

GAMBLING AWARENESS



**PROBLEM GAMBLING
AWARENESS MONTH**

→ **AWARENESS+ACTION**

March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month (PGAM for short). The goal is to increase public awareness of problem gambling and the availability of prevention, treatment & recovery services. It is also to encourage healthcare providers to screen clients for problem gambling. The following is a brief assessment that can assist healthcare providers to start the conversation:

START WITH A LEAD IN QUESTION:

- * How much money did you spend on gambling in the past year (for example, lottery, scratch offs, betting on sports, cards, casino, stock market etc.)

AND

- In the past year, have you participated in gambling (for example, lottery, scratch offs, betting on sports, cards, casino, etc.)?

None

Less Than Monthly

Monthly

Weekly

Daily

These simple questions can start the conversation!

Issue #29 March 2022

Contents

1. PGAM Event
2. The Numbers in CT
3. Online Sports Betting Numbers in NY

UCFS Bettor Choice Team

Celaura Estrada, Supervisor

Cindie Friedman, Clinician

Casey Little, Clinician

Barbara Kalpin, Peer Counselor

(860) 823-3094



UCFS Healthcare

BETTOR CHOICE GAMBLING TREATMENT PROGRAM

860-823-3094

The Bettor Choice Gambling Treatment Program Presents

THE REAL GAMING WORLD: ESPORTS, STREAMING AND GAMBLING



10-11:30 AM | March 23, 2022 via
Zoom

**PROGRAM
IS OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC**

Register at bkalpin@ucfs.org or
call 860-822-4235



Cam Adair is an international speaker and entrepreneur who is widely hailed as a leading expert on video game addiction. He is best known as the founder of Game Quitters, a support community for gamers from 95 countries. In 2020, Cam launched the INTENTA Gaming Disorder Clinical Training. His work has been published in Psychiatry Research, reported in government hearings, and been featured in New York Times Magazine, Forbes, BBC, NPR, CNN and more. In 2017, he was named one of Canada's Leaders in Mental Health.

Join us as Cam Adair talks about how gambling presents in gaming and esports and as he shares his personal journey of overcoming his addiction to the gaming world and offers key insights into prevention, recovery and treatment for players, families and professionals.

This program is pending approval for 1.5 CEC by NASW CT and meets the continuing education criteria for CT LSCWs, LMSWs, LMFTs, LPCs and licensed psychologists licensure renewals and for 1.5 CEC by IGCCB (Please advise when registering what CEC you would qualify for, if applicable)



UCFS Healthcare

Bettor Choice Gambling Treatment Program

860-823-3094

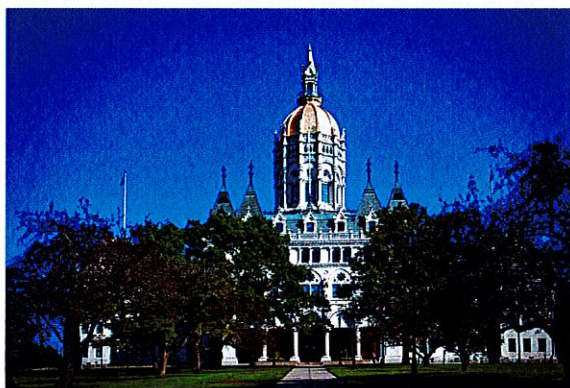
THE NUMBERS

I think it is important to bring to your attention the amount of money that has been gambled since online gambling was legalized in the State of Connecticut and the State of New York. When I read the following two articles, I found myself reflecting on what the future holds due to the legalization of online gambling.

Connecticut online gambling revenue reaches \$18.8m in January

February 25, 2022

Online gambling in Connecticut generated net gambling revenue of \$18.8m in January, 15.6% higher than the net revenue recorded in December 2021.



This revenue was after promotions, which came to \$3.6 million. Before promotions the total was \$22.4 million.

Out of the \$18.8 million in revenue, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe brought in \$11.1 million and the Mohegan Tribe the remaining \$7.7 million.

Players staked \$780.0 million on online gambling in January 2022.

The Mashantucket Pequot Tribe's Foxwoods Resort Casino saw the most staked, at \$502.5 million- a decline of 4% month-on-month. Customers staked the second highest amount with Mohegan Digital, hitting \$277 million. Mobile-on-premise stakes at the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe's Foxwoods Resort Casino – mobile gambling that took place at the casino itself – made up the remaining \$440,460.



A total of \$3.3 million was paid to the state in January from this online casino gambling revenue. This was up 15.2% from December 2021.

Mohegan Digital contributed \$1.3 million to the total, while Foxwoods paid \$2.0 million.

Online sports betting gross gaming revenue (GGR) came to \$7.4 million a rise of 17.6% from December, while online wagering was recorded at \$149.3 million.

