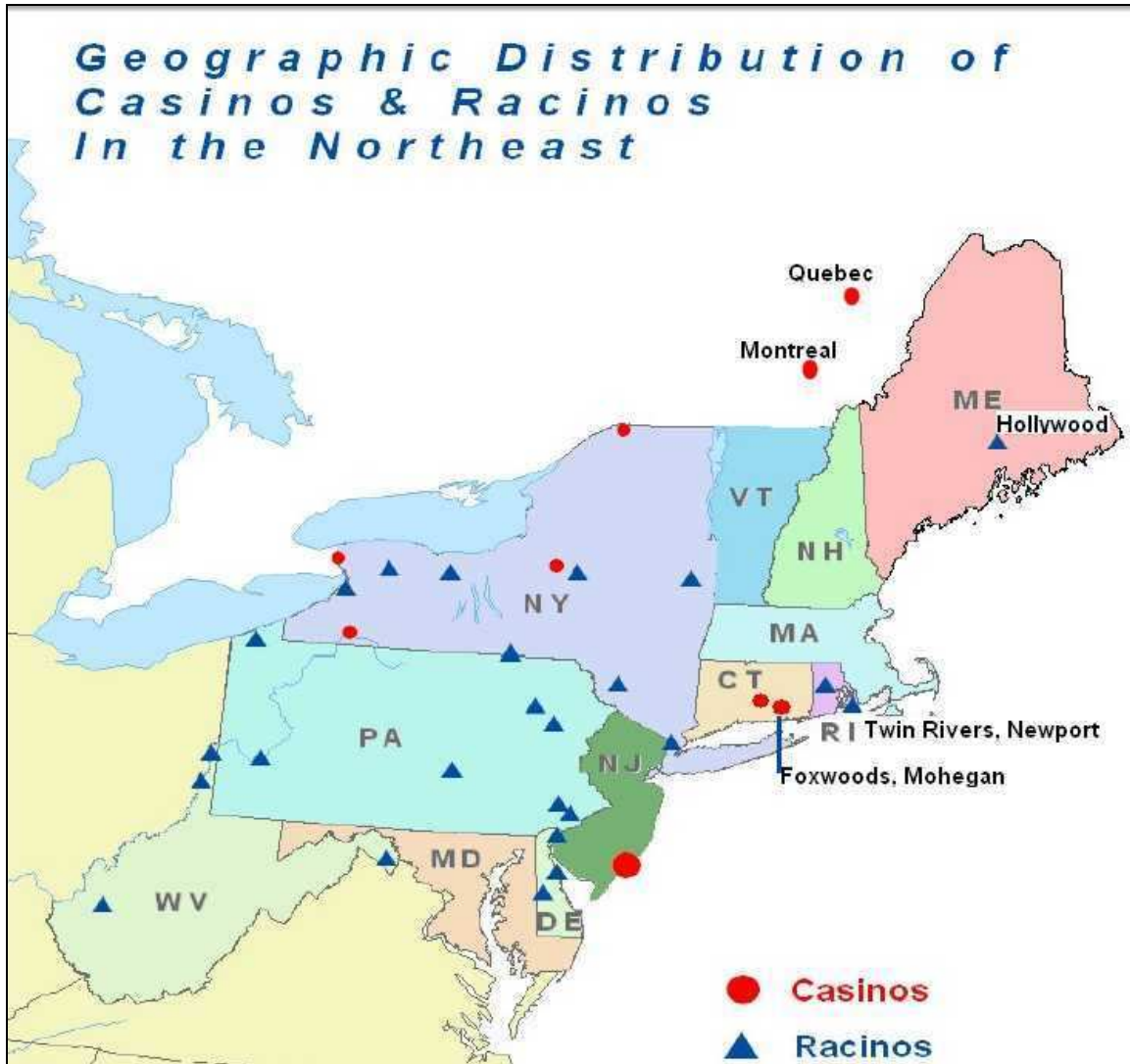


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Gaming Facilities in New England



