



College Student Gambling Survey

On-line Report





4/18/00

There have been **770** responses since 4/12/00.

Gambling






1.1 This questions pertains to your own experiences with different types of betting and games of chance. Please indicate how often you have engaged in each of the following activities DURING THE PAST YEAR.

a. Purchased state lottery tickets - including keno?

	Percent	Count	Answers
	61.7%	475	Not once during the past year(0)
	35.2%	271	Several times in the past year(1)
	2.9%	22	Several times per month(2)
	0.3%	2	Several times per week(3)





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b. Bet on college or professional sports with friends?

	Percent	Count	Answers
	79.7%	614	Not once during the past year(0)
	18.1%	139	Several times in the past year(1)
	1.8%	14	Several times per month(2)
	0.3%	2	Several times per week(3)
	0.1%	1	Daily(4)


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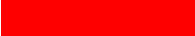


c. Bet on college or professional sports witha bookie?

	Percent	Count	Answers
	97.8%	753	Not once during the past year(0)
	1.9%	15	Several times in the past year(1)
	0.1%	1	Several times per month(2)
	0.1%	1	Several times per week(3)

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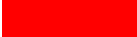



d. Played slot machines or video poker for money?

	Percent	Count	Answers
	66.6%	513	Not once during the past year(0)

	32.2%	248	Several times in the past year(1)
	1.0%	8	Several times per month(2)
	0.1%	1	Daily(4)

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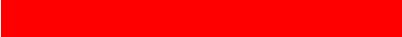
e. **Played casino games such as blackjack or roulette for money?**

	Percent	Count	Answers
	72.6%	559	Not once during the past year(0)
	24.5%	189	Several times in the past year(1)
	2.2%	17	Several times per month(2)
	0.5%	4	Several times per week(3)
	0.1%	1	Daily(4)

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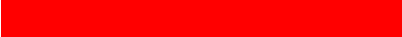
1.2 This question pertain to the gambling behaviors of your relatives and peers.

a. **Do you have a brother or sister who has ever had a gambling problem?**

	Percent	Count	Answers
	1.0%	8	Yes
	99.0%	762	No


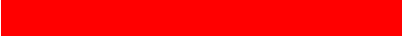
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b. **Do you have a parent who has ever had a gambling problem?**

	Percent	Count	Answers
	4.0%	31	Yes
	96.0%	739	No


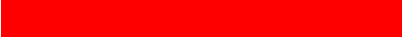
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c. **Do you know any students at your university who are bookies?**

	Percent	Count	Answers
	7.3%	56	Yes
	92.7%	714	No

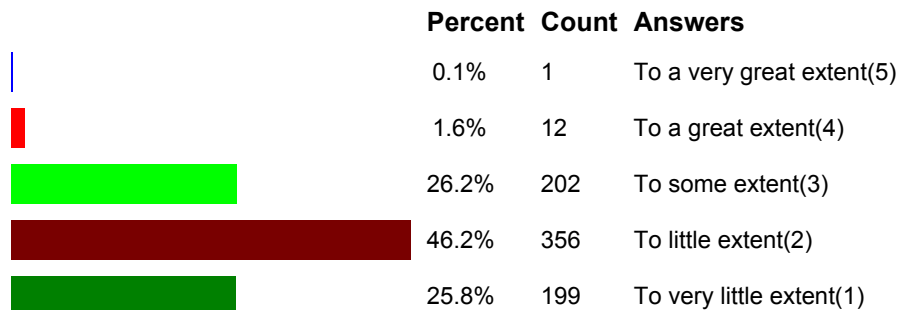
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d. **Do you know any students at your university who have a gambling problem?**

	Percent	Count	Answers
	22.5%	173	Yes
	77.5%	597	No

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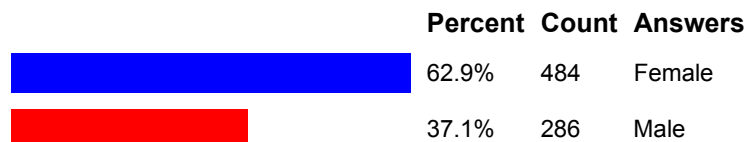
1.3 To what extent do you think gambling is a problem among students at your university?



