates musical instruments and a score with the inscription "Musical Heritage." Three stars represent Tennessee's three regions and the instruments symbolize each region's distinct musical style.
	Ohio	1803.03.01	The Ohio quarter design depicts an early aircraft and an astronaut, superimposed as a group on the outline of the state. The design also includes the inscription "Birthplace of Aviation Pioneers."
	Louisiana	1812.04.30	The Louisiana quarter design depicts the image of Louisiana's state bird -- the pelican, a trumpet with musical notes, and the outline of the Louisiana Purchase territory, along with the inscription "Louisiana Purchase."
	Indiana	1816.12.11	The Indiana quarter's reverse features the image of a racecar superimposed on an outline of the state with the inscription "Crossroads of America." The design also includes 19 stars signifying Indiana as the 19th state admitted into the Union.
	Mississippi	1817.12.10	The Mississippi quarter's reverse showcases the beauty and elegance of the state flower, combining the blossoms and leaves of two magnolias with the inscription "The Magnolia State."
2003	Illinois	1818.12.03	The Illinois quarter design depicts a young Abraham Lincoln within the outline of the state. A farm scene and the Chicago skyline appear on the left and to the right of the state's outline.
	Alabama	1819.12.14	Alabama quarter design features an image of Helen Keller with her name in English, and in a reduced-size version of braille.
	Maine	1820.03.15	The Maine quarter design incorporates a rendition of the Pemaquid Point Light atop a granite coast and of a schooner at sea.
	Missouri	1821.08.10	The Missouri quarter depicts Lewis and Clark's historic return to St. Louis down the Missouri River, with the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (Gateway Arch) in the background.
	Arkansas	1836.06.15	Arkansas quarter design bears the image of rice stalks, a diamond and a mallard gracefully flying above a lake.

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26	2004	Michigan	1837.01.26	The Michigan quarter depicts the outline of the State and the Great Lakes system. The quarter is inscribed "Great Lakes State."
27		Florida	1845.03.03	The Florida quarter design incorporates a 16th-century Spanish galleon, a space shuttle and the inscription "Gateway to Discovery." A strip of land with Sabal palm trees is also depicted.
28		Texas	1845.12.29	The Texas quarter design incorporates an outline of the State with a star superimposed on the outline and the inscription, "The Lone Star State."
29		Iowa	1846.12.28	The Iowa quarter design features a one-room schoolhouse with a teacher and students planting a tree, and the inscriptions "Foundation in Education" and "Grant Wood."
30		Wisconsin	1848.05.29	The Wisconsin design depicts an agricultural theme featuring a cow, a round of cheese and an ear of corn.
31	2005	California	1850.09.09	The California quarter design depicts naturalist and conservationist John Muir admiring Yosemite Valley's monolithic granite headwall known as "Half Dome" and also contains a soaring California condor.
32		Minnesota	1858.05.11	The Minnesota quarter design features a tree-lined lake with two people fishing, a loon on the water, and a textured outline of the State surrounding its nickname, "Land of 10,000 Lakes."
33		Oregon	1859.02.14	The Oregon quarter design features a portion of Crater Lake, the deepest lake in the United States, viewed from the south-southwest rim.
34		Kansas	1861.01.29	The Kansas quarter design features a buffalo and sunflower motif, emblematic of the State's history and natural beauty.
35		West Virginia	1863.06.20	The West Virginia quarter design depicts the scenic beauty of the State with its depiction of the New River and the New River Gorge Bridge. The coin bears the inscription "New River Gorge."
36	2006	Nevada	1864.10.31	Nevada's quarter depicts a trio of wild mustangs, the sun rising behind snow-capped mountains, bordered by sagebrush and a banner that reads "The Silver State."
37		Nebraska	1867.03.01	Nebraska's quarter depicts an ox-drawn covered wagon carrying pioneers in the foreground and Chimney Rock, the natural wonder that rises from the valley of North Platte River, measuring 445 feet from base to tip. The sun is in full view behind the wagon. The coin also bears the inscription "Chimney Rock".
38		Colorado	1876.08.01	The Colorado quarter depicts a sweeping view of the state's rugged Rocky Mountains with evergreen trees and a banner carrying the inscription "Colorful Colorado."
39		North Dakota	1889.11.02	The North Dakota quarter depicts a pair of grazing American bison in the foreground with a sunset view of the rugged buttes and canyons that help define the State's Badlands region in the background.
40		South Dakota	1889.11.02	The South Dakota quarter features an image of the State bird, a Chinese ring-necked pheasant, in flight above a depiction of the Mount Rushmore National Monument, featuring the faces of four American Presidents : George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln.
41	2007	Montana	1889.11.08	The reverse of Montana's quarter features a bison skull depicted above the diverse Montana landscape with the inscription "Big Sky Country."
42		Washington	1889.11.11	The reverse of Washington's quarter features a king salmon breaching the water in front of majestic Mount Rainier. The coin bears the inscription "The Evergreen State".
43		Idaho	1890.07.03	The reverse of Idaho's quarter features the Peregrine Falcon imposing its presence above an outline of the State of Idaho. The coin bears the inscription "Esto Perpetua" (the State motto which means, "May it be Forever").
44		Wyoming	1890.07.10	Wyoming's quarter features a bucking horse and rider with the inscription "The Equality State".
45		Utah	1896.01.04	The reverse of Utah's quarter features two locomotives moving toward the golden spike that joined the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railroads, linking East to West and transforming both the Utah Territory and the Nation with the inscription "Crossroads of the West."
46	2008	Oklahoma	1907.11.16	The Oklahoma quarter features an image of the State bird, the Scissortail Flycatcher, in flight with its distinctive tail feathers spread. The bird is soaring over the State wildflower, the Indian Blanket, backed by a field of similar wildflowers.
47		New Mexico	1912.01.06	The reverse of New Mexico's quarter features a Zia sun symbol over a topographical outline of the State with the inscription "Land of Enchantment."
48		Arizona	1912.02.14	The Arizona quarter features an image of the Grand Canyon with a Saguaro cactus in the foreground. A banner reading "Grand Canyon State" separates the two images to signify that the Saguaro cactus does not grow in the Grand Canyon.
49		Alaska	1959.01.03	The reverse of the Alaska quarter features a grizzly bear emerging from the waters clutching a salmon in its jaw. The coin's design includes the North Star displayed above the inscription "The Great Land".
50		Hawaii	1959.08.21	The reverse of Hawaii's quarter features Hawaiian monarch King Kamehameha I stretching his hand toward the eight major Hawaiian Islands. Inscription is the state motto "UA MAU KE EA O KA 'ĀINA I KA PONO," ("The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness").



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