



GAMBLING INDUSTRY OVERVIEW 2021



Washington State

GAMBLING
COMMISSION

Protect the public by ensuring that gambling is legal and honest.

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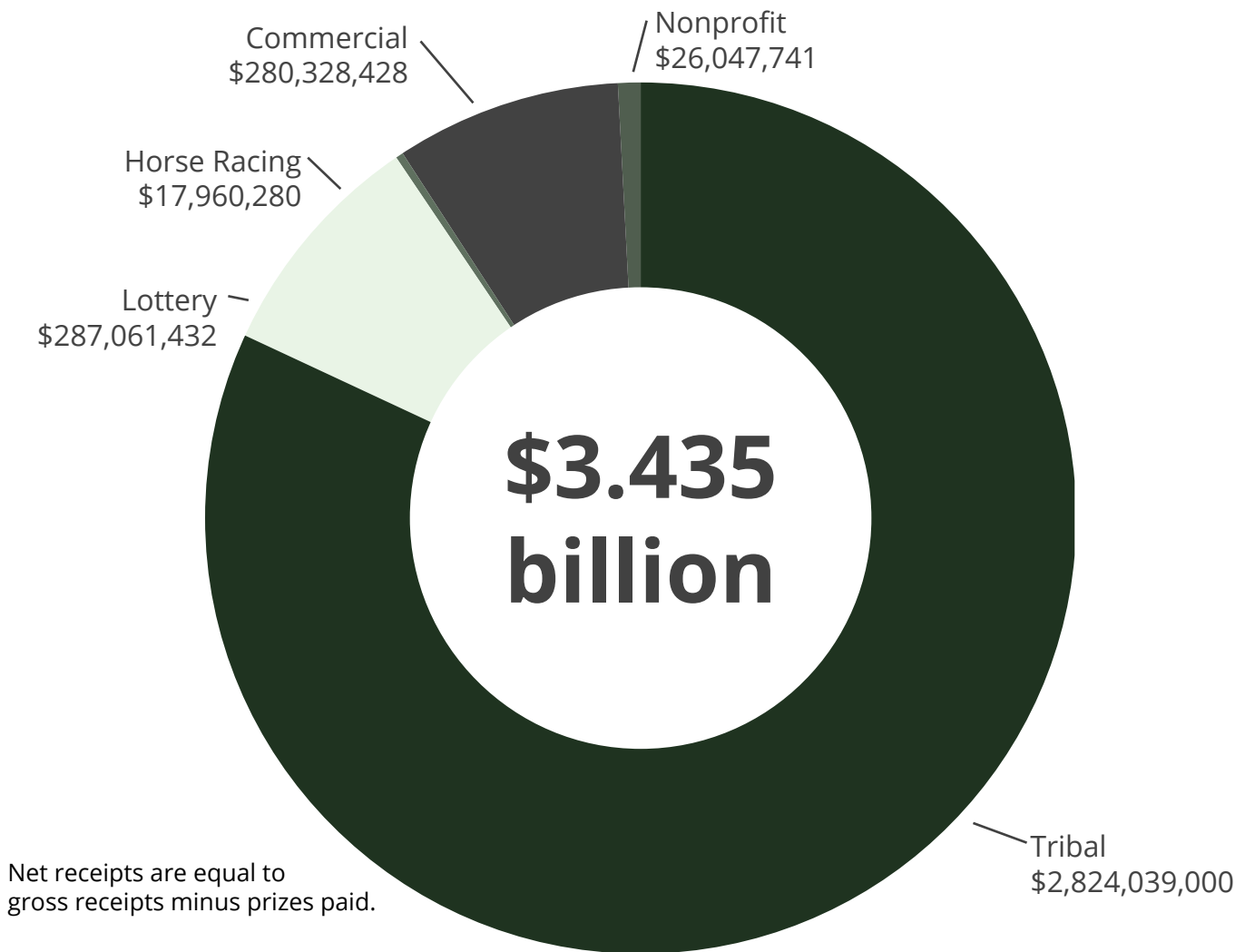
We are an accredited, limited-jurisdiction law enforcement agency, and the only statewide agency devoted to gambling licensing, regulation and enforcement. Our special agents are commissioned law enforcement officers who attend the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and receive the same training as other police officers. Many agents are certified fraud examiners and some are certified public accountants.

Through collaboration with local, state, federal, tribal and international law enforcement agencies, we work to fulfill our legislative declaration of:

- (1) Keeping the criminal element out of gambling, and
- (2) Promoting social welfare through strict regulation and control.

We are a non-appropriated agency, funded through licensing and regulatory fees paid by licensees and tribal governments.

2020 NET GAMBLING RECEIPTS



2020 Gambling Gross Receipts

\$696,766,195*

*Includes commercial and non-profit licensees; does not include tribal casinos

2020 Gambling Tax (Local)

\$27,206,602*

*Collected by local jurisdictions, not by the Gambling Commission

LICENSING

Our Licensing Division processes more than 20,000 gambling licenses and certifications each year. We conduct thorough background investigations and source funds to ensure crime does not gain a foothold in gambling operations.

REGULATION & ENFORCEMENT

We enforce state gambling laws and rules for licensed activities such as: card games, bingo, amusement games, pull-tabs, punchboards, raffles and fundraising events. We conduct in-depth audits and on-site "spot" checks to ensure licensees are in compliance with rules and laws. Our Electronic Gambling Lab is responsible for testing equipment for compliance before it is installed. We also enforce laws for gambling activities that don't require a license, including sports pool boards and small raffles.

Agents often conduct undercover investigations to ensure that gambling is legal and honest. They investigate crimes including: theft, fraud, Internet gambling, cheating, bookmaking, animal fighting, embezzlement, money laundering and loansharking.

TRIBAL GAMING

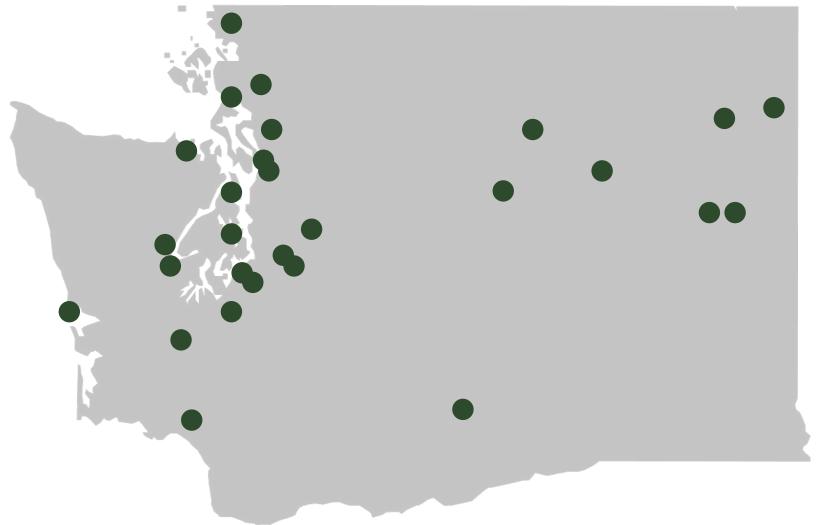
The federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) requires states to negotiate gaming compacts with tribes for gambling activities that are authorized under state law. The Gambling Commission's director is delegated the responsibility of negotiating Class III gaming compacts. All 29 federally recognized tribes in Washington have a gaming compact.

Regulatory Partnerships

We have a cooperative regulatory partnership with tribes. Additionally, we certify tribal gaming employees, who are also licensed by the tribes. Our Electronic Gambling Lab tests Class III gaming machines for compliance and integrity.

Tribal Lottery System

The system is modeled after the Washington State Lottery's Scratch ticket games. Each tribe is allotted 1,125 machines. Tribes may lease or purchase the rights for additional machines from other tribes, up to 2,500 per facility. The maximum number of machines allowed in the state is 32,625.



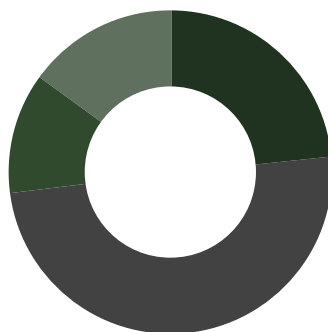
2018 Tribal Contributions

\$25,048,611*

*Revenues accrued in 2018.

Contribution payments made in 2019.

Verified by WSGC in 2020.



\$5.9 million

Government agencies, fire, police

\$12.4 million

Charities

\$3.0 million

Smoking cessation

\$3.7million

Problem gambling

2021 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Sports Wagering Loan Repayment Extension

The Gambling Commission (WSGC) needs an extension for repayment of the \$6 million loan made in Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2638 of the 2020 legislative session. Sports wagering will not launch in time for the agency to repay the loan as currently envisioned, and WSGC will need until June 2023 to repay the loan. The agency appreciates the inclusion of the loan extension in the Governor's budget. Staff will work with the Legislature to ensure the agency can use the loan to properly launch sports wagering in a way that upholds the integrity of sports, protects against criminal and money laundering activity, and reflects the problem gambling and responsible gaming priorities supported by the Legislature during the 2020 session.

Program Gambling Task Force & Prevalence Study Extension

WSGC supports the Problem Gambling Task Force's request that the Legislature extend the completion date and expenditure authority for the problem gambling prevalence study to June 30, 2022 and extend the task force, including submission of its final report to the Legislature until November 30, 2022.

These important projects, funded during the 2019-21 biennium and 2020 supplemental budgets, will provide important information about the current status of problem gambling in our state and will aid the task force in forming recommendations.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the research environment, researchers will be unable to meet the prevalence study's original deadline. Furthermore, the task force must receive the results from the prevalence study before it can finalize the recommendations that will be included in its final report to the Legislature.

WSGC will work with the Legislature to obtain these extensions so the state can properly address and complete this significant and necessary problem gambling work that will benefit all Washingtonians.



MEET OUR COMMISSIONERS



Bud Sizemore

Commission Chair

Appointed April 2014; Term expires June 2025

Commissioner Sizemore is a former mayor pro tempore and member of the Covington City Council, and legislative liaison for the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters. He is a retired fire fighter from the Kent Fire Department Regional Fire Authority.



Julia Patterson

Commission Vice Chair

Appointed July 2018; Term expires June 2024

Commissioner Patterson is a former member of the Metropolitan King County Council, Washington State Senate, Washington State House of Representatives and the SeaTac City Council. Her public service career spans nearly three decades.



Alicia Levy

Commissioner

Appointed March 2018; Term expires June 2023

Commissioner Levy is an attorney who practices business law, estate planning and real estate law. She completed her undergraduate work at Washington State University and graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law. She gained experience working in larger law firms before starting her own firm in Spokane.

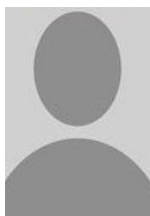


Lauren King

Commissioner

Appointed May 2020; Term expires June 2021

Commissioner King is originally from Oklahoma and is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. She is a partner in the law firm Foster Garvey PC, where she chairs the Native American law practice group. She also teaches Federal Indian Law as an adjunct professor at Seattle University School of Law.



Vacant

Commissioner

Ex Officio Members

Members of the Legislature serve as ex officio members and vote to approve or amend tribal-state Class III gaming compacts.

Senator Steve Conway

Senator Jeff Holy

Representative Brandon Vick

Representative Shelley Kloba

MEET OUR STAFF



David Trujillo

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David was appointed director in June 2013. Prior to this appointment, he served as the agency's deputy director and has held various positions throughout the agency. David has degrees from Central Washington University and Western Washington University, and certifications from the Washington Criminal Justice Training Commission. He is licensed by the State Board of Accountancy and has received awards from the Secretary of State, WA Society of CPAs, Washington Army National Guard and the FBI.



Brian Considine

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Brian was appointed managing attorney and legislative liaison in November 2015. Previously, Brian was an assistant attorney general, representing the Department of Corrections, Liquor & Cannabis Board, Washington State Patrol and the Gambling Commission. He has worked as a governor's policy advisor and session counsel for the House of Representatives. Brian has a sociology/business degree from John Carroll University (Cleveland, OH) and a law degree from Seattle University School of Law.