



Washington State Gambling Commission

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OUR MISSION



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Accredited limited law enforcement agency



WSGC Funding & Staffing

- Non-appropriated state agency funded with
 - license fees
 - cost recovery
- ~ \$15.5 million annual budget
- Budgeted for 114 FTEs



Operational Units & Roles

Licensing	Regulation	Criminal Enforcement	Electronic Gaming Lab	Tribal Gaming
<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Background checks•Source of funds•Collect fees•Process licenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Agents across WA•Compliance checks•Audit licensees•Criminal investigations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Working undercover•Long-term investigations•Work with local, state and federal law enforcement•Train other agencies•Investigations criminal complaints connected with gambling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Evaluate new technology•Investigations•Risk Analysis•Training•Inspections•Internal controls•Security standards & practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Cooperative regulatory partnership•Tribal relations•Compact negotiation process•Criminal investigations

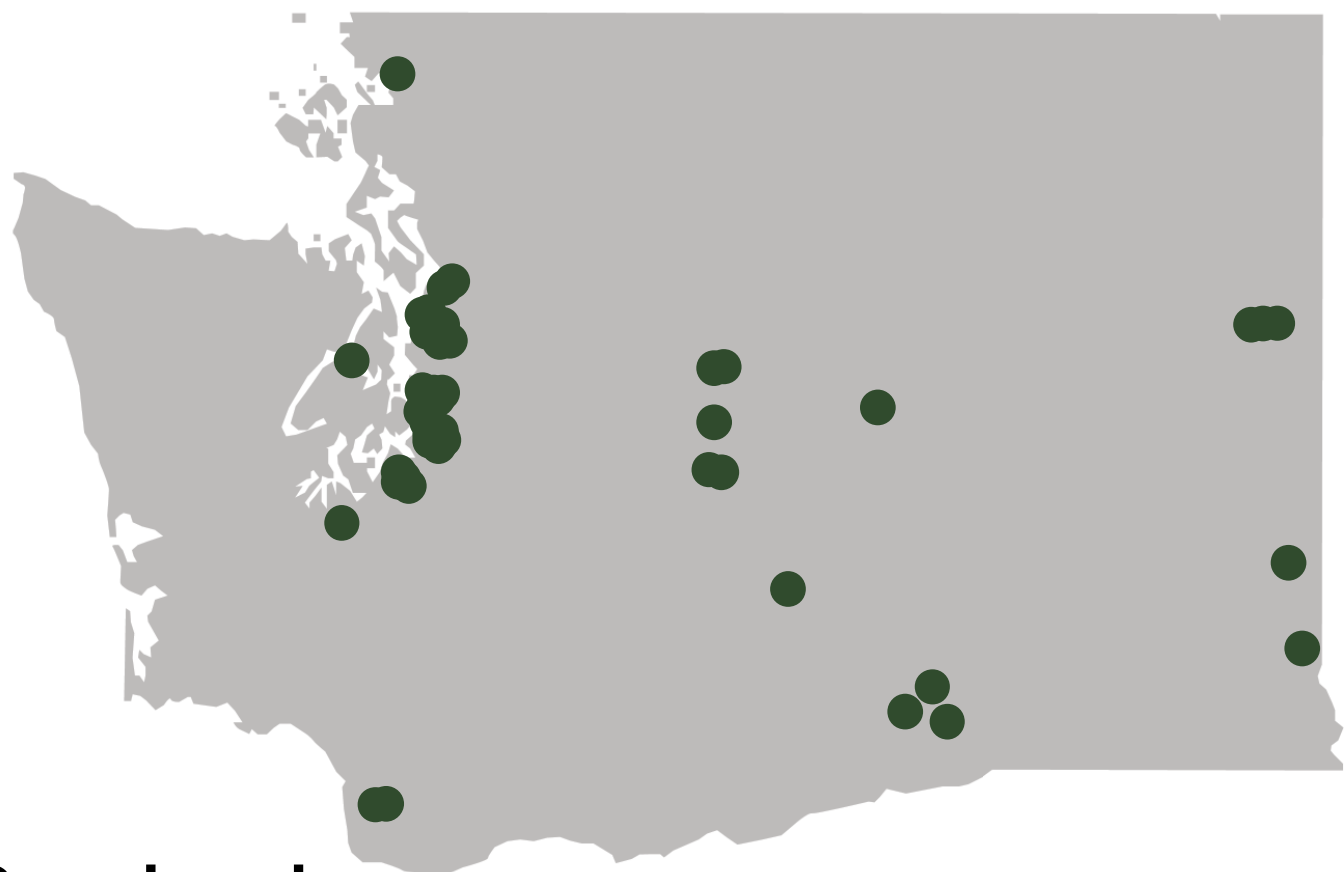


Licensees



	FY 2018		FY 2022	
	Active Licenses	Net Receipts	Active Licenses	Net Receipts
Charitable and nonprofit gambling				
Raffles	966	\$8,547,888	798	\$15,148,816
Bingo	247	\$6,665,108	188	\$4,942,185
Punchboard/Pulltabs	197	\$10,794,455	157	\$10,565,810
Card Room	7	(\$84,346)	70	\$43,257
Fundraising	31	\$45,683	3	\$79,157
Amusement Games	30	\$85,404	20	\$19,072
TOTAL	1,478	\$26,054,192	1,236	\$30,798,297
Commercial licenses				
Punchboard/Pulltabs	885	\$63,191,924	713	\$87,102,454
Card Rooms	209	\$249,183,786	137	\$285,331,890
Amusement Games	78	\$35,817,049	74	\$55,566,019
TOTAL	1,172	\$338,192,759	924	\$428,000,363

House-Banked Card Rooms



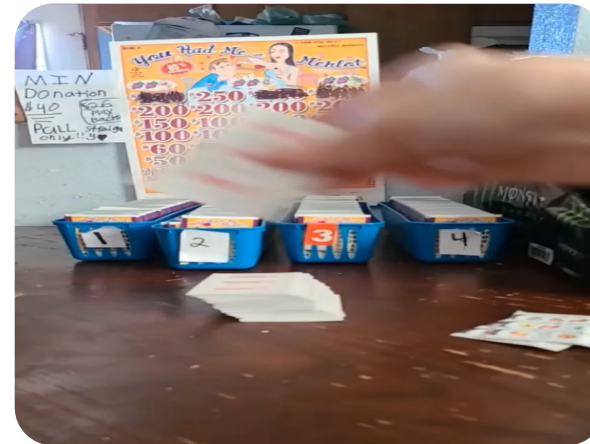
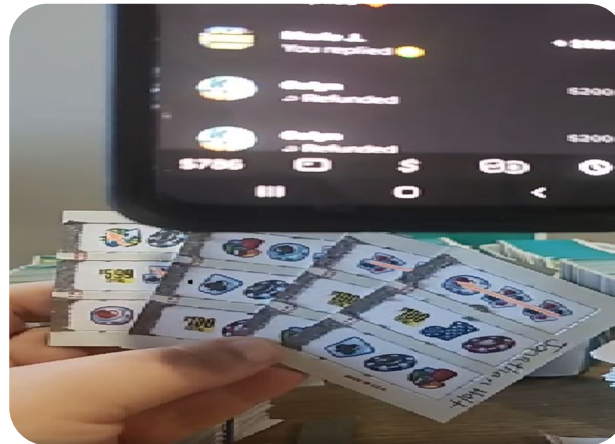
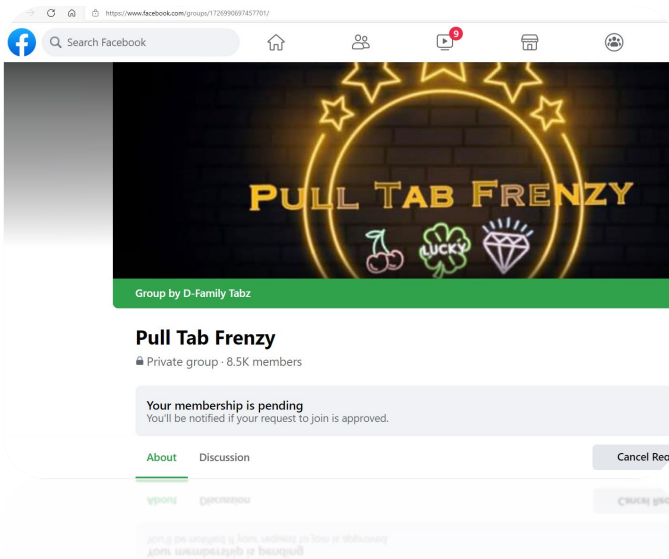
44 House-Banked
Card Rooms



