Iranian Currency

The rial is the official currency of Iran. However, the term “toman” is often used colloquially. (1 Toman = 10 Rial)

October 2008 Exchange Rate:
1 Iranian Rial (IRR) = 0.00009846 USD.
1 USD = 10,156.0 IRR

Five-Thousand Rials

Ayatollah Khomeni, founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, is shown on the front of the 5,000 Rial banknote.

A flower and bird (gos-o morgh) design is depicted on the reverse side of the 5,000 Rial banknote.
Ten-Thousand Rials

Ayatollah Khomeni, founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, is also shown on the front of the 10,000 Rial banknote.

Damavand, the highest peak on the Iranian plateau, is depicted on the back of the 10,000 Rial banknote.

Twenty-Thousand Rials

Ayatollah Khomeni, founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, is also shown on the 20,000 Rials banknote.

The Naghsh-e-Jahan Plaza, in Isfahan, Iran, is depicted on the back of the 20,000 Rial banknote.
Fifty-Thousand Rials

Ayatollah Khomeni, founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, is also shown on the 50,000 Rials banknote.

The reverse of the 50,000 Rials banknote shows a map of Iran and has a quote from a hadith: "Men from the land of Persia will attain scientific knowledge even if it is as far as the Pleiades." It also has the atomic energy symbol representing the Iranian Nuclear Energy program.

1: The “Pleiades” is a cluster of stars. Translation from BBC News: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/6441777.stm>