



Ten Facts You May Not Know About Oregon's Indian Gaming

Indian gaming generated \$1.53 billion dollars in total economic output in Oregon in 2015.
(This includes everything from wages to infrastructure.)

Tribal gaming directly supported 5,422 jobs and \$253.5 million in wages and benefits in 2015.

This level of economic activity supported 11,845 jobs statewide with over \$552 million in wages, benefits, and other earnings.

Earnings from gaming operations were used to pay for nearly \$151 million in tribal government services and \$98.6 million for tribal community services, including healthcare, education, and housing.

Gaming revenues from tribal casinos are low in comparison to the Oregon Lottery. Of the \$1.585 billion in total gaming conducted in Oregon in 2015, the Oregon Lottery accounted for 60 percent of the total compared to less than one-third coming from tribal casinos.

Tribal facilities are located within rural communities averaging 7,536 people.

Indian tribes in Oregon have invested over \$791 million on hotels, casinos and other tourism amenities. Tribes are responsible for 19 percent of all construction spending in Oregon since 1992.

Indian Gaming has given millions of dollars to local communities, civic and nonprofit organizations that support education, the arts, shelter, domestic violence assistance, and health and well-being. Tribes have given \$109.1 million collectively to charitable community and nonprofit organizations throughout Oregon.

But they don't pay taxes: (Do they?)

The greatest fiscal impact of tribal gaming comes in the form of income taxes paid by casino employees, tribal members and all the workers and businesses that earn money in nondirect ways because of the casinos. In total, \$139.2 million in revenues to federal, state and local governments in 2015 was attributable to the economic effects of Oregon's tribal casinos.

Regulation and who pays:

Tribal gaming is highly regulated with three layers of oversight: the federal government, the Oregon State Police and tribal gaming commissions. Collectively \$32.6 million was spent on tribal gaming regulation in 2015. Tribes picked up nearly \$25.1 million in regulation costs, even though they account for less than 32 percent of gaming conducted inside of Oregon.

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