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'We've seen people go from six-figure incomes ... to living on the streets': Why it's easier than ever to get addicted to gambling

Noah Vineberg, a bus driver based in Ottawa, Canada, lost over \$1 million to his gambling addiction.

Vineberg can trace the roots of his addiction all the way back to grade school, where he avidly traded marbles and hockey cards on the schoolyard.

“It wasn't until much later — like 16 to 18, 19 — I knew that I was gambling heavier than anybody else. And I knew that I definitely had a problem.”

After 48 years of grappling with that problem, Vineberg will soon celebrate four years free from gambling.

But many others are still struggling. The National Center for Responsible Gambling **points to research** that indicates 1% of the U.S. population suffers from a severe gambling problem. And young adults are especially vulnerable, with an estimated 6% to 9% of young people experiencing problems related to gambling.

And while not all those problems are financial, they often come with a hefty price tag. [Read](#)

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