Gambling-Related Offenses

- Theft & Identify Theft
- Money Laundering & Structuring
- Bookmaking
- Illegal Card Games/Gambling Machines

Example: Facebook Pull-Tab Game



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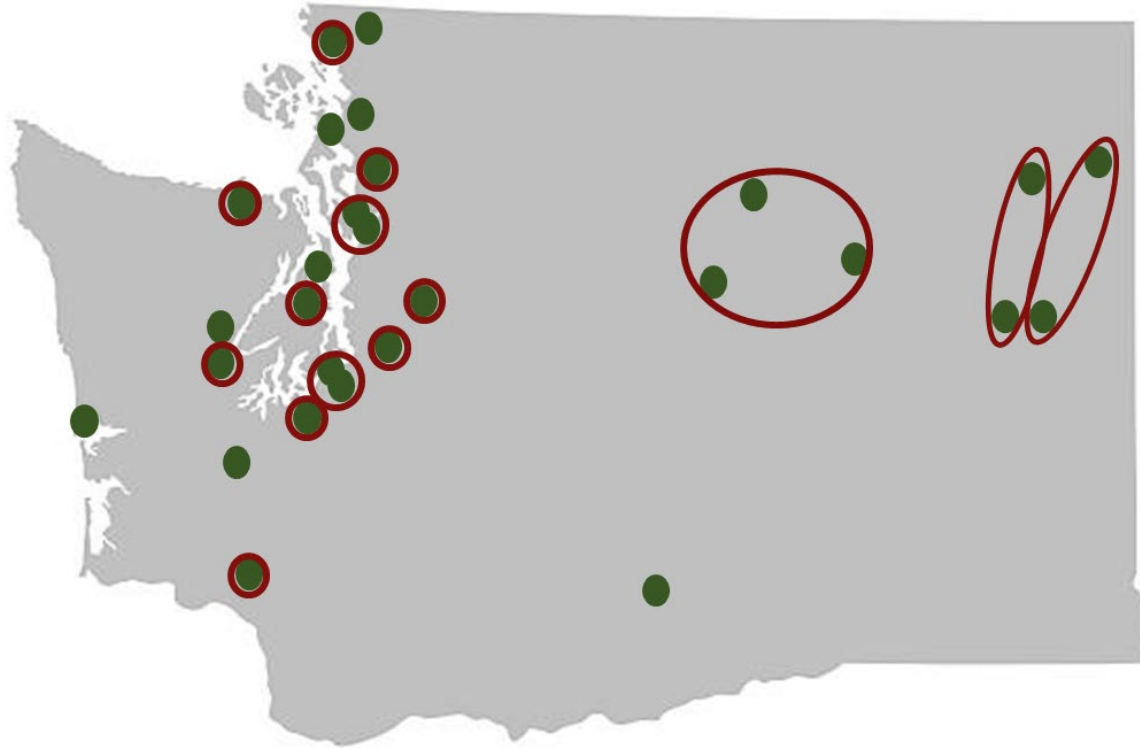
- Loan Sharking
- Financial Exploitation of vulnerable adults
- Internet Gambling
- Animal Fighting
- Prostitution



