



National Council on Problem Gambling

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What Are the Odds?

WASHINGTON, D.C. – What are the odds that a high school male athlete will play football in high school, and in college, and be drafted to the NFL, and win the Super Bowl? **1 in 64,903.**

What are the odds of winning the Powerball grand prize? **1 in 195,249,054.**

What are the odds that an adult in the United States had a problem with gambling last year? **1 in 50.**

That's right—over six million Americans meet criteria for a gambling problem in a given year. They often are preoccupied with gambling; need to bet more money more frequently; are restless or irritable when attempting to stop; chase their losses, lose control of their gambling and face mounting, serious, negative consequences.

“The odds are that a lot of problem gamblers bet on the Super Bowl as a last ditch effort to get ahead, get even, or just get the bookies off their back,” says Keith Whyte, executive director for National Council on Problem Gambling, “so if gambling is problem for you or someone you care about, call the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 800.522.4700.”

What are the odds someone, somewhere in the country will call the National Problem Gambling Helpline (800.522.4700) in the next minute? **1 in 2.**

Calls are confidential—local help is available anytime.

The National Council on Problem Gambling, founded in 1972, is the national advocate for programs and services to assist problem gamblers and their families. NCPG is neutral on legalized gambling.

Odds compiled from www.thebookofodds.com and www.powerball.com

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