PS 78: Your State is Special...Just Like Every Other State! (Live Q&A) | Louisiana Slots in 2020

Opening

Hello! Today's episode #78 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses how Your State is Special...Just Like Every Other State! Plus, in this episode I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of Louisiana.

Thank you for joining me for the Professor Slots podcast show. I'm Jon Friedl and this is the podcast about slot machine casino gambling. It is where I provide knowledge, insights, and tools for helping you improve your slot machine gambling performance.

On Last Week's Episode…

In case you missed it, on my last episode I went over what should we call ourselves along with Q&A during my live streaming on YouTube.

Further, I reviewed Kansas and Kentucky slot machine casino gambling in 2020.

I hope you enjoyed listening to my last episode as much as I enjoyed making it for you.

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YouTube Q&A Session from Saturday, February 15, 2020

Here's the audio recording of my latest live Q&A session.

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Introduction

This is the second segment of the show on slot machine casino gambling. Here, I provide a brief overview of the current state of gambling in a U.S. state, territory, or the federal district emphasizing, by far, anything of interest to slot machine casino gamblers.

Up next is Louisiana slot machine casino gambling in 2020. Here goes!

Louisiana slot machine casino gambling consists of 24 casinos including 16 commercial casinos, four tribal casinos, four pari-mutuel racetracks with slot machines, and numerous small businesses across Louisiana.

Theoretical payout limits exist for non-tribal sites and monthly return statistics are available for non-tribal sites.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Louisiana

The minimum legal gambling age in Louisiana depends upon the gambling activity:

- Land-Based Casinos: 21
- Poker Rooms: 21
- Bingo: 18
- Lottery: 21
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering: 18

Louisiana has had a long history of illegal casinos, with the state alternating between raiding illegal casino operations and ignoring them. Eventually, pari-mutuel wagering received state-approval in the 1920s. The collapse of the state's oil-based industry in the 1980s led to the extended presence of legalized gambling.

Louisiana was the fourth U.S. state to legalize riverboat casinos, approved by the state in 1991 along with the return of the state lottery. In 1992, an added provision allowed a land-based casino in New Orleans.

Negotiations began in 1993 for state-tribal compacts with Louisiana's three federally-recognized American Indian tribes. A fourth American Indian tribe, federally-recognized in 2002, also negotiated a state-tribal compact. Each tribe opened their own tribal casino.

In 1997, efforts by the three pari-mutuel racetracks to add slot machines to their facilities were successful. Later, a fourth track received similar approval.

The gaming industry has become an important part of Louisiana's culture and economy. Video bingo is the primary type of electronic gaming machine available.

However, the wording used in some parts of the state gaming regulations is ambiguous. For example, a loose definition for "truck stops" has allowed the addition and spread of video poker machines at many businesses across the state.

Slot Machine Private Ownership in Louisiana

Next up is a usually short statement about slot machine private ownership, which I have included in case you live in this U.S. state and are considering owning a slot machine. Here it is:

In Louisiana, it is legal to own a slot machine privately if it is 25 years