

Indiana Youth Gambling Behavior

Findings from the Indiana Prevention Resource
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Introduction

The following report contains data on adolescent gambling behavior reported by adolescents through the 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.

As gambling options and venues in the state expand, monitoring the prevalence of gambling activities among children and adolescents is increasingly important for planning prevention efforts. All gambling-related questions asked about behavior and experiences in the past year. The Indiana Youth 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

The gambling section now contains a brief explanatory introduction, which reads: “Gambling is playing a game in an attempt to win money (any amount) or something of value (like a video game, bike, iPod). You could gamble on a game or an event. Gambling means you don’t know if you will win or lose.” The first question asked: “During the past 12 months, how often have you bet/ gambled for money or valuables in the following ways? Gambling can be done in a variety of settings, including with family and friends.” The forms of gambling that were referred to in the survey are indicated in Table 19. The prevalence of many types of gambling was higher in younger grades than in older grades, or was relatively flat across grade levels. For instance, the prevalence rates of personal games of skill, sports, Bingo, online gambling, and personal challenges were either higher for younger grades (7th, 8th, 9th) compared to older grades (10th, 11th, 12th) or relatively uniform across grades. The prevalence of card games, however, was lower for 7th grade and higher for older grades. Further, the survey identified a sharp increase in lottery gambling among students in 12th grade, who are most likely to be legally able to purchase lottery tickets. The prevalence of personal games of skill, sports, bingo, online gambling, personal challenges, and bet/gambled in other ways was higher for students in 8th grade compared to students in all other grade levels.

Table 19. Gambling behavior by Indiana adolescents in the past year (percentages)

	Grade					
	7	8	9	10	11	12
Card games	13.1	15.2	15.6	14.8	15.7	16.7
Personal games of skill	22.9	23.9	21.7	20.2	18.8	19.6
Sports	17.8	19.3	17.8	17.9	16.5	17.7
Lottery	9.8	11.3	10.9	10.8	11.3	25.9
Bingo	10.8	9.9	8.0	7.1	5.8	7.1
Online gambling	4.0	5.2	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.5
Personal challenges	26.0	28.8	26.4	23.7	22.2	22.0
Gambled in other ways	10.9	14.1	12.9	12.6	12.9	13.6

