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CHARITABLE GAMBLING CONTRIBUTIONS DOWN 57% FROM HIGH POINT

CHARITABLE GAMBLING SALES DROP BELOW \$1 BILLION

Charitable contributions have dropped 57% from a high of over \$101.2 million in 1989 to \$43.3 million last year. The 2009 contributions fall below 1986's \$44.4 million charitable contribution level, the first full year charitable gambling was in existence.

Likewise, charitable gambling sales dropped in calendar year 2009 below the \$1 billion mark in gross receipts for the first time since 1988. The \$999 million in total sales in 2009 is a reduction of 6.7% over the past year and a reduction of 32.4% from a high of \$1.48 billion in 2000.

In addition, charitable gambling organizations paid nearly as much in state taxes as they contributed to the many worthwhile causes in their communities.

King Wilson, executive director of Allied Charities of Minnesota said, "This unprecedented drop in contributions and sales is clearly affecting the ability of non-profit/tax-exempt charitable gambling organizations to fulfill the needs in their local communities. Unfortunately, this drop in sales and contributions along with nearly half of all gross profits going to state taxes are taking its toll on the number of organizations that are conducting charitable gambling. We are seeing a steady number of organizations turning back their licenses and giving up on this community based fund-raising activity."

Wilson continued, "We have made attempts over the past several years at the legislative level to bring our industry into the 21st century by introducing electronic linked bingo into our market and to reduce and reform our onerous charitable gambling tax system. Unfortunately, our initiatives have not been enacted."

With an average tax rate of 20% before expenses, non-profit/tax-exempt charitable gambling organizations pay twice the tax rate for-profit corporations pay in this state after deducting expenses. Many non-profit/tax-exempt organizations pay more in charitable gambling taxes annually than they have left to contribute in their communities. And, the State of Minnesota remains the single largest beneficiary of charitable gambling in Minnesota.

Charitable gambling's onerous tax rates and system have driven many organizations out of the business. In CY 2008 and 2009 organizations paid almost as much in taxes to the state as they contributed to their local communities.

Non-profit organizations licensed to conduct charitable gambling have been in decline over the past years as well, from a high of nearly 1,900 organizations in 1988 to the present 1,250 level.

Wilson also indicated that the .08 alcohol limit and smoking ban have effected people coming into local bars, and combined with the recent economic conditions have resulted in a negative impact on licensed organizations ability to keep the profits flowing for local communities. This comes at a time when needs for veteran programs, youth activities, food shelves, etc. have never been greater in our communities.

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(Editors note: Please find attached our CY 2009 ACM Charitable Gambling Fact Sheet for additional reference)

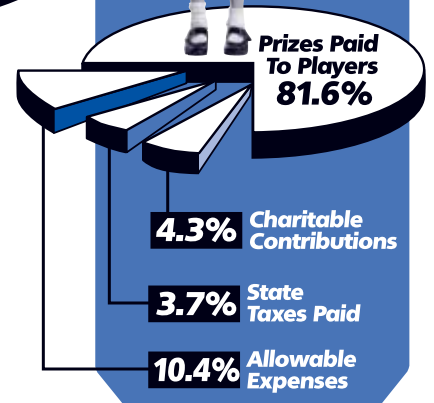
Charitable GAMBLING



Minnesota Charitable Gambling Activity - 2009

January 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

Gross Receipts (Sales)	\$998,555,000	100.0%
<i>Less: Prizes paid to players</i>	\$815,130,000	81.6%
Net Receipts (Gross Profit)	\$183,425,000	18.4%
<i>Less: Allowable expenses related to gambling</i>	\$103,476,000	10.4%
Net Profit (Lawful Purpose Expenditures)	\$79,949,000	8.0%
Minnesota Charitable Gambling Taxes	\$36,622,000	3.7%
Charitable Contributions	\$43,327,000	4.3%



Source: Calendar Year Addendum to the Annual Report of the Gambling Control Board, Calendar Year 2009

CHARITABLE GAMBLING FACT SHEET



- 1,256 licensed non-profit organizations
- 2,899 licensed sites
- 1,256 licensed gambling managers
- 93 licensed distributor salespersons
- 9 licensed manufacturers
- 13 licensed distributors
- 10,490 registered employees
- 1 linked bingo provider

