

Indiana Youth Gambling Behavior

Findings from the Indiana Prevention Resource
Center, Annual Survey 2013



Introduction

The following report contains data on adolescent gambling behavior reported by adolescents through the 23rd Annual Survey of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Use by Indiana Children and Adolescents, conducted by the Indiana Prevention Resource Center at Indiana University Bloomington. This survey is a self-report instrument for students in grades six through twelve. The survey is undertaken annually by the Indiana Prevention Resource Center and is used by state agencies, counties, schools and communities in Indiana to monitor the incidence and prevalence of adolescent problem behaviors and the environmental factors that put children at risk or protect them from developing those behaviors.

Gambling opportunities continue to expand, monitoring the prevalence of gambling activities among children and adolescent's is increasingly important for planning prevention efforts. This is the seventh year that the *Indiana Survey* has included gambling prevalence items. All gambling-related questions asked about behavior and experiences in the past year. The *Indiana Survey* included questions about playing cards, betting on games, betting on sports, buying lottery tickets, gambling in a casino, and playing online for money.

Gambling Behavior

Compared to last year, the proportion of respondents who reported any gambling behavior decreased significantly in all grades (see Table 13). Gambling behaviors included playing cards, betting on sports teams, lottery tickets or scratch offs, at a casino or online and betting on sports teams. Twelfth graders were the most likely to report having gambled, and sixth graders were least likely to report having gambled, though there is no linear pattern; for example, eighth graders reported having gambled the second most frequently. Significantly more males reported gambling than females (not shown; Male = 40.6%, Female= 23.4%, $\chi^2 = 4006.161$, $p < .001$).

Table 13. *Any gambling behavior by Indiana adolescents in the past year, percentages*

| Grade | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Change 2012-2013 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------------|
| 6 | 36.3 | 35.4 | 33.6 | 30.3 | 27.3 | 29.9 | 31.2 | 28.0 | 25.3 | -2.7 *** |
| 7 | 40.7 | 39.1 | 38.6 | 33.9 | 33.0 | 34.9 | 36.1 | 33.0 | 28.8 | -4.2 *** |
| 8 | 47.4 | 45.3 | 43.3 | 39.4 | 37.5 | 40.0 | 39.3 | 37.3 | 33.6 | -3.7 *** |
| 9 | 47.5 | 45.3 | 42.2 | 38.5 | 35.3 | 38.2 | 39.6 | 36.0 | 31.6 | -4.4 *** |
| 10 | 48.0 | 45.2 | 42.5 | 39.0 | 35.4 | 40.0 | 38.4 | 35.6 | 32.4 | -3.2 *** |
| 11 | 47.1 | 45.1 | 41.1 | 37.6 | 34.4 | 38.1 | 37.5 | 34.9 | 32.2 | -2.7 *** |
| 12 | 55.1 | 55.0 | 50.8 | 47.1 | 44.3 | 47.4 | 46.6 | 44.5 | 41.5 | -3.0 *** |

*** $p < .001$

Problem gambling items were "During the last 12 months, have you ever felt...? (a) bad about the amount you bet, or about what happens when you bet money, (b) that you would like to stop betting money but didn't think you could." These items, used with the permission of the Minnesota Department of Education, help identify gambling problems (Johnson, Hamer, & Nora, 1998; Johnson, et al., 1997).

Among youth that reported any gambling the findings indicate that, compared to 2012, there was a decrease in the proportion of students in Grades 7 through 10 who reported feeling bad about the amount of money they bet (see Table 14). In addition, among youth that reported any gambling, compared to 2012, there was a significant decrease found in the proportion of students in Grades 7 through 9 who reported that they would like to stop betting money but could not (see Table 15). 35 Report This decrease marks the end of a statistically significant upward trend in problem gambling behavior observed between 2010 and 2012.

