



Gambling Alert - February 10, 2021



IL residents bet over \$45 million on the Super Bowl

The total handle was \$45,610,513 - with \$42,756,647 of those bets being made online, according to figures released Monday by the Illinois Gaming Board. The state's cut of that is \$1,148,890 in tax revenue. "That's a lot of money to lose," said Anita Bedell, executive director of Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems. "And the state does not get much money, they only get 15%. So, when you consider the amount of harm to individuals and families, that's a losing proposition." [Read](#)

Gambling addiction grows with Illinois' sports betting

The number of Illinoisans seeking help for problem gambling has almost doubled since legislators approved a massive gambling expansion in 2019. Experts expect that number to keep growing. [Read more](#)

Gaming Board Gives Preliminary Approval For Rockford Casino

In announcing his support for the \$310 million Rockford plan, the gaming board's chairman, Charles Schmadeke, said officials were taking a close look at the investors in the project and reserved the right to rule out anybody who could be deemed unsuitable to profit from legalized gambling in Illinois. "Frankly, I had some questions about some of the former and current relationships of some of the key individuals," Schmadeke said. "But those are questions. They are not evidence. All of the evidence that I have seen that's been produced to the gaming board does not show that there are any problems. As this matter proceeds, that evidence may or may not develop that some key persons may not have the fitness for this particular project. But we are not there today." [Read](#)

Related: Before the vote, a letter of support from Rockford city officials for the project, which is incorporated under the name 815 Entertainment LLC, was read into the record. [Read](#)

Study: Young people 9 times more likely to attempt suicide if they are problem gamblers

Researchers from the University of Glasgow said there was a 'substantial and significant' association between harmful gambling and attempted suicide among 16 to 24-year-olds. [Read more](#)

Even low levels of gambling linked to financial hardship, study finds

People who bet even relatively small sums are more likely to suffer financial hardship and unemployment, while heavier gamblers die earlier, according to a landmark study analysing data from millions of bank customers.

In a report thought to be the largest of its kind carried out in the UK, academics tracked the links between gambling spend and problems experienced by 6.5 million Lloyds Banking Group customers over seven years.

They found that the likelihood of missing a mortgage payment, taking a payday loan or being pursued by debt collectors escalated rapidly the more someone gambled, while there were longer-term links to job loss and mortality. [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

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