

Florida is the 23rd Largest Gambling State in the Nation

Florida ranks 23rd among 45 states for combined state lottery revenues and commercial casino spending per capita (using 2012 lottery revenues reported by the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries², 2012 commercial casino spending reported by the American Gaming Association³, and U.S. Census estimates¹ for July 1, 2012).

Looking at state revenues from gambling results in a similar picture. Florida ranks only 21st of 47 states in state revenues from all gambling, including lottery, per adult resident.² Florida ranks 15th of 40 states for non-lottery state revenues from gambling in 2010.² Florida ranks 22nd of 23 states for commercial casino tax revenue per capita.⁴

LOTTERY. Even Florida's middle-of-the-pack ranking is based hugely on our tremendously successful state-run lottery (91%, compared to 9% from commercial casinos). Florida's lottery sends 27.6% of its revenues to our schools, yet discussions of increased gambling in Florida omit or downplay the impact on the Florida Lottery. Data for 2012 from the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries (NASPL) show that Florida ranked 3rd (of 43 states) in total lottery revenues and 2nd in state funds generated from its lottery.³

POPULATION. Any ranking of Florida should include population to account for the fact that Florida is the 4th most populous state in the nation (soon to be 3rd). Including population, Florida ranks:⁴

- 33rd of 40 states for the number of gaming machines per 10,000 residents.
- 33rd of 39 states for the number of casinos per 1 million residents.

But doesn't Florida rank as the 4th largest gambling state? No, that idea came from a **misreported statement** in a 2011 report by Bernstein Research that Florida's 8 tribal "casinos generated revenues of just over \$2B in 2009, making Florida the fourth largest state for tribal gaming."⁵

¹ <http://www.census.gov/popest/>

² Dadayan, Lucy and Robert B. Ward, *Back in the Black: State's Gambling Revenues Rose in 2010*, Fiscal Studies, The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, June 23, 2011.

http://www.rockinst.org/government_finance/state_gambling_revenue.aspx

³ Lottery Sales and Transfers, North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries, Resources, Lottery Sales and Transfers.

<http://www.naspl.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=content&menuid=17&pageid=1025>

⁴ American Gaming Association, 2013 State of the States: The AGA Survey of Casino Entertainment.

http://www.americangaming.org/sites/default/files/uploads/docs/aga_sos2013_fnl.pdf

⁵ Bernstein Research, U.S. Gaming: What Florida Means for the Shape of U.S. Gaming, October 24, 2011, p. 6. miamiherald.typepad.com/files/florida-gaming.pdf