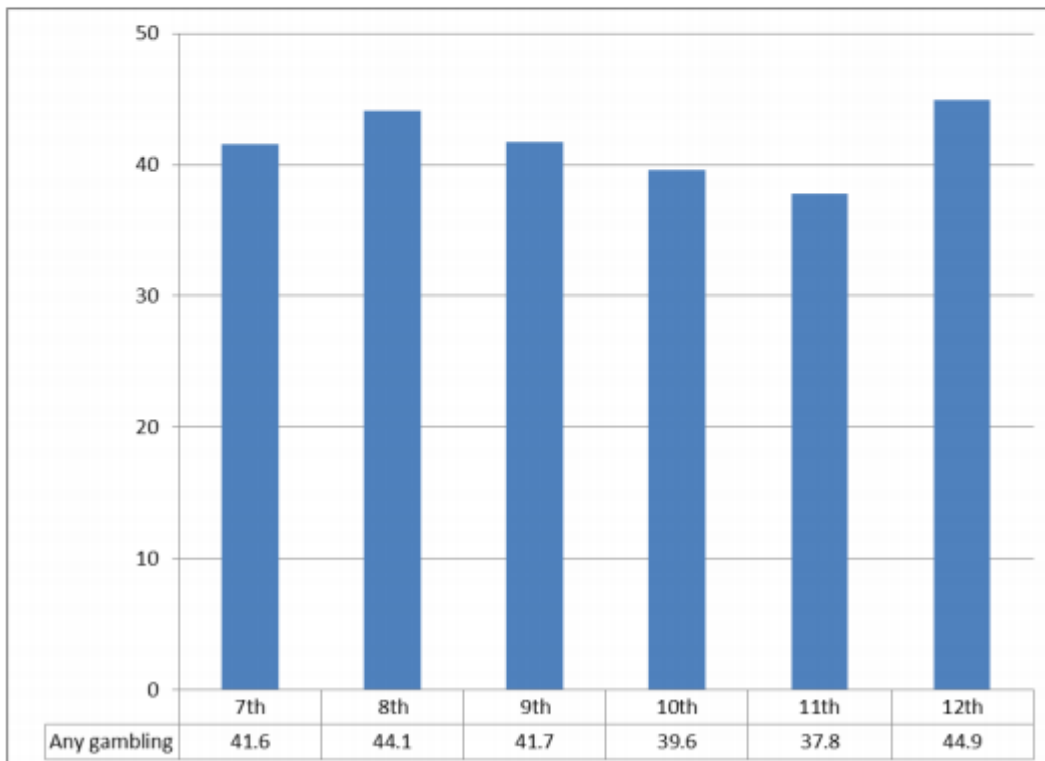


Figure 11. Prevalence rates of any gambling behavior, grades 7 to 12, expressed as a percentage

It is possible to determine the overall prevalence of gambling behavior using the responses to the first question. A student who reported having bet/gambled money in at least one way during the past 12 months was considered to have gambled. Prevalence rates of past-year gambling among 7th- to 12th-grade students ranged from a low of 37.8% (11th grade) to a high of 44.9% (12th grade).

Consequences of Gambling

The second question asked: “How often have you experienced the following consequences due to your gambling?” The types of consequences listed in the survey are indicated in Table 20.

The prevalence rates of all consequences for students in 8th through 12th grades were higher than those for students in 7th grade. The prevalence of all consequences of gambling markedly increased among students in the 12th grade.

Table 20. Consequences of gambling by Indiana adolescents in the past year (percentages)

	Grade					
	7	8	9	10	11	12
Academic problems	21.2	24.2	22.8	22.3	22.4	26.1
Issues with the legal system	21.0	24.0	22.6	22.4	22.2	26.1
Lost possessions or money	21.7	24.8	23.4	22.9	22.9	26.8
Felt bad about gambling	21.1	24.0	22.7	22.4	22.4	26.3
Poor health	21.3	24.3	22.9	22.4	22.3	26.3
Issues with friends and family	22.1	24.8	23.3	22.9	22.6	26.5

The random sample and the convenience sample were similar across all types of gambling for 8th grade students; however, the convenience sample produced prevalence rates for sports gambling (12th), online gambling (10th), bingo (12th), and gambling in other ways (12th) that exceeded the 95% CI UL from the random sample (see Tables 37 and 38; 6th grade students did not complete these items). As with the previous section, it is not possible to determine the precise cause of these discrepancies

Table 37. *Random and convenience sample comparison, percentage reporting gambling behaviors, Indiana 10th grade students, 2016*

	Convenience Sample	Random Sample		
		%	95% CI LL	95% CI UL
Card games	14.8	14.6	12.4	16.8
Personal games of skill	20.2	21.0	17.2	24.8
Sports	17.9	17.6	15.2	20.1
Lottery	10.8	9.8	8.5	11.0
Bingo	7.1	7.7	4.7	10.8
Online gambling	4.7	3.8	3.2	4.5
Personal challenges	23.7	23.4	19.3	27.5
Gambled in other ways	12.6	12.0	10.7	13.3

Note: Yellow highlighting indicates that the convenience sample value exceeds the 95% CI UL.

Table 38. *Random and convenience sample comparison, percentage reporting gambling behaviors, Indiana 12th grade students, 2016*

	Convenience Sample	Random Sample		
		%	95% CI LL	95% CI UL
Card games	16.7	15.4	13.2	17.6
Personal games of skill	19.6	17.5	15.3	19.7
Sports	17.7	15.2	13.2	17.2
Lottery	25.9	23.3	19.7	26.9
Bingo	7.1	5.7	4.4	6.9
Online gambling	4.5	4.0	3.0	4.9
Personal challenges	22.0	19.6	15.9	23.3
Gambled in other ways	13.6	11.0	8.8	13.2

Note: Yellow highlighting indicates that the convenience sample value exceeds the 95% CI UL.

