

# WA State Problem Gambling Trivia Questions

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# Program overview

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- Prevention expansion
- Treatment services
- Recovery support
- Clinical training & other events
- Research/evaluation/data

# Q: Legal age of gambling in WA State?

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- A) Age 18
- B) Age 19
- C) Age 20
- D) Age 21

# A: Legal age of gambling in WA State?

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A) Age 18

However: Some venues only allow age 21+ in specific areas or at all, due to alcohol being consumed on the premises.

# Q: What types of legal Gambling in WA State?

- A) Tribal casinos, house-banked card rooms, pull tabs
- B) Dog racing, online gambling, animal fighting
- C) Raffles, bingo, horseracing, lottery
- D) A, B & C
- E) B & C
- F) A & C



# A: WA State – Legal gambling types

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Answer is F: which is A & C –

A) Tribal casinos, house-banked card rooms, pull tabs

C) Raffles, bingo, horseracing, lottery

*Note: Some other types of commercial and charitable gambling are also allowed.*

**Not legal in WA State:** Dog racing, animal fighting,  
and online gambling

# Q: How much were net gambling receipts (legal) in 2024 in WA State?

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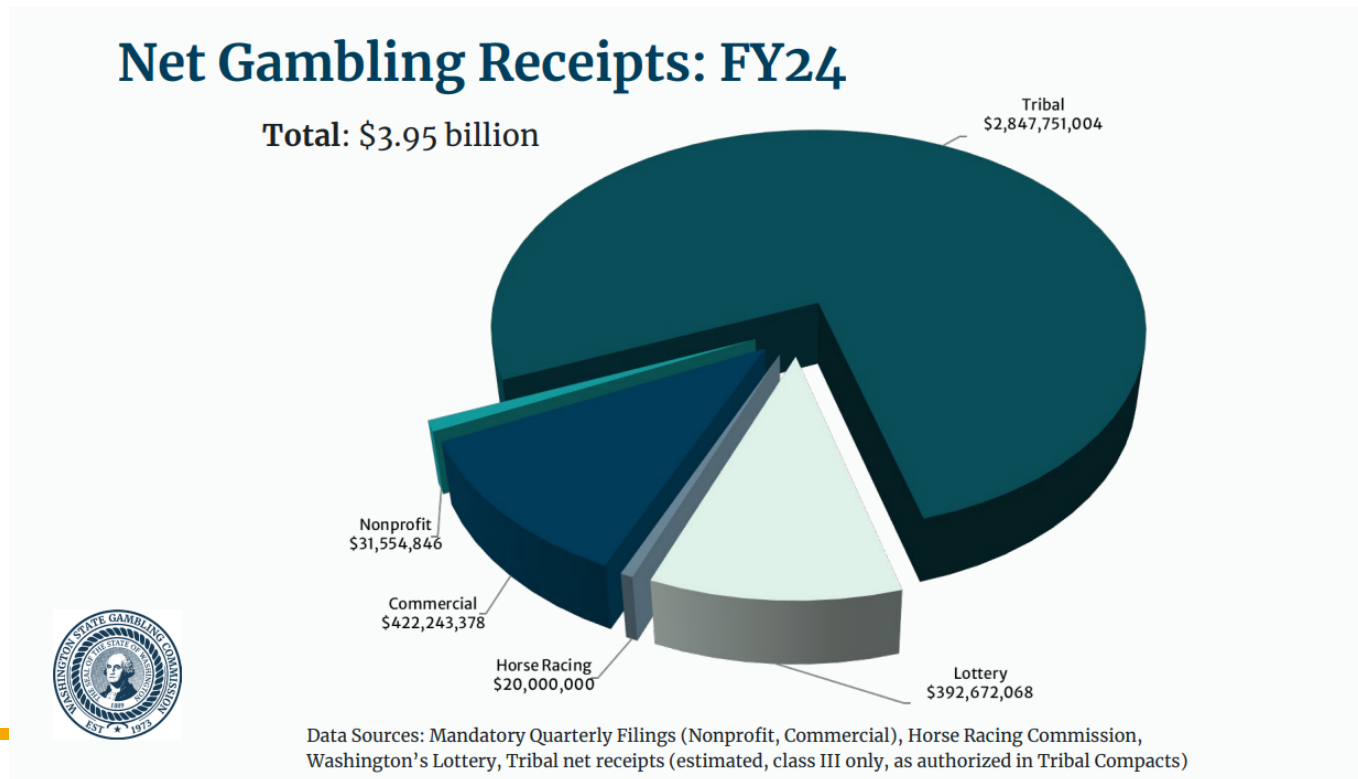
Net gambling receipts: What is left after prizes are paid out.

- A) \$996 Million
- B) \$3.95 Billion
- C) \$5.21 Billion
- D) \$8.49 Billion

# A: SFY 2024 – Net gambling receipts (legal)

B) \$3.95 Billion

(72% from Tribal gambling, 28% from commercial gambling)



Q: In 2021, among WA State adults who gambled, what percentage were at some (not zero) risk for problem gambling?

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A) 1.5%

B) 3.5%

C) 13%

D) 20%

*Based on 2021 WA State Adult Problem Gambling Prevalence Study (Problem Gambling Severity Index <1+)*

# A: WA State – At some risk (not zero) for problem gambling among adults who gamble

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D) 20%

- ▶ **3.5% were at a moderate-to-severe risk** for problem gambling/Gambling Disorder (estimated 90,000 adults)
- ▶ **16.5% were at an increased risk (risk not zero)** for problem gambling (estimated 420,000 adults)



*Based on 2021 WA State Adult Problem Gambling Prevalence Study (Problem Gambling Severity Index <1+)*

Q: Since May 2022, how much \$ has been collected by the WA State Problem Gambling Program from people who signed up for the WA Statewide Voluntary Self-Exclusion Program (approximately to date)?

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- A) \$44,500
- B) \$87,000
- C) \$120,000

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# A: Money forfeited to State PG Program since May 2022

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## C) Over \$120,000

- ▶ Note: Not known: how much \$ people spent at the venue to 'win' (lose) these funds.
- ▶ (HCA receives at least 70% of forfeited funds at commercial card rooms)

Largest check so far for one individual = \$12,400.

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**Q: What percentage of WA State students in grades 8-10-12 reported gambling in 2023?**

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- A) 3%
- B) 6%
- C) 8%
- D) 10%

## A: What percentage of WA State students in grades 8,10,12 reported gambling in 2023?

D) Over 10% of students in grades 8/10/12 reported having gambled in the past year.

- Over 12% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders reported gambling in the past year.

***Based on 2023 Healthy Youth Survey (WA State)***



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