Table 14. *Trend in "felt bad about the amount bet" among respondents reporting any gambling in the past year, percentages*

| Grade | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Change 2012-2013 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------|
| 6 | 5.6 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.7 | -0.1 |
| 7 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.4 | -0.5 ** |
| 8 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.2 | -0.7 *** |
| 9 | 5.4 | 4.6 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.0 | -0.8 *** |
| 10 | 5.2 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.1 | -0.4 ** |
| 11 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 1.9 | -0.2 |
| 12 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.3 | -0.2 |

** p < .01, *** p < .001

Table 15. *Trend in "would like to stop betting but could not" among respondents reporting any gambling in the past year, percentages*

| Grade | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | Change 2012-2013 |
|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------|
| 6 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 0.0 |
| 7 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.0 | -0.4 ** |
| 8 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 1.9 | -0.4 ** |
| 9 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.3 | -0.5 *** |
| 10 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.4 | -0.2 |
| 11 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 0.1 |
| 12 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 0.0 |

** p < .01, *** p < .001

**Gambling during the Last Twelve Months
by Indiana 6th - 12th Graders, 2013**
(Values expressed as percentages)

| | | Grade | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th |
| Played cards | No Answer | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| | Not at all | 87.0 | 85.0 | 82.4 | 82.7 | 81.5 | 81.5 | 80.1 |
| | Less than once a month | 6.0 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 9.1 | 8.9 | 9.8 |
| | About once a month | 2.4 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.8 |
| | About once a week | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.1 |
| | Daily | .7 | .7 | .9 | .8 | .8 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Bet on games | No Answer | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| | Not at all | 85.6 | 84.0 | 81.0 | 81.0 | 80.9 | 80.8 | 79.9 |
| | Less than once a month | 6.3 | 6.8 | 7.9 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.8 |
| | About once a month | 2.6 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| | About once a week | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.9 |
| | Daily | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Bet on sports | No Answer | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| | Not at all | 86.4 | 83.9 | 81.0 | 82.7 | 82.2 | 83.3 | 83.1 |
| | Less than once a month | 6.5 | 7.9 | 9.4 | 8.5 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 8.3 |
| | About once a month | 2.2 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| | About once a week | 1.1 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| | Daily | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Bought lottery tickets | No Answer | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| | Not at all | 85.8 | 83.9 | 81.9 | 83.1 | 83.1 | 83.2 | 69.4 |
| | Less than once a month | 7.3 | 8.6 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 9.2 | 9.8 | 18.0 |
| | About once a month | 2.3 | 3.1 | 3.8 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 6.6 |
| | About once a week | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.7 |
| | Daily | .6 | .5 | .6 | .6 | .6 | .6 | 1.0 |
| Gambled in a casino | No Answer | 3.1 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| | Not at all | 96.4 | 96.8 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 96.2 | 96.3 | 95.6 |
| | Less than once a month | .2 | .4 | .4 | .5 | .5 | .5 | 1.1 |
| | About once a month | .1 | .1 | .1 | .2 | .1 | .2 | .4 |
| | About once a week | .1 | .1 | .1 | .1 | .1 | .2 | .1 |
| | Daily | .2 | .2 | .3 | .3 | .4 | .4 | .6 |
| Played online | No Answer | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.3 |
| | Not at all | 89.5 | 90.0 | 88.6 | 90.3 | 90.5 | 91.3 | 91.8 |
| | Less than once a month | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| | About once a month | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.2 | .9 |
| | About once a week | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| | Daily | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| Felt bad about the amount bet | No Answer | 9.9 | 8.6 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 6.5 |
| | Yes | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.3 |
| | No | 13.5 | 15.3 | 18.4 | 17.6 | 18.5 | 18.4 | 21.6 |
| | I do not bet for money | 73.9 | 73.7 | 71.5 | 72.4 | 71.8 | 72.6 | 69.6 |
| Would like to stop betting but could not | No Answer | 10.6 | 9.0 | 8.4 | 8.4 | 7.8 | 7.2 | 6.7 |
| | Yes | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| | No | 13.4 | 15.3 | 18.2 | 17.6 | 18.6 | 18.5 | 22.0 |
| | I do not bet for money | 73.6 | 73.7 | 71.6 | 72.8 | 72.2 | 72.9 | 69.9 |