**Percentage Reporting Gambling Behavior
by Indiana 10th Grade Students: 2016**

	%	95% CI LL	95% CI UL
Card games	14.6	12.4	16.8
Personal games of skill	21.0	17.2	24.8
Sports	17.6	15.2	20.1
Lottery	9.8	8.5	11.0
Bingo	7.7	4.7	10.8
Online gambling	3.8	3.2	4.5
Personal challenges	23.4	19.3	27.5
Gambled in other ways	12.0	10.7	13.3

Notes: 95% CI LL: Lower limit of 95% confidence interval
95% CI UL: Upper limit of 95% confidence interval

**Percentage Reporting Gambling Behavior
by Indiana 8th Grade Students: 2016**

	%	95% CI LL	95% CI UL
Card games	14.0	11.9	16.2
Personal games of skill	23.2	21.0	25.5
Sports	18.9	16.4	21.3
Lottery	10.4	8.9	11.9
Bingo	9.1	7.3	10.9
Online gambling	4.8	3.6	6.0
Personal challenges	28.4	24.8	31.9
Gambled in other ways	13.6	11.4	15.9

Notes: 95% CI LL: Lower limit of 95% confidence interval
95% CI UL: Upper limit of 95% confidence interval

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by Indiana 10th Grade Students: 2016**

	%	95% CI LL	95% CI UL
Card games	14.6	12.4	16.8
Personal games of skill	21.0	17.2	24.8
Sports	17.6	15.2	20.1
Lottery	9.8	8.5	11.0
Bingo	7.7	4.7	10.8
Online gambling	3.8	3.2	4.5
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Lottery	10.4	8.9	11.9
Bingo	9.1	7.3	10.9
Online gambling	4.8	3.6	6.0
Personal challenges	28.4	24.8	31.9
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**Percentage Reporting Gambling Behavior
by Indiana 12th Grade Students: 2016**

	%	95% CI LL	95% CI UL
Card games	15.4	13.2	17.6
Personal games of skill	17.5	15.3	19.7
Sports	15.2	13.2	17.2
Lottery	23.3	19.7	26.9
Bingo	5.7	4.4	6.9
Online gambling	4.0	3.0	4.9
Personal challenges	19.6	15.9	23.3
Gambled in other ways	11.0	8.8	13.2

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95% CI UL: Upper limit of 95% confidence interval

Gambling during the Last Twelve Months
Indiana 7th - 12th Grade Students, 2016
(Values expressed as percentages)

How often have you bet/gambled for money or valuables in the following ways?		Grade					
		7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Q22 Card games	Never	86.9	84.8	84.4	85.2	84.3	83.3
	Less than once a month	9.0	10.4	10.6	10.0	10.3	10.9
	1-3 times per month	2.8	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.6	3.7
	Once a week or more	1.3	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.7	2.1
Q22 Personal games of skill	Never	77.1	76.1	78.3	79.8	81.2	80.4
	Less than once a month	11.7	12.7	11.3	10.7	10.0	10.6
	1-3 times per month	5.5	6.0	5.8	5.2	5.0	4.8
	Once a week or more	5.7	5.2	4.6	4.3	3.8	4.2
Q22 Sports	Never	82.2	80.7	82.2	82.1	83.5	82.3
	Less than once a month	9.8	10.6	10.0	10.1	9.6	9.7
	1-3 times per month	4.1	4.9	4.3	4.5	3.8	4.6
	Once a week or more	3.9	3.9	3.4	3.3	3.0	3.4
Q22 Lottery	Never	90.2	88.7	89.1	89.2	88.7	74.1
	Less than once a month	6.8	7.5	7.6	7.4	7.5	17.4
	1-3 times per month	2.1	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.5	6.1
	Once a week or more	.9	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.3	2.5
Q22 Bingo	Never	89.2	90.1	92.0	92.9	94.2	92.9
	Less than once a month	8.0	7.2	5.8	5.1	4.0	4.6
	1-3 times per month	1.7	1.6	1.2	1.1	.9	1.2
	Once a week or more	1.1	1.1	1.0	.9	.9	1.3
Q22 Online gambling	Never	96.0	94.8	95.3	95.3	95.6	95.5
	Less than once a month	2.0	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.0
	1-3 times per month	.9	1.4	1.1	1.1	.9	1.0
	Once a week or more	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.5
Q22 Personal challenges	Never	74.0	71.2	73.6	76.3	77.8	78.0
	Less than once a month	15.1	16.1	15.4	14.0	13.1	12.7
	1-3 times per month	6.7	7.9	7.0	6.5	5.8	6.1
	Once a week or more	4.2	4.9	3.9	3.2	3.3	3.2
Q22 Gambled in other ways	Never	89.1	85.9	87.1	87.4	87.1	86.4
	Less than once a month	6.8	8.3	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.7
	1-3 times per month	2.3	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.5
	Once a week or more	1.8	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.4

