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Illinois Casinos

Illinois casinos will be licensed to operate in six cities under legislation passed in 2019. There are currently ten riverboat casinos and no Native American casinos in the state.

Native American Owned Casinos

Two of the six new casinos will be owned by Native American tribes. The Hard Rock Casino in Rockford is owned by the Seminole Indian Tribe of Florida and the Wind Creek Illinois in the Homewood/East Hazel Crest area is owned by the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in Alabama. These two casinos will operate as commercial casinos under Illinois laws rather than as Indian gaming casinos under federal regulation.

New Illinois Casinos in 2022-2023

The Rebuild Illinois Law enacted in June 2019 authorizes six new casinos to be built in the following cities:

1. **Chicago** (TBD - 5 proposals)
2. **Danville** (Golden Nugget Danville)
3. **Rockford** (Hard Rock Casino Rockford)
4. **South Suburbs** (Wind Creek Illinois)
5. **Walker's Bluff** (Walker's Bluff Casino Resort)
6. **Waukegan** (American Place)

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