

# THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TRIBAL GAMING: A STATE-BY-STATE ANALYSIS

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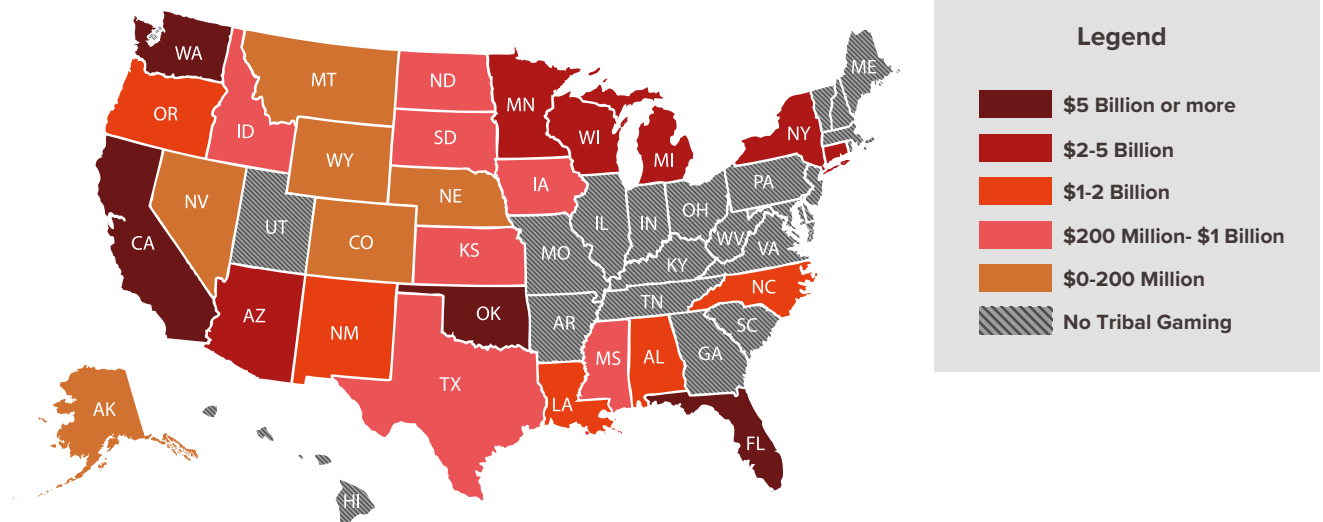
The U.S. casino gaming industry is a significant contributor to the national as well as state economies, driving an array of economic activity including spending, jobs, wages, taxes, other government revenue and capital investment. The tribal gaming sector, which generates 45 percent of all gaming revenue in the U.S., is a critical driver of that economic activity.

Since the passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) in 1988, tribal gaming has grown from a \$121 million segment of the U.S. gaming industry, consisting of small bingo halls and gaming facilities, to a \$32 billion plus segment in 28 states in 2017. That revenue allows tribal casinos across the country to provide diverse career opportunities, support local businesses and fund critical state, local, and tribal government programs.

## QUICK FACTS:

- **\$105 billion** in output (value of sales);
- **676,000** jobs (measured as FTEs);
- **\$36 billion** in wages to employees; and
- **\$15 billion** in taxes and revenue share payments to federal, state and local governments.

## 2016 Economic Impact of Tribal Gaming



# ECONOMIC & FISCAL IMPACT OF TRIBAL GAMING, 2016<sup>1</sup>

States	Economic Impact			Fiscal Impact	Gaming Facilities
	Output <sup>2</sup>	Jobs <sup>3</sup>	Wages <sup>4</sup>	Tax Revenue & Revenue Share Payments <sup>5</sup>	
Alabama	\$1,434,721,862	12,270	\$451,158,304	\$149,805,762	3
Alaska	\$3,681,322	27	\$1,036,060	\$350,528	2
Arizona	\$4,751,690,567	38,069	\$1,992,575,525	\$691,432,541	25
California	\$19,959,932,884	124,274	\$8,952,538,113	\$3,447,168,337	74
Colorado	\$148,900,796	1,204	\$50,251,222	\$17,915,840	2
Connecticut	\$3,707,227,420	24,245	\$1,205,441,918	\$768,849,754	2
Florida	\$6,146,819,954	45,962	\$2,511,692,980	\$1,135,267,301	8
Idaho	\$353,506,254	3,305	\$112,002,795	\$38,893,272	9
Iowa	\$274,221,623	1,758	\$73,076,816	\$28,520,299	3
Kansas	\$601,853,290	3,772	\$343,500,975	\$56,788,008	5
Louisiana	\$1,221,198,102	8,202	\$343,500,975	\$120,502,741	4
Michigan	\$3,368,749,615	21,540	\$1,223,983,634	\$519,455,807	25
Minnesota	\$3,724,081,322	29,160	\$1,394,338,634	\$516,412,187	40
Mississippi	\$517,592,501	4,393	\$177,986,102	\$60,924,868	3
Montana	\$55,805,685	484	\$16,465,078	\$6,144,088	14
Nebraska	\$14,036,994	105	\$3,564,519	\$1,380,751	4
Nevada	\$105,254,456	1,012	\$56,458,210	\$20,797,917	6
New Mexico	\$1,843,450,011	15,094	\$609,911,739	\$274,357,385	27
New York	\$2,116,412,791	8,537	\$575,978,173	\$461,624,630	12
North Carolina	\$1,758,025,152	15,034	\$697,146,218	\$225,256,064	3
North Dakota	\$491,161,429	4,275	\$148,733,503	\$59,529,116	10
Oklahoma	\$9,586,889,121	74,723	\$4,294,196,195	\$1,635,473,017	131
Oregon	\$1,264,641,290	10,770	\$453,671,281	\$163,473,017	9
South Dakota	\$291,087,039	3,063	\$101,462,064	\$34,579,237	14
Texas	\$418,891,929	3,111	\$144,066,661	\$50,028,999	2
Washington	\$5,393,834,983	35,044	\$1,956,854,393	\$768,914,428	31
Wisconsin	\$3,096,570,457	26,882	\$1,178,849,974	\$446,439,110	28
Wyoming	\$110,364,832	974	\$35,206,418	\$14,404,967	4
<b>United States<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>\$105,415,727,020</b>	<b>676,428</b>	<b>\$36,218,147,304</b>	<b>\$15,257,612,388</b>	<b>500</b>

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Includes direct, indirect, and induced effects of gaming and non-gaming revenues. Figures are in 2016 dollars.

<sup>2</sup> Equals value of sales.

<sup>3</sup> Measured as full-time equivalents (FTEs).

<sup>4</sup> Measured as salaries, wages, bonuses, tips and benefits.

<sup>5</sup> Revenue Share Payments consist of agreed upon gaming-related payments by tribes to federal, state, and local governments.

<sup>6</sup> Results for the United States (except Gaming Facilities) do not equal the sum of states given United States impacts are nationwide and each state's impacts are only state-wide.

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