Consequences of Gambling
Indiana 7th - 12th Grade Students, 2016
 (Values expressed as percentages)

How often have you experienced the following consequences due to your gambling?		Grade					
		7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Q23 Academic problems	I do not gamble	78.8	75.8	77.2	77.7	77.6	73.9
	Never	19.8	22.9	21.6	21.4	21.3	25.1
	Occasionally	1.1	1.1	.9	.7	.7	.7
	Frequently	.3	.3	.3	.2	.3	.3
Q23 Issues with the legal system	I do not gamble	79.0	76.0	77.4	77.6	77.8	73.9
	Never	20.5	23.2	21.9	21.7	21.5	25.4
	Occasionally	.4	.5	.4	.4	.4	.4
	Frequently	.2	.2	.3	.2	.3	.3
Q23 Lost possessions or money	I do not gamble	78.3	75.2	76.6	77.1	77.1	73.2
	Never	14.9	16.3	15.4	14.9	15.1	17.6
	Occasionally	6.4	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.1	8.5
	Frequently	.4	.4	.5	.4	.6	.7
Q23 Felt bad about gambling	I do not gamble	78.9	76.0	77.3	77.6	77.6	73.7
	Never	18.4	21.2	20.7	20.5	20.4	24.1
	Occasionally	2.3	2.5	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7
	Frequently	.4	.4	.3	.3	.4	.4
Q23 Poor health	I do not gamble	78.7	75.7	77.1	77.6	77.7	73.7
	Never	19.9	23.0	21.7	21.5	21.4	25.3
	Occasionally	1.0	.9	.8	.6	.5	.6
	Frequently	.4	.4	.4	.3	.4	.4
Q23 Issues with friends and family	I do not gamble	77.9	75.2	76.7	77.1	77.4	73.5
	Never	18.5	21.3	20.4	20.4	20.3	24.5
	Occasionally	2.9	2.9	2.4	2.0	1.7	1.5
	Frequently	.7	.7	.5	.4	.5	.5

**Gambling during the Last Twelve Months
Indiana Male 7th - 12th Grade Students, 2016**

(Values expressed as percentages)