This resulted in a payment of \$1.0 million being made to the state, 60.8% more than in December. Mashantucket Pequot Tribe's Foxwoods Resort Casino generated \$635,480 of this, while Mohegan Digital added \$333,522 to the total. The Connecticut Lottery Corporation made up the remaining \$60,020.

Retail sports wagering came to \$8.7 million, 34.3% higher than December. Winnings rose 29.6% month-on-month to \$7.8 million. As a result, overall retail sports betting gross gaming revenue was \$825,369.

Retail sports wagering contributed a payment of \$113,488, all of which came from the Lottery Corporation's Rush Street Interactive sportsbook. This was more than double that of December's payment, which came to \$54,457.

Connecticut's online gambling and sports betting market opened in October, with a seven-day soft launch that began on October 12. It then launched fully on October 19.

Online Sports Betting's N.Y. Debut: \$2.4 Billion in Wagers in 5 Weeks

ALBANY, N.Y. — More than **\$2 billion** in wagers. Nearly \$80 million in tax revenue. And a quarter of the entire nation's mobile-sports wagers on the Super Bowl.

Such are the eye-popping statistics coming out of New York since the state opened online betting in early January and easily surpassed Nevada, the nation's gambling mecca, and New Jersey, which captured the No. 1 spot in mobile sports betting after legalizing in 2018.

New York's sudden transformation into the biggest bookmaking market in the nation is part of a stunning post-Covid reversal of fortune for the gaming industry as a whole. It is also a sign of the fast-growing appetite for sports betting in New York and across the country, a development that deeply worries addiction specialists.

Americans wagered more than \$57 billion on sports in 2021, a record, according to the American Gaming Association, even as casinos and other gambling outlets — which had been battered by pandemic lockdowns — rebounded with their highest-grossing year ever. Mainstays like table games and slot machines led the way.

In New York, where new tax revenue from online bets has quickly shot past projections, gamblers have laid down more than \$2.4 billion in bets through Feb. 13, including a staggering \$472 million in the week ending with last Sunday's Super Bowl.

That frenzy has been encouraged by a blizzard of promotions from betting platforms, including oversized payoffs, risk-free bets and thousands of dollars in free betting credits deposited in players' accounts, all of which may spell short-term losses for many companies, according to industry analysts, as platforms battle for market share.

At the same time, the thirst for betting action has sparked alarm among groups focused on problem gambling: They say that the ease and speed of mobile sports betting — including the ability to place a wager on individual plays in a game — have the potential to entrap newcomers and tempt those trying to recover.

Indeed, the state Office of Addiction Services and Supports says that it has already seen a 46 percent increase in calls to its gambling helpline this January, compared with the previous January, amid new public awareness campaigns about responsible gaming.

For the state's finances, however, mobile sports betting has been nothing but a win thus far. Operators pay a 51 percent tax rate on gross gaming revenue — the difference between what they take in from bettors and what they pay out.

As of Friday, New York had already taken in some \$78.5 million from that tax — almost all of which goes to fund education — far more than the \$49 million that the state budget office initially estimated it would receive in the first three months of 2022. That estimate has recently been increased to \$110 million, and the state also collected some \$200 million in license fees from operators.

“It’s our first month, ever, and we’re at \$2 billion,” said State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo Jr., a Democrat from Queens who serves as the chairman of the committee on racing, gaming and wagering. “It’s amazing. The astonishment of these numbers: It’s incredible.”

KEEP GAMBLING SAFE & AFFORDABLE



Set a limit on how much time & money & stick to it.

View gambling as entertainment, not as a way to make money.

Balance gambling with other leisure activities.

If you gamble and spend more time & money than planned, take a break.

CONCERNED ?

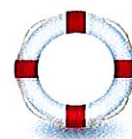
HELPLINE Confidential 24/7

1-888-789-7777

KEEP THE PROBLEM OUT OF GAMBLING

● **Gamble with limits on time, frequency, & duration.**

● **Gamble in a social setting with others, not alone, & with money you can afford to lose.**



Problem Gambling Helpline: 1-888-789-7777

www.ct.gov/dmhas/pgs

Low Risk Gambling is

A form of recreation, not to make money nor to make up for previous losses.

Setting limits on time, frequency, and duration.

In a social setting with others, not alone.

With money you can afford to lose.



High Risk Gambling is when

Coping with grief, loneliness, anger or depression.

Under financial pressure and stress.

Recovering from mental health or substance use disorders.

Using alcohol or other drugs, or is under legal age to gamble.

Problem Gambling Services, CT State Dept. of Mental Health & Addiction Services

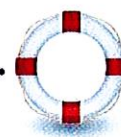
www.ct.gov/dmhas/pgs

KEEP GAMBLING SAFE & AFFORDABLE

Set a limit on time & money & stick to it.

View gambling as entertainment.

Balance gambling with other leisure activities.



CONCERNED?

HELPLINE 1-888-789-7777