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As Illinois gaming hits highs, so has gambling debt

(The Center Square) – As Illinois gaming revenues soar to record highs in 2022, so has gambling debt.

Calvin Miller, associate director of the Illinois Council on Problem Gambling, has heard some heartbreaking stories in his work on the council.

“People can lose their life savings in a weekend,” Miller told The Center Square.

In Illinois, 400,000 people have a gambling problem and another 700,000 are at risk for developing a problem. It is almost too easy to gamble these days, Miller said. People play the lottery on their phones. People bet on video games like "Call of Duty."

“We are betting on just about anything these days,” Miller said. “They bet on whether a player will make the next shot. They bet on whether somebody’s going to play the whole game. More than a billion dollars was bet on the Super Bowl. [READ](#)

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