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Connecticut

Gaming Statistics

Current Number of Facilities	2 casinos		
	Tribal State Gaming		
Public/private arrangement	Compact	Gambling, Including Lotteries, etc.	
Number of employees	22,000	Other Legal Gambling (1)	
Gross Gaming Revenue	\$1.6 billion	State Lottery	Yes
Gaming Tax Revenue	\$411 mill	Pari-mutuel Wagering	Yes
Number of Slot Machines	15,000	Charitable Gaming	Yes
Slots Winnings per Day (12/08)	\$306	Convenience (KENO)	No
	General Fund, Local Communities		
How Are Taxes Spent?	Communities	State Gambling Revenue (mill)(2)	
Legalization Date	1993	FY2008	\$700
First Casino Opening Date	1994	FY2009	\$666
State Gaming Tax Rate	25%	Percent change	-4.9%
	Tribal casino, separate government		
Mode of Legalization	government	Sources	
Size of the Market (1)	\$1.571 bill	1 American Gaming Association	
Market Rank in the US	4th	2 Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government	

Recent Legislation or Public Activity

- “A state-ordered study has concluded that Connecticut casinos are indeed doing well, but that the state is not doing a good job of regulating the industry. Changes are needed to help slow the growth of problem gambling.” (Spectrum Gaming Group, June 22, 2009)
- Attorney General Richard Blumenthal and Paul A. Young, executive director of the Division of Special Revenue (DSR), announced identical settlements with the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Tribes that would provide \$25 million in slot revenue to the state, as well as future payments. The settlements would resolve the state’s lawsuit against the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe seeking slot revenue collected through a promotional program known as “Free Play” in which Foxwoods provided certain patrons coupons or electronic credits that permit them to play slot machines free up to the value of the credits.
(<http://www.ct.gov/dosr/site/default.asp>)
- “Foxwoods faces financial problems that threaten to tear the tribe apart. Crushed by more than \$2 billion in debt from exorbitant expansion, the resort is fighting an uphill battle against sliding revenues because of the economy and increased competition from newer venues. More than 700 layoffs in the last year, or about 6 percent of the workforce, failed to stem the bleeding as slot revenues at the casino continued to drop, plunging 13 percent in July to \$63.2 million compared with a year ago.” (Boston Globe, 9/13/09)

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Maine

Gaming Statistics

Current Number of Facilities	1 racino		
	Privately operated with slot machines		
Public/private arrangement		Gambling, Including Lotteries, etc.	
Number of employees	324	Other Legal Gambling (1)	
Gross Gaming Revenue	\$50 mill	State Lottery	Yes
Gaming Tax Revenue	\$25 mill	Pari-mutuel Wagering	Yes
Number of Slot Machines	1,000	Charitable Gaming	Yes
Slots Winnings per Day (12/08)	\$187	Convenience (KENO)	No
	Education, health care, racetracks, City of Bangor		
How Are Taxes Spent?		State Gambling Revenue (mill)(2)	
Legalization Date	2004	FY2008	\$70
First Casino Opening Date	2005	FY2009	\$76
State Gaming Tax Rate	50%	Percent change	8.6%
	Local option vote, legislative action		
Mode of Legalization		Sources	
Size of the Market (1)	\$50 mill	1 American Gaming Association	
Market Rank in the US	NA	2 Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government	

Recent Legislation or Public Activity

- “Penn National’s Hollywood Star in Bangor continues to enjoy slot machine exclusivity in the state, and has experienced a solid rate of growth with a 31.7 percent increase for the first six months of 2009 compared to the previous year-to-date.” (Gaming & Resort Development, 2009)
- “The city of Bangor is preparing for the possible expansion of gambling at the state’s only racino, Hollywood Slots Hotel and Raceway. Currently, only slot machines are offered. But the racino owners would like to include table games, such as poker and blackjack. Talk of expanding the facility into a casino has been around since Hollywood Slots opened, but such a change would require legislative approval.”
(<http://www.mpbnet.com/News/MaineNews/tabid/181/ctl/ViewItem/mid/3475/ItemId/9075/Default.aspx>)
- The push for expanded gambling in Maine is coming from the local level. Hollywood Slots in Bangor exists because the harness racing industry wanted slot parlors to be located next to two raceways, to increase attendance at harness racing. Bangor approved a slot parlor located next to the harness racetrack there, and Scarborough did not – although Scarborough is benefiting from state revenues redistributed from Hollywood slots. The push for the Sanford casino, the one Washington County, and another in western Maine, are all local initiatives. (Conversation with Maine economist Charlie Colgan, (9/11/09).

