

# Gaming in Illinois: Rolling the Dice on Tax Revenues

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# Gaming in Illinois

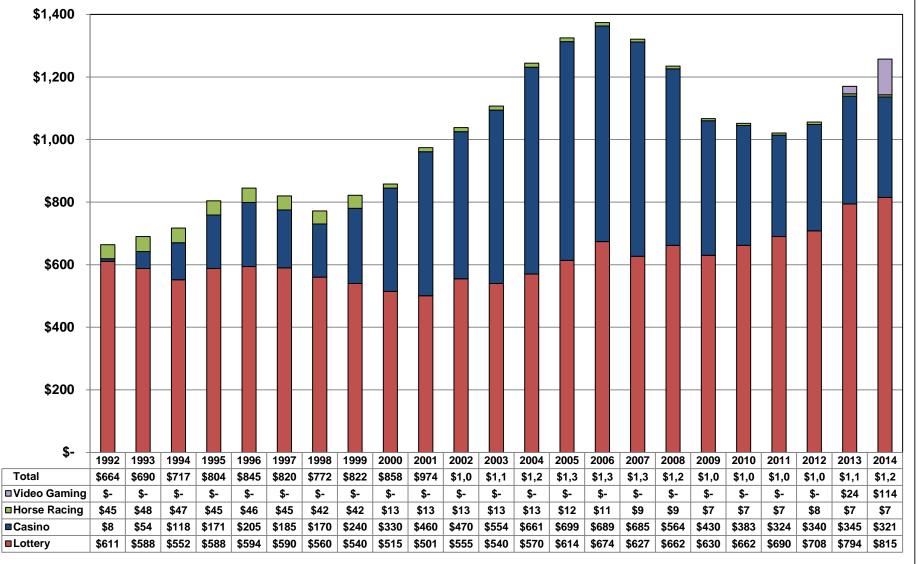
- Current Tax Revenue Trends
- Video Gaming
- Gaming Expansion Proposals



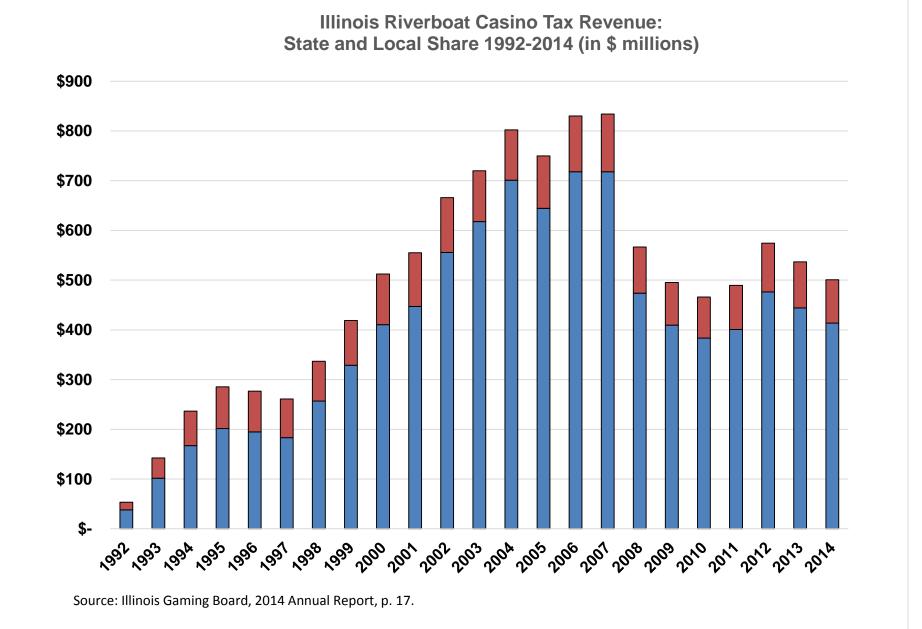
## **State Gaming Tax Revenues**

State of Illinois General Funds Gaming and Lottery Revenue FY2007-FY2016 (in \$ millions)																		
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	FY2007		FY2008		FY2009		FY2010		FY2011	FY2012		FY2013		FY2014	(est)		(Proj.)	
Lottery	\$	622	\$	657	\$	625	\$	625	\$ 632	\$	640	\$	656	\$ 668	\$	682	\$	693
Gaming	\$	685	\$	564	\$	430	\$	431	\$ 324	\$	413	\$	360	\$ 331	\$	300	\$	290
Total	\$	1,307	\$	1,221	\$	1,055	\$	1,056	\$ 956	\$	1,053	\$	1,016	<b>\$ 999</b>	\$	982	\$	983
State-Source %	5.5%		4.9%		4.7%		5.0%		3.8%		3.5%		3.2%	3.0%		3.2%		3.5%

#### State of Illinois Gaming Revenue: FY1992-FY2014 (in \$ millions)



Source: Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, Wagering in Illinois: 2014 Update, p. 2.





# Video Gaming

- Authorized in 2009 and taxed at 30% as largest funding source for *Illinois Jobs Now!* capital program
- Originally estimated to generate between \$288 million and \$534 million in annual revenues
- 1/6 of tax revenues passed on to local governments



**Capital Projects Fund: Revenues by Source** (in \$ millions) Original FY2015 **Projections FY2010 FY2011 FY2012 FY2013 FY2014** (est) Source Video Poker Tax\* \$288 - \$534 \$ \$ \$ \$ 58.0 \$ 114.4 \$ 167.6 -\_ -\$ \$ 32.9 \$ 54.1 \$ 65.2 \$ 135.0 \$ 145.0 \$ 115.0 Lottery Fund 150 \$ \$ Sales Tax \$ \$ \$ 52.7 \$ \$ 65 39.0 52.0 54.0 55.0 54.0 \$ \$ 77.6 \$ 105.2 \$ 114.8 \$ 115.1 \$ 115.0 \$ 119.0 Liquor Tax 108 \$ \$ 117.7 \$ 294.6 \$ 299.7 \$ 304.1 \$ 310.0 Vehicle Related 332 \$ 264.9 \$ Other \$ 0.3 \$ \$ 0.1 \$ 0.4 \$ 0.4 \$ \$943 - \$1,189 \$ 267.5 \$ 505.9 \$ 532.5 \$ 627.3 \$ 734.0 \$ 765.6 Total

\*FY2013 includes one-time video poker operator fees totaling \$33.5 million.

Source: Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, *Capital Plan Analysis FY2015*, May 2014, pp.10-11; Illinois Comptroller, *Online Revenue Query by Fund: Capital Projects Fund,* www.ioc.state.il.us (last visited on September 30, 2014).



# Video Gaming

- Delayed implementation until 2012 and lowered projected revenues due to opt-out provisions
- In FY2014 local governments earned a total of \$24.3 million in tax revenue from video gaming
- In February 2015 a total of 19,069 machines are installed in 4,619 establishments statewide



# **Gaming Expansion Proposals**

- City of Chicago
- Additional Locations
- Racinos
- Revenue Impact



# Questions?

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