How often have you bet/gambled for money or valuables in the following ways?		Grade					
		7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Q22 Card games	Never	83.3	80.6	78.9	79.6	76.8	75.9
	Less than once a month	10.8	12.7	13.7	12.9	14.2	15.1
	1-3 times per month	3.9	4.5	4.5	5.0	6.0	5.4
	Once a week or more	2.0	2.2	2.9	2.5	3.0	3.6
Q22 Personal games of skill	Never	70.0	67.7	69.7	70.2	70.4	69.8
	Less than once a month	14.2	16.0	14.5	14.5	15.0	15.6
	1-3 times per month	7.0	8.1	8.3	8.1	8.1	7.5
	Once a week or more	8.8	8.2	7.5	7.2	6.5	7.1
Q22 Sports	Never	75.8	73.7	74.5	72.2	73.8	72.3
	Less than once a month	12.8	13.1	13.1	14.5	14.3	14.3
	1-3 times per month	5.6	7.1	6.6	7.5	6.4	7.6
	Once a week or more	5.8	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.4	5.9
Q22 Lottery	Never	88.6	87.3	87.1	87.2	85.9	68.9
	Less than once a month	7.7	8.1	8.5	8.1	9.1	19.4
	1-3 times per month	2.4	3.0	2.6	3.1	3.0	8.1
	Once a week or more	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.7	2.0	3.7
Q22 Bingo	Never	88.8	90.4	91.7	92.2	93.5	92.3
	Less than once a month	7.9	6.6	5.6	5.2	4.1	4.4
	1-3 times per month	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.4
	Once a week or more	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.9
Q22 Online gambling	Never	94.4	92.4	92.6	92.2	92.5	92.6
	Less than once a month	2.7	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.3
	1-3 times per month	1.3	2.0	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.6
	Once a week or more	1.7	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.5
Q22 Personal challenges	Never	71.3	68.2	69.3	71.5	71.9	71.9
	Less than once a month	15.6	16.7	16.6	15.4	15.2	15.1
	1-3 times per month	7.6	8.7	8.7	8.3	7.6	8.2
	Once a week or more	5.5	6.4	5.4	4.8	5.3	4.8
Q22 Gambled in other ways	Never	85.7	81.3	81.8	82.1	80.0	80.0
	Less than once a month	8.3	10.4	9.9	9.6	11.1	10.7
	1-3 times per month	3.2	4.5	4.4	4.7	4.7	5.4
	Once a week or more	2.7	3.9	3.8	3.6	4.2	3.9

Consequences of Gambling
Indiana Male 7th - 12th Grade Students, 2016
 (Values expressed as percentages)

How often have you experienced the following consequences due to your gambling?		Grade					
		7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Q23 Academic problems	I do not gamble	72.5	68.2	68.8	68.2	66.3	63.7
	Never	25.7	30.1	29.6	30.5	32.2	34.7
	Occasionally	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.1
	Frequently	.4	.4	.5	.3	.6	.5
Q23 Issues with the legal system	I do not gamble	72.7	68.4	69.0	68.1	66.4	63.5
	Never	26.5	30.5	29.9	31.0	32.3	35.3
	Occasionally	.5	.8	.7	.6	.7	.7
	Frequently	.3	.3	.4	.4	.6	.5
Q23 Lost possessions or money	I do not gamble	71.8	67.5	67.9	67.3	65.6	62.7
	Never	18.6	20.4	20.3	20.4	21.9	23.3
	Occasionally	8.9	11.5	11.1	11.6	11.4	12.7
	Frequently	.6	.7	.7	.6	1.1	1.2
Q23 Felt bad about gambling	I do not gamble	72.5	68.3	68.9	68.0	66.2	63.3
	Never	23.9	27.9	28.3	28.9	30.8	33.5
	Occasionally	3.0	3.3	2.4	2.6	2.4	2.4
	Frequently	.6	.5	.5	.5	.7	.7
Q23 Poor health	I do not gamble	72.4	68.2	68.9	68.0	66.3	63.2
	Never	26.1	30.5	29.8	30.8	32.4	35.4
	Occasionally	1.1	.9	.9	.8	.7	.9
	Frequently	.5	.4	.4	.4	.5	.5
Q23 Issues with friends and family	I do not gamble	71.8	67.8	68.6	67.5	66.1	63.2
	Never	24.6	28.4	28.2	29.4	30.9	34.1
	Occasionally	2.9	3.1	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.0
	Frequently	.7	.7	.6	.6	.7	.7

**Gambling during the Last Twelve Months
Indiana Female 7th - 12th Grade Students, 2016**

(Values expressed as percentages)