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Demographics

2.1 What is your gender?

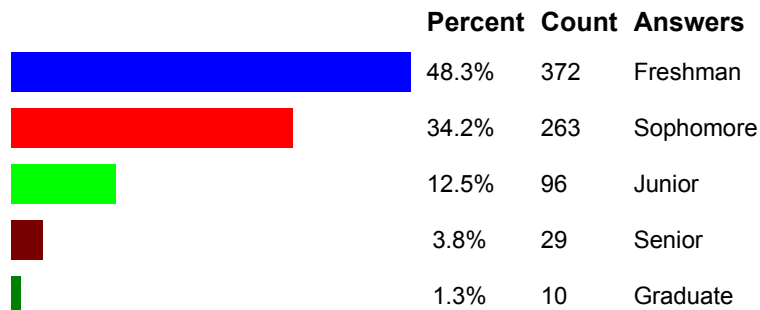


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2.2 Would you tell me your age?







Summary statistics	
Valid responses:	770
Min value:	17.000
Max value:	33.000
Mean:	19.134
Norm:	532.025
Standard Deviation:	1.225
Population Standard Deviation:	1.224
Variance:	1.500

2.3 Class year?










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2.4 How many credit cards do you have at present?

	Percent	Count	Answers
	25.6%	197	None(0)
	37.7%	290	One(1)
	21.9%	169	Two(2)
	7.1%	55	Three(3)
	3.8%	29	Four(4)
	3.9%	30	Five or more(5)

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2.5 How much money do you currently owe on all of your credit cards combined?

	Percent	Count	Answers
	57.5%	443	None(0)
	9.5%	73	Between \$1 and \$50(1)
	5.5%	42	Between \$51 and \$100(2)
	9.5%	73	Between \$101 and \$250(3)
	11.8%	91	Between \$251 and \$ 1, 000(4)
	4.5%	35	Between \$1,001 and \$ 2, 000(5)
	1.7%	13	More than \$ 2,001(6)

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Anything else you want us to know

3.1 Is there anything else you would like to add?

Here is a list of responses for this question.

- ◆ I am a compulsive shopper.
- ◆ I haven't seen gambling to be a big problem immediately around me, but I know people who do bet a lot and heard of others who have problems
- ◆ that gambling can be an additive sport/activity
- ◆ I have not seen gambling to be a problem at all
- ◆ My playing lottery tickets is not to the point that I could not control it if I wanted. If it became uncontrollable, it would stop. Playing the lottery is very exciting for some people and that is preferred to doing drugs or something worse because you really are not hurting anyone when you gamble unless you have a family at home and can even support them because of your habit.
- ◆ Thanks
- ◆ I have great credit and my credit card bill is from charging tickets for a friend.
- ◆ destroy the lawrinson hall pool table
- ◆ I do not have any sort of problem, but some action should be taken for students who make a life out of it! I think this survey is a great idea; it is smart to help with a gambling problem combat it in its early stages.
- ◆ Most gambling I've seen is among friends, such as friendly wagers on the NCAA Tournament.
- ◆ Is there any indication that gambling is a problem on campus? Where has this issue come up?
- ◆ Turning Stone Casino seems to be a very popular place for students to go gamble. I have also heard of people go to Canada gambling a lot as well. Students who don't engage in on-campus betting, can find other places it very easily (i.e. Turning Stone).
- ◆ I don't see gambling as a problem within the group of people I hang out with at all.
- ◆ It is a major problem on the mount that I have seen among males.