**Gambling during the Last Twelve Months
by Indiana Male 6th - 12th Graders, 2013**

(Values expressed as percentages)

| | | Grade | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th |
| Played cards | No Answer | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| | Not at all | 83.0 | 80.0 | 75.9 | 75.9 | 73.9 | 73.2 | 70.8 |
| | Less than once a month | 7.9 | 9.6 | 11.2 | 11.4 | 12.5 | 12.2 | 13.8 |
| | About once a month | 3.3 | 4.1 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 7.3 |
| | About once a week | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.4 |
| | Daily | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| Bet on games | No Answer | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 3.1 |
| | Not at all | 81.0 | 78.7 | 73.3 | 73.1 | 72.8 | 71.6 | 70.0 |
| | Less than once a month | 8.6 | 8.2 | 10.4 | 10.7 | 10.3 | 10.7 | 11.0 |
| | About once a month | 3.4 | 4.8 | 6.0 | 6.3 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 7.3 |
| | About once a week | 2.1 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.8 |
| | Daily | 1.9 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.8 |
| Bet on sports | No Answer | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| | Not at all | 81.6 | 77.4 | 73.3 | 74.4 | 73.7 | 74.3 | 73.9 |
| | Less than once a month | 8.6 | 10.7 | 12.4 | 12.2 | 12.4 | 12.1 | 12.4 |
| | About once a month | 3.3 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| | About once a week | 1.7 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.6 |
| | Daily | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.4 |
| Bought lottery tickets | No Answer | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| | Not at all | 82.9 | 80.6 | 78.6 | 79.6 | 79.9 | 79.8 | 64.4 |
| | Less than once a month | 8.6 | 9.6 | 10.4 | 10.7 | 10.0 | 10.9 | 18.6 |
| | About once a month | 2.9 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 8.2 |
| | About once a week | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 4.0 |
| | Daily | .7 | .9 | .9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | .9 | 1.8 |
| Gambled in a casino | No Answer | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| | Not at all | 95.6 | 95.6 | 95.1 | 95.1 | 94.9 | 94.7 | 93.6 |
| | Less than once a month | .3 | .4 | .5 | .7 | .8 | .8 | 1.5 |
| | About once a month | .1 | .2 | .2 | .3 | .2 | .4 | .6 |
| | About once a week | .1 | .1 | .2 | .2 | .2 | .2 | .2 |
| | Daily | .3 | .3 | .5 | .5 | .6 | .7 | .9 |
| Played online | No Answer | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| | Not at all | 86.3 | 86.8 | 84.3 | 86.6 | 86.8 | 87.6 | 88.3 |
| | Less than once a month | 3.5 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| | About once a month | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.4 |
| | About once a week | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| | Daily | 3.5 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 2.9 |
| Felt bad about the amount bet | No Answer | 10.9 | 9.5 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 8.8 | 8.0 | 7.5 |
| | Yes | 3.5 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.4 |
| | No | 17.5 | 20.7 | 24.7 | 24.8 | 26.7 | 27.2 | 31.1 |
| | I do not bet for money | 68.2 | 66.6 | 63.0 | 63.1 | 61.6 | 62.2 | 57.9 |
| Would like to stop betting but could not | No Answer | 11.7 | 9.9 | 9.9 | 9.8 | 9.0 | 8.0 | 7.7 |
| | Yes | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| | No | 17.3 | 20.6 | 24.4 | 25.1 | 27.1 | 27.9 | 32.1 |
| | I do not bet for money | 67.9 | 66.7 | 63.1 | 63.4 | 62.1 | 62.5 | 58.5 |

