

PRODUCTION



Production Coining of one cent pieces (pennies) began at the new Denver facility in 1911. Nickels were produced beginning in 1912. That year 12.6 million one cent coins were minted. Today, the Denver Mint has the capacity to produce more than 40 million coins per day.



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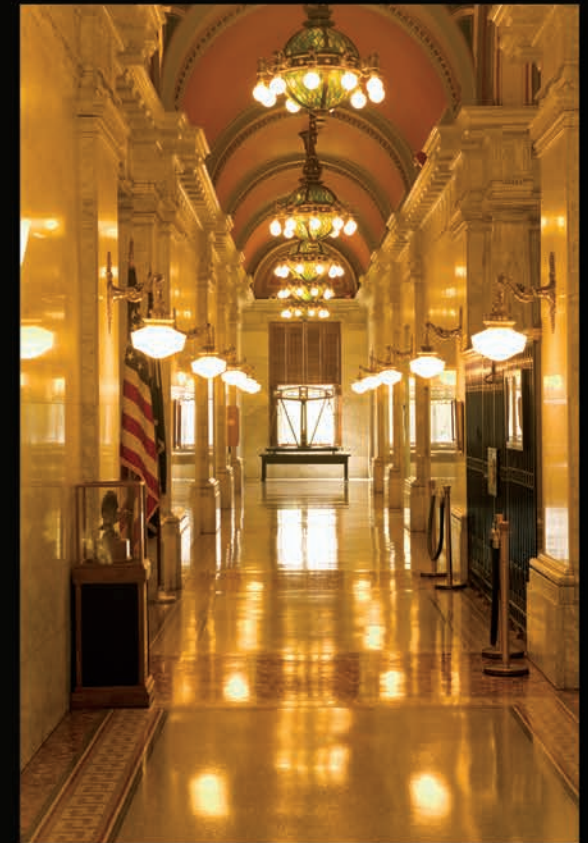


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ARCHITECTURE

The architecture of the Denver Mint is Gothic Renaissance. The building was modeled after the Riccardi Palace in Florence, Italy. When viewed from the street, the building appears to be only two stories high, in actuality there are five floors in the building. The stone facing of the building is granite from Arkins, Colorado.



Tennessee marble forms the window surrounds, and white marble from Vermont was used for the walls of the formal interior finish. The Denver Mint is on the National Register and the Denver Register of Historic Places.



HISTORY

In February 1895, Congress provided funding for the establishment of a new Mint in Denver. This new Mint would have the capacity to make gold and silver coins. The site chosen was on West Colfax Avenue, between Cherokee and Delaware Streets. From September 1904 until February 1906, the “new” Denver Mint functioned only as an assay office. After coining operations began, the Denver facility advanced to the status of Branch Mint. In the first year of operation, the Denver Mint produced 167,371,035 gold and silver coins, valued at \$27 million dollars. The bulk of the first year’s coinage was made up of gold coins valued at \$23.8 million, and silver coins valued at \$3.2 million. In 1906 the Denver Mint started its first production of foreign coins 4.8 million 5 peso gold coins for the government of Mexico.