Example: Illegal Horse Racing



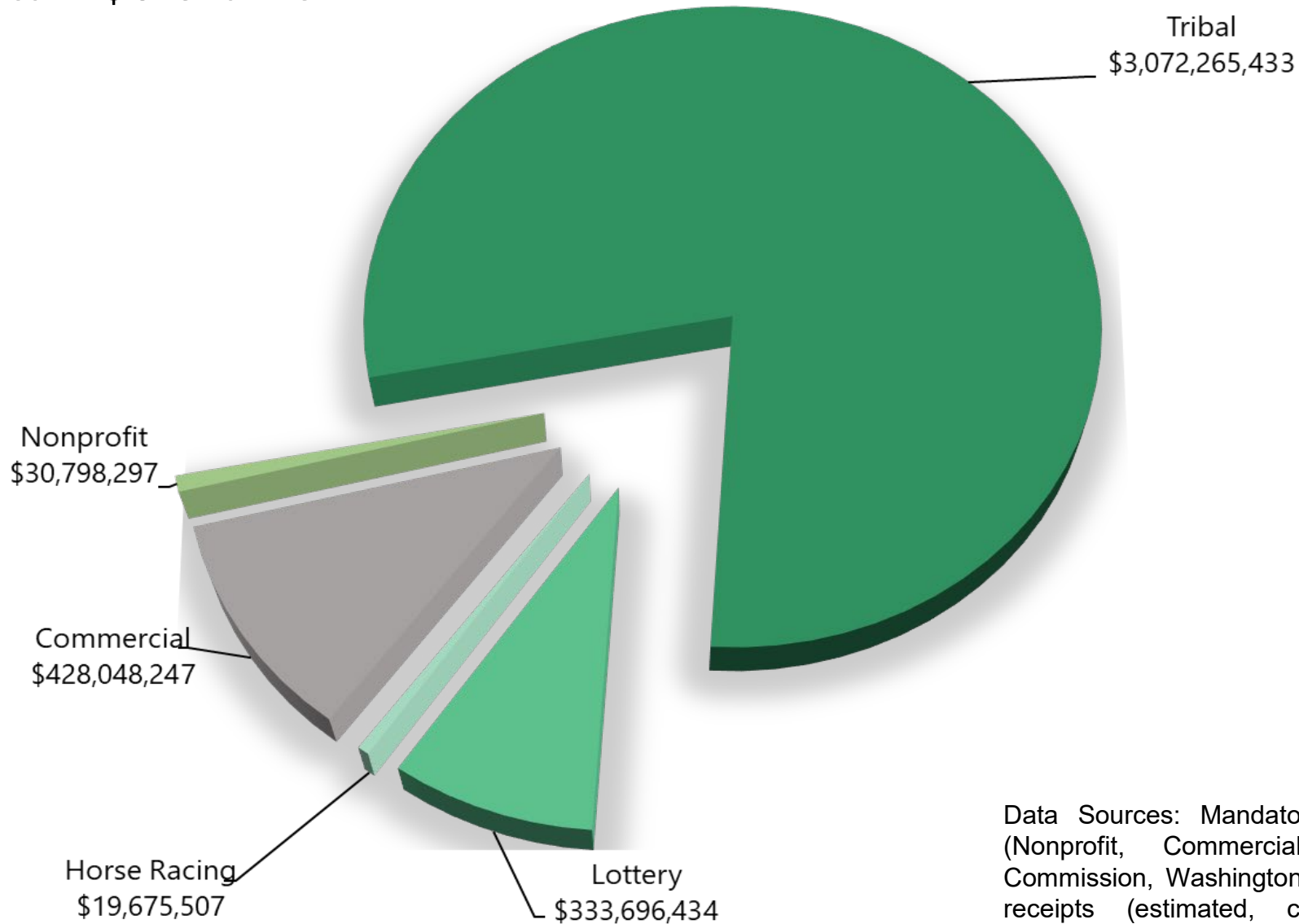
Tribal Gaming



- 22 Tribes operate 28 Class III Casinos
- 14 Tribes operate Sports Wagering (○)
- 18 Tribes have Sports Wagering Amendments

Net Gambling Receipts: FY22

Total: \$3.9 billion



Data Sources: Mandatory Quarterly Filings (Nonprofit, Commercial), Horse Racing Commission, Washington's Lottery, Tribal net receipts (estimated, class III only, as authorized in Tribal Compacts)



HB1132: Agency Request Legislation

Oversight and Training Requirements for Limited Authority Washington State Peace Officers and Agencies.



Addresses three things regarding limited law enforcement agencies:

- Training
- Certification
- Standardization

Self Exclusion & Problem Gambling

- May 2022 uniform self-exclusion program launched
- December 2022: Problem Gambling Task Force released final report to legislature with recommendations





Questions?

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