**Gambling during the Last Twelve Months
by Indiana Female 6th - 12th Graders, 2013**
(Values expressed as percentages)

| | | Grade | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th |
| Played cards | No Answer | 2.1 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| | Not at all | 91.1 | 90.0 | 88.6 | 89.1 | 88.8 | 89.4 | 89.2 |
| | Less than once a month | 4.1 | 5.7 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 |
| | About once a month | 1.5 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| | About once a week | .8 | .7 | 1.0 | .9 | .9 | 1.0 | .8 |
| | Daily | .4 | .2 | .3 | .3 | .4 | .3 | .4 |
| Bet on games | No Answer | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| | Not at all | 90.4 | 89.4 | 88.4 | 88.5 | 88.7 | 89.7 | 89.7 |
| | Less than once a month | 4.0 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| | About once a month | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| | About once a week | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| | Daily | .8 | .7 | .8 | 1.0 | .9 | .8 | .7 |
| Bet on sports | No Answer | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| | Not at all | 91.4 | 90.4 | 88.5 | 90.5 | 90.5 | 91.9 | 92.2 |
| | Less than once a month | 4.2 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 4.2 |
| | About once a month | 1.1 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.0 | .8 |
| | About once a week | .6 | .7 | .9 | .7 | .5 | .4 | .6 |
| | Daily | .7 | .7 | .7 | .6 | .5 | .6 | .7 |
| Bought lottery tickets | No Answer | 2.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.5 |
| | Not at all | 88.8 | 87.3 | 85.0 | 86.4 | 86.2 | 86.4 | 74.4 |
| | Less than once a month | 6.0 | 7.6 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 8.7 | 17.4 |
| | About once a month | 1.7 | 2.4 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 4.9 |
| | About once a week | .9 | .8 | 1.1 | .8 | .8 | .8 | 1.5 |
| | Daily | .4 | .2 | .3 | .3 | .3 | .2 | .3 |
| Gambled in a casino | No Answer | 2.4 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.5 |
| | Not at all | 97.2 | 98.0 | 98.0 | 98.1 | 97.6 | 97.8 | 97.5 |
| | Less than once a month | .2 | .3 | .3 | .3 | .3 | .3 | .6 |
| | About once a month | .1 | .0 | .1 | .0 | .1 | .1 | .1 |
| | About once a week | .0 | .0 | .0 | .0 | .0 | .1 | .0 |
| | Daily | .1 | .0 | .1 | .1 | .1 | .2 | .2 |
| Played online | No Answer | 2.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| | Not at all | 92.7 | 93.1 | 92.7 | 93.7 | 94.0 | 94.8 | 95.3 |
| | Less than once a month | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | .9 |
| | About once a month | .5 | .7 | .8 | .7 | .5 | .5 | .5 |
| | About once a week | .8 | .8 | .9 | .9 | .8 | .5 | .5 |
| | Daily | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Felt bad about the amount bet | No Answer | 8.9 | 7.8 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 6.5 | 6.4 | 5.5 |
| | Yes | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| | No | 9.4 | 9.9 | 12.3 | 10.7 | 10.6 | 9.9 | 12.1 |
| | I do not bet for money | 79.8 | 80.7 | 79.7 | 81.2 | 81.6 | 82.6 | 81.2 |
| Would like to stop betting but could not | No Answer | 9.4 | 8.2 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 5.6 |
| | Yes | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| | No | 9.4 | 9.9 | 12.1 | 10.4 | 10.5 | 9.6 | 12.1 |
| | I do not bet for money | 79.6 | 80.8 | 79.8 | 81.6 | 81.9 | 82.9 | 81.3 |

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Hoosier Lottery

The Hoosier Lottery is operated by the State of Indiana. On November 8, 1988, Indiana voters approved a lottery referendum by 62 percent. On May 3, 1989, the Indiana General Assembly ratified the Lottery Act, and a week later the governor signed the Lottery Act into law. In June 1989 a Lottery director was appointed, and in July the Lottery Commission was appointed. On October 13, 1989, instant, or scratch-off, ticket sales began at 12:10 P.M. More information on the Hoosier Lottery is available at:

www.hoosierlottery.com

Horse Tracks

Indiana has two horse racing tracks, Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs. Hoosier Park Racing and Casino in Anderson opened its horse track on September 1, 1994, and the Indiana Downs horse track in Shelbyville opened on December 6, 2002. Regulation and oversight of horse racing in Indiana is the responsibility of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. www.in.gov/ihrc