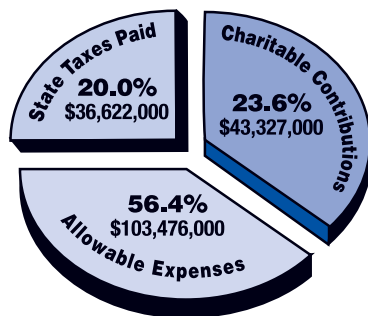
As of December 2009

Total Lawful Purpose Expenditures 1985-2009: \$2,879,899,000

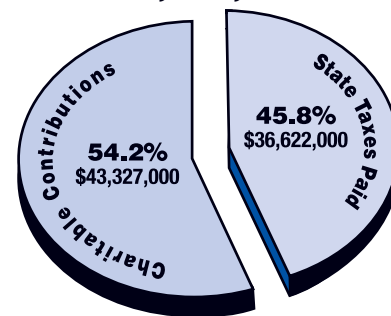
Calendar Year	Gross Receipts	MN Gambling Taxes	Charitable Contributions	Net Profit
2009	\$998,555,000	\$36,622,000	\$43,327,000	\$79,949,000
2008	\$1,070,311,000	\$40,788,000	\$43,520,000	\$84,308,000
2007	\$1,224,462,000	\$47,494,000	\$55,687,000	\$103,181,000
2006	\$1,288,115,000	\$50,713,000	\$62,497,000	\$113,210,000
2005	\$1,328,672,000	\$52,322,000	\$67,382,000	\$119,704,000
2004	\$1,402,373,000	\$56,146,000	\$72,674,000	\$128,820,000
2003	\$1,418,250,000	\$56,773,000	\$69,952,000	\$126,725,000
2002	\$1,427,550,000	\$56,562,000	\$67,051,000	\$123,613,000
2001	\$1,425,527,000	\$55,438,000	\$72,001,000	\$127,439,000
2000	\$1,477,919,000	\$60,550,000	\$73,645,000	\$134,195,000
1999	\$1,471,840,000	\$62,655,000	\$78,151,000	\$140,806,000
1998	\$1,433,349,000	\$63,192,000	\$77,624,000	\$140,816,000
1997	\$1,377,164,000	\$61,765,000	\$75,826,000	\$137,591,000
1996	\$1,359,192,000	\$65,219,000	\$72,129,000	\$137,348,000
1995	\$1,367,447,000	\$65,209,000	\$77,465,000	\$142,674,000
1994	\$1,305,816,000	\$59,875,000	\$74,763,000	\$134,638,000
1993	\$1,260,123,000	\$57,326,000	\$71,732,000	\$129,058,000
1992	\$1,263,536,000	\$56,903,000	\$78,614,000	\$135,517,000
1991	\$1,233,145,000	\$55,705,000	\$79,035,000	\$134,740,000
1990	\$1,284,510,000	\$52,629,000	\$93,500,000	\$146,129,000
1989	\$1,219,320,000	\$26,847,000	\$101,240,000	\$128,087,000
1988	\$856,514,000	\$17,509,000	\$78,708,000	\$96,217,000
1987	\$551,818,000	\$7,466,000	\$57,205,000	\$64,671,000
1986	\$386,123,000	\$8,226,000	\$44,428,000	\$52,654,000
1985	\$111,389,000	\$2,751,000	\$15,058,000	\$17,809,000
TOTALS	\$29,543,020,000	\$1,176,685,000	\$1,703,214,000	\$2,879,899,000

Here is how your charitable dollars are spent...

2009 Lawful Gambling Net Receipts \$183,425,000



2009 Lawful Purpose Expenditures \$79,949,000



2009 STATE TAXES PAID

1.7% Gross Receipts	\$15,383,000
8.5% Net Receipts	\$1,928,000
Combined Receipts	\$19,311,000
Total Taxes	\$36,622,000

2009 GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Pull-Tabs	91.2%	\$910,417,000
Bingo	6.0%	\$60,040,000
Paddlewheels	1.3%	\$13,390,000
Raffles	0.8%	\$7,919,000
Tipboards	0.7%	\$6,616,000
Interest Income	0.0%	\$173,000
Totals	100%	\$998,555,000