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Massachusetts

Gaming Statistics

Current Number of Facilities	none		
Public/private arrangement	NA	Gambling, Including Lotteries, etc.	
Number of employees	NA	Other Legal Gambling (1)	
Gross Gaming Revenue	NA	State Lottery	Yes
Gaming Tax Revenue	NA	Pari-mutuel Wagering	Yes
Number of Slot Machines	NA	Charitable Gaming	Yes
Slots Winnings per Day (12/08)	NA	Convenience (KENO)	Yes
How Are Taxes Spent?	NA	State Gambling Revenue (mill)(2)	
Legalization Date	NA		FY2008 \$913
First Casino Opening Date	NA		FY2009 ND
State Gaming Tax Rate	NA		Percent change
Mode of Legalization	NA	Sources	
Size of the Market (1)	NA	1 American Gaming Association	
Market Rank in the US	NA	2 Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government	

Recent Legislation or Public Activity

- On Oct. 11, 2007, Gov. Deval Patrick filed legislation that would have authorized up to three destination resort casinos in the commonwealth of Massachusetts. http://www.mass.gov /Agov3/docs/Legislation/2007_10_11_resort_casino_bill.pdf
- “Beacon Hill leaders said that legalized casinos probably won’t be up for a vote this year. House Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop), Senate President Therese Murray and Gov. Deval Patrick believe the intricacies of legalized gambling mean it’s unlikely that the complicated legislation will be passed before a Nov. 18, 2009 legislative session deadline.” (Boston Herald 9/29/09)
- “A newly formed alliance of gambling industry executives and compulsive gambling experts is hosting its first educational forum today at Suffolk Downs as state lawmakers ready to revisit expanding gaming later this year. Officials from Mohegan Sun, Suffolk Downs, Wonderland Greyhound Park, state Racing Commission, Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation, the Missouri Gaming Commission, the Responsible Gambling Council of Ontario and the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling will attend the forum. This is the first event put on by the Massachusetts Partnership for Responsible Gambling, which was unveiled earlier this month.” (Boston Herald, 9/21/09)
- “Attorney General of Massachusetts Martha Coakley informed the Poker Players Alliance that she would be rejecting their attempt to have an online poker initiative put on the ballot in November. The PPA was seeking to clarify whether or not online poker was included in the list of gambling activities that are prohibited in Massachusetts. As currently written, Massachusetts law does not specify that online poker is illegal.” (September 2009)
http://www.casinogamblingweb.com/gambling-news/online-poker/online_poker_gambling_initiative_rejected_in_massachusetts_54433.html

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Current Number of Facilities	none		
Public/private arrangement	NA	Gambling, Including Lotteries, etc.	
Number of employees	NA	Other Legal Gambling (1)	
Gross Gaming Revenue	NA	State Lottery	Yes
Gaming Tax Revenue	NA	Pari-mutuel Wagering	Yes
Number of Slot Machines	NA	Charitable Gaming	Yes
Slots Winnings per Day (12/08)	NA	Convenience (KENO)	No
How Are Taxes Spent?	NA	State Gambling Revenue (mill)(2)	
Legalization Date	NA	FY2008	\$75
First Casino Opening Date	NA	FY2009	\$68
State Gaming Tax Rate	NA	Percent change	-9.3%
Mode of Legalization	NA	Sources	
Size of the Market (1)	NA	1 American Gaming Association	
Market Rank in the US	NA	2 Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government	

Recent Legislation or Public Activity

- New Hampshire Gaming Commission established, July 2009. This Commission, consisting of 15 citizens of New Hampshire appointed by the Governor, will undertake the following tasks and report their findings to the Governor on or before June 1, 2010. The Commission will as its primary charge review, research, analyze and develop findings on the impact of gaming in New Hampshire today as well as the foreseeable future.

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Rhode Island

Gaming Statistics

Current Number of Facilities	2 racinos		
	Publicly run video lottery terminals with distribution to operators		
Public/private arrangement		Gambling, Including Lotteries, etc.	
Number of employees	1,310	Other Legal Gambling (1)	
Gross Gaming Revenue	\$407.5 mill	State Lottery	Yes
Gaming Tax Revenue	\$302.7 mill	Pari-mutuel Wagering	Yes
Number of Slot Machines	6,000	Charitable Gaming	Yes
Slots Winnings per Day (12/08)	\$217	Convenience (KENO)	Yes
How Are Taxes Spent?	General Fund	State Gambling Revenue (mill)(2)	
Legalization Date	1992		FY2008 \$356
First Casino Opening Date	1992		FY2009 \$344
State Gaming Tax Rate	75%		Percent change -3.4%
Mode of Legalization	Legislative action	Sources	
Size of the Market (1)	\$407.5 mill	1 American Gaming Association	
Market Rank in the US	3rd	2 Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government	