Off-Track Horse Betting Parlors

Off-track horse betting parlors are located in five Indiana cities. Those in Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, and Merrillville opened in 1995 and are operated by Churchill Downs, which also owns Hoosier Park Racing and Casino. Indiana Downs operates two off-track betting facilities located in Evansville (2003) and Clarksville (2004). Regulation and oversight of these sites is the responsibility of the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. www.in.gov/ihrc

Casino Gaming

The Indiana Riverboat Gaming Act was passed on July 1, 1993, allowing riverboat gaming in Indiana. This legislation allowed for ten riverboats. The first of these ten casinos opened in 1995. In 2004, legislation was enacted that allowed a riverboat in French Lick. Regulation and oversight of casino gaming is the responsibility of the Indiana Gaming Commission. A list of other riverboat casinos in Indiana and additional information is available at www.in.gov/igc.

Charitable Gaming

Charity gaming is allowed in Indiana but only by specific types of organizations. It is defined by 68 IAC 21. A bona fide religious, educational, senior citizen, veterans, or civic organization operating in Indiana that: operates without profit to the organization's members; is exempt from taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code; and has been continuously in existence in Indiana for at least five (5) years or a bona fide political organization operating in Indiana that produces exempt function income (as defined in Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code) can provide charity gaming in the form of bingo games, raffles, door prizes, pull-tabs, punchboards, tip boards, charity game nights, festivals, and special bingo events. Approval from the Indiana Gaming Commission is required unless the total value of all

prizes awarded at the event (including the sale of pull-tabs, punchboards, and tip boards sold at the event) is not more than \$1,000 for a single event and not more than \$3,000 total for all non-licensed events during a calendar year. Regulation and oversight of charitable gaming was the responsibility of the Indiana Department of Revenue prior to July 1, 2006, at which time 2006 legislation transferred responsibility to the Indiana Gaming Commission. www.in.gov/igc

Racinos

In 2007, the Indiana Legislature passed legislation allowing 2,000 slot machines at each of the two horse racing tracks. This brought casino-like gaming to Central Indiana at both the Anderson and Shelbyville race tracks.

Illegal Gaming in Indiana

Internet gambling, book-making, card games for money, dog fighting, and numbers games are several types of illegal gaming that can be found in Indiana. In addition, video poker/Cherry Master machines are in widespread use throughout the State. These illegal machines can be found in bars, private clubs and truck stops and number in the thousands. Pea shake, a numbers game, can be found in some communities in pea shake parlors.

Other High-Risk Gambling Activities

Individuals often engage in other activities that have the same pathology as gambling but are not generally recognized as gambling such as stock and commodity trading.

Child Support Intercepts

On March 17, 2010, Governor Daniels signed Senate Enrolled Act 163 into law. This law, among other things, contains a requirement that casinos withhold delinquent child support from the casino winnings of child support obligators whenever the obligator's winnings generate a W-2G and the obligator's delinquency exceeds \$2,000. The law stating this requirement is IC 4-35-4-16.

Minimum Age Requirements

The minimum age to participate in the Hoosier Lottery, pari-mutuel betting (betting in a pool), and charity gaming in Indiana is 18 years old. The minimum age to participate in casino gambling is 21 years old.

Help Lines and Referrals

The Division of Mental Health and Addiction supports a confidential, toll-free help line for people seeking information and/or resources about problem gambling for themselves or others. The Indiana Problem Gambling Help Line is operated twenty-four (24) hours a day, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year. The hotline is linked to the national toll-free number of the National Council on Problem Gambling's help line, so when Indiana callers phone this line, they are automatically connected to the Indiana Problem Gambling Help Line.

Indiana Problem Gambling Help Line: 1-800-994-8448 (1-800-9-WITHIT)

National Council on Problem Gambling Help Line: 1-800-552-4700

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