How often have you bet/gambled for money or valuables in the following ways?		Grade					
		7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Q22 Card games	Never	90.5	89.0	89.8	90.4	91.1	90.1
	Less than once a month	7.2	8.1	7.6	7.2	6.8	7.0
	1-3 times per month	1.7	2.2	1.8	1.7	1.5	2.1
	Once a week or more	.6	.7	.8	.7	.6	.7
Q22 Personal games of skill	Never	84.1	84.3	86.9	88.9	91.1	90.4
	Less than once a month	9.2	9.4	8.0	7.1	5.6	5.9
	1-3 times per month	3.9	4.0	3.3	2.5	2.1	2.3
	Once a week or more	2.7	2.3	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.4
Q22 Sports	Never	88.6	87.6	89.9	91.4	92.3	91.7
	Less than once a month	6.8	8.0	7.0	6.0	5.3	5.5
	1-3 times per month	2.5	2.7	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.8
	Once a week or more	2.0	1.7	1.1	1.0	.9	1.0
Q22 Lottery	Never	91.7	90.2	91.0	91.1	91.2	78.9
	Less than once a month	5.9	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.1	15.5
	1-3 times per month	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.7	2.0	4.2
	Once a week or more	.6	.8	.4	.5	.7	1.4
Q22 Bingo	Never	89.6	89.8	92.4	93.5	94.8	93.4
	Less than once a month	8.1	7.7	6.0	5.1	4.0	4.9
	1-3 times per month	1.5	1.6	1.1	1.0	.8	1.0
	Once a week or more	.7	.8	.5	.5	.5	.7
Q22 Online gambling	Never	97.5	97.1	97.9	98.1	98.4	98.2
	Less than once a month	1.4	1.6	1.2	1.1	1.1	.8
	1-3 times per month	.5	.7	.5	.4	.3	.4
	Once a week or more	.6	.6	.4	.4	.3	.5
Q22 Personal challenges	Never	76.8	74.1	77.9	80.7	83.2	83.7
	Less than once a month	14.7	15.5	14.2	12.7	11.2	10.4
	1-3 times per month	5.8	7.0	5.4	4.9	4.2	4.1
	Once a week or more	2.8	3.4	2.5	1.7	1.5	1.8
Q22 Gambled in other ways	Never	92.4	90.5	92.3	92.3	93.5	92.4
	Less than once a month	5.3	6.2	4.9	5.3	4.2	5.0
	1-3 times per month	1.4	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.3	1.7
	Once a week or more	.9	1.4	.9	.8	.9	.9

Consequences of Gambling
Indiana Female 7th - 12th Grade Students, 2016
 (Values expressed as percentages)

How often have you experienced the following consequences due to your gambling?		Grade					
		7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
Q23 Academic problems	I do not gamble	85.1	83.3	85.4	86.5	87.9	83.5
	Never	14.0	15.7	13.7	12.8	11.5	16.0
	Occasionally	.8	.8	.8	.5	.4	.3
	Frequently	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1
Q23 Issues with the legal system	I do not gamble	85.3	83.6	85.7	86.6	88.2	83.5
	Never	14.4	16.1	14.0	13.1	11.6	16.2
	Occasionally	.2	.3	.2	.2	.1	.2
	Frequently	.0	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2
Q23 Lost possessions or money	I do not gamble	84.7	82.9	85.2	86.3	87.6	82.9
	Never	11.2	12.3	10.5	9.8	9.0	12.3
	Occasionally	4.0	4.6	4.0	3.7	3.2	4.6
	Frequently	.2	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2
Q23 Felt bad about gambling	I do not gamble	85.3	83.5	85.7	86.5	87.9	83.4
	Never	12.9	14.5	13.2	12.6	11.0	15.4
	Occasionally	1.5	1.7	1.0	.7	.8	1.0
	Frequently	.2	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2
Q23 Poor health	I do not gamble	85.0	83.2	85.3	86.5	88.0	83.4
	Never	13.7	15.6	13.6	12.8	11.5	16.0
	Occasionally	1.0	.9	.7	.4	.3	.4
	Frequently	.3	.4	.3	.2	.2	.2
Q23 Issues with friends and family	I do not gamble	84.1	82.4	84.7	86.1	87.7	83.1
	Never	12.3	14.3	12.6	12.1	10.7	15.6
	Occasionally	2.9	2.7	2.2	1.5	1.3	1.1
	Frequently	.7	.6	.4	.3	.3	.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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To obtain a full copy of the 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, please visit www.drugs.indiana.edu.

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WHERE CAN YOU GO FOR HELP?

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