

U.S. gets new \$1 coin

The U.S. Mint is to reintroduce dollar coins in another attempt to get Americans to give up the \$1 bill. The changeover could save around \$500m a year because coins last up to 40 years, compared with just 18 months for notes



Recent U.S. \$1 coins

1979-1999 *Susan B. Anthony*

dollar: Unpopular as often confused with quarters due to similar size, ridged edge, and identical colour

2000 *Sacagawea dollar:* Only gold coloured coin currently in circulation – but Americans remain indifferent. Named after Shoshone woman who guided Lewis and Clark across West

2007 *Presidential dollar:* Issued from January 1, 2007, will feature four Presidents per year starting with **Washington, Adams, Jefferson,** and **Madison.** It will take around 11 years to honour all Presidents. Reverse shows Statue of Liberty