Recent Legislation or Public Activity

- “The state’s two slot operations experienced a 5.7 percent drop in gaming revenues through June, 2009, compared to the previous year. Revenues had grown by 6 percent in calendar 2008 compared to 2007. Twin Rivers, which generates the bulk of the revenues, declared bankruptcy in June 2009, burdened with a high level of debt, operating losses from its greyhound racing sector, and a \$20 million per month minimum state fee. It has been proposing to close down the racing, but it was a key condition of its original licensing, while also seeking to extend operating hours.” (Gaming & Resort Development news, 2009)
- “Narragansett Indians Tribal Councilman Randy R. Noka filed a complaint with the state Attorney General's Office alleging UTGR Inc., the parent company of Twin River, engaged in "false advertising" by calling the Lincoln gaming facility a "casino." In 2006, the Narragansetts had sought permission to build a casino in West Warwick. Voters rejected the proposal by a vote of 241,986 (63.05 percent) to 141,806 (36.95 percent).“ <http://newsblog.projo.com/2009/08/providence-ri---27.html>

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Vermont

Gaming Statistics

Current Number of Facilities	none		
Public/private arrangement	NA	Gambling, Including Lotteries, etc.	
Number of employees	NA	Other Legal Gambling (1)	
Gross Gaming Revenue	NA	State Lottery	Yes
Gaming Tax Revenue	NA	Pari-mutuel Wagering	Yes
Number of Slot Machines	NA	Charitable Gaming	Yes
Slots Winnings per Day (12/08)	NA	Convenience (KENO)	No
How Are Taxes Spent?	NA	State Gambling Revenue (mill)(2)	
Legalization Date	NA	FY2008	\$23
First Casino Opening Date	NA	FY2009	\$21
State Gaming Tax Rate	NA	Percent change	-8.7%
Mode of Legalization	NA	Sources	
Size of the Market (1)	NA	1 American Gaming Association	
Market Rank in the US	NA	2 Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government	

Recent Legislation or Public Activity

- There are no serious proposals for expanded gambling or video slots in Vermont at present. Such proposals are usually defeated in the Legislature very quickly. (Conversation with Jeff Carr, Economic & Policy Resources, Inc., 9/25/09)
- “The state auditor thinks it is a good idea. So do the people of Killington, Vermont. Neither parties, however, have been able to convince lawmakers that a casino resort would be beneficial to the town. There are the usual groups that feel that improving the economy for residents of Vermont is not as important as keeping the gambling out. Lawmakers have been slow to adopt the plan. “
http://www.casinogamblingweb.com/gambling-news/gambling-law/vermont_ignoring_state_auditor_s_advice_to_add_casino_gambling_50961.html

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United States

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Recent Legislation or Public Activity (examples)

- The Obama administration may make it easier for Indian tribes to build casinos on land far from their reservations, a move likely to spur a wave of new casino development.
- The Interior Department, which runs the Bureau of Indian Affairs, is reconsidering a Bush administration directive requiring that off-reservation casino sites be within commuting distance of the reservation. Many tribes, struggling with high unemployment and poverty on their reservations, are looking to casinos for jobs and other economic benefits. (Wall Street Journal 9/21/09)
- A U.S. appeals court upheld a federal ban on Internet gambling, but the ruling appeared to open the door for states to have more say on the matter.
- In a decision handed down Tuesday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit rejected a claim by New Jersey-incorporated Interactive Media Entertainment & Gaming Association that current laws aimed at cracking down on online gambling are too vague, unconstitutional and infringe on an individual's right to privacy. The decision comes amid a struggle between the Justice Department, which wants to shut down the online-gambling industry, and several members of Congress who are advocating legalization and view it as a potentially important revenue generator.
- In May, Rep. Barney Frank, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, proposed legislation to legalize and regulate Internet gambling so that revenue could be taxed and consumers would have some protections. The legislation is pending in the committee. (Wall Street Journal 9/2/09)
- "State/Local Gambling Revenues Drop by 2.8 Percent Across U.S. — Largest Decline in at Least Three Decades, New Rockefeller Institute Report Shows"
http://www.rockinst.org/newsroom/news_releases/2009/2009-09-21-gambling_revenue_drops.aspx http://www.rockinst.org/pdf/government_finance/2009-09-21-No_More_Jackpot.pdf