- ◆ a lot of kids go to the casino with quite a bit of money to waste
- ◆ I don't think many people understand the difference between gambling for fun and someone having a gambling problem. Just people gamble often doesn't mean they have a problem.
- ◆ I don't think there is a big problem with gambling on campus- but you have to consider that turning stone is 5 minutes away. I have gone there and lost \$150
- ◆ I always keep the balance zero on my credit card.
- ◆ I am aware that gambling is a problem, despite the fact that I am not directly involved with it
- ◆ credit cards suck ass
- ◆ never gambled before, only bought 3 scratch tickets in my life
- ◆ Gambling is fun from time to time!!!
- ◆ i am an athlete, so betting on sports is forbidden due to NCAA rules, and i follow those strictly but without the services of a bookie if i were a normal student at Syracuse i would probably participate in non-formal betting pools and bets between friends
- ◆ Gambling is probably a problem for a few select individuals, but most likely, it is not a problem for the student population as a whole.
- ◆ I don't think everyday gambling is a problem on our campus. It seems the only gambling that takes place is on events such as the Superbowl or the NCAA Mens Basketball Tournament.
- ◆ Gambling can be a fun activity if you are mature and responsible about it. I feel that I have that maturity and the power to have fun, and also know when to stop!
- ◆ I wouldn't say that I have a gambling problem, but if I go to the casino on a random night, it is a little hard for stop putting money down.
- ◆ I hope my opinion and facts are useful in doing the right thing. If I win I will put the money in the bank for investments and paying off college tuition for next year.
- ◆ No, not at all...I don't gamble, it's a sick obsession.
- ◆ my book store bill is so high and i have to pay it off soon!
- ◆ I haven't witnessed a lot of gambling but I have witnessed quite a few students who do not know how to manage a credit card
- ◆ offer programs to help people with gambling problems, this issue should be addressed more often
- ◆ My dad always said, only gamble the money you have to lose.
- ◆ Gambling is not a big problem with anyone that I know, including myself. Send a message to the NCAA telling them that if a collegiate athlete is not betting on games that they themselves are participating in, who cares? The only time that a collegiate athlete should ever be punished when it comes to gambling is if they are gambling on games that they are participating in. Even if they are betting on their respective sports, it is fine as long as they are not betting on games they are physically involved in. Thank you. The NCAA needs to realize just how silly and stupid they truly are.
- ◆ Gambling is not a pressing issue in the dorms as much as the overall quality of undergraduate experience is.
- ◆ There is a Casino in my home town, and I have NEVER gambled in my life.
- ◆ I went to Atlantic City this past summer and played on slot machines and blackjack. I won some money but that was the only time I gambled.
- ◆ I've never really heard of or thought about gambling around campus until this e-mail came! I usually buy scratch tickets once in a while at the gas station, but that's about it for me!
- ◆ my best friend from home has a gambling problem
- ◆ I like occasional gambling. Betting on sports is fun and I view it as harmless. Gambling in casinos is fun, but the chances that you're going to win are less.
- ◆ I think that it would be effective to educate students about the risks of gambling. Especially because the Turning Stone Casino is relatively close to campus. I know many students who frequent this Casino and regularly lose large sums of money. I would say that some of these particular students are in fact addicted to gambling.
- ◆ I know a number of people who have money in the stock market, which is gambling to some extent. But I did not take that into account while answering this survey.
- ◆ I don't believe gambling is a problem on campus. However, non-gambling gaming facilities are very nice, such as video games, etc. What would be totally cool is if SU had a couple air hockey tables! They are very fun to use and would be extremely worthwhile to place in campus dorms. One could be placed in Sadler as a test to see if people use the table.
- ◆ I think bets between students are a problem here, but not bets on college sports, but bets about people. An example is from my first semester here. Four sophomore guys lived together, and they had a bet at \$50 per person to who could "hook-up" first with a freshman girl. I am utterly disgusted at that.
- ◆ Oh god yes...there are some things I just cannot keep to myself. Like the name of my fish: Gilligan. He is a lit freshwater fish and he is pretty cute if I do say so myself. Oh yeah...and I think I might be getting sick, but I'm not sure. I don't know much about stomach viruses...but you know what I know a lot about? Genital warts. I once wrote a paper on genital warts. That was back in the 10th grade, when my daily commute to school was an hour-long bus ride, and all I wanted out of life was a chance to meet Mr. Wizard. My grandmother used to date Mr. Wizard, that was a long, long time ago. A while before I was born, anyway. Actually, I guess that would have been before my mom was born, too. That was 1948. I guess there was some sort of war back then? I don't know...they certainly don't teach us these things in Newhouse, and they CERTAINLY don't teach us these things in Arts & Science

they seem to teach us there is feminist theories. Shit that makes me want to cut off my own penis, pack my bag for Buenos Aires, and start calling myself Jose. Well...that's a whole 'nother story in itself. What were you asking about? Gambling?

- ◆ A survey that has choices that are, "not once in the past year" and "several times in the past year" doesn't make sense because most of the times that I put several times in the past year really meant that I only did it once in the past year (e.g. - bet on college or professional sports, and played slot machines or video poker). Doing some once in the past year and several times in the past year is a big difference I think.
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