

MASSACHUSETTS

Gambling and Problem Gambling

State of Massachusetts Legal Gambling Revenue (as of 2006)

Total Revenue: \$1,447,010,000

Total Population (as of 2006):

Adults (18+) – **4,988,309** people

Adolescents (14-17) – **346,868** people

Problem Gambling prevalence & Rates:

1% of Adult Population (as of 2006) struggling with *Pathological Gambling* – **49,883** people

2% of Adult Population (as of 2006) struggling with *Problem Gambling* – **99,766** people

Total Adult Pathological/Problem Gambling Population – **149,649** people

2% of Adolescent Population (as of 2006) struggling with *Pathological Gambling* – **6,937** people

4% of Adolescent Population (as of 2006) struggling with *Problem Gambling* – **13,875** people

Total Adolescent Pathological/Problem Gambling Population – **20,812** people

State of Massachusetts Public Funding for Problem Gambling:

Annual Budget for Treatment and Prevention of Problem Gambling \$1,210,058

Problem Gambling Funding as a Percentage of State Gaming Revenue	Funding for Problem Gambling per Person Affected	Per Capita Funding for Problem Gambling
Annual PG Budget	Annual PG Budget	Annual PG Budget
\$1,210,058	\$1,210,058	\$1,210,058
Total Gaming Revenue	Population Affected	Total State Population
\$1,447,010,000	170,461	6,449,755
PG Budget vs. Revenue	PG Budget Per Problem Gambler	PG Budget Per Capita
\$0.0008	\$7.10	\$0.19

Substance Abuse and Addiction: Prevention, Treatment and Research Spending - **\$66,000,000**

Per Capita Spending for Substance Abuse and Addiction: Prevention, Treatment, and Research - **\$10.26**

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Problem gambling – the urge to gamble despite harmful negative consequences or a desire to stop.

Pathological gambling - occurs when a person gambles compulsively to such an extent that the wagering has a severe negative effect on his or her job, relationships, mental health, or other important aspects of life. The person may continue to gamble even after they have developed social, economic, interpersonal, or legal problems as a result of the gambling.

*Data Compiled From: www.apgsa.org, www.census.gov, 2007 Casino City North American Gaming Almanac, CASA Shoveling It Up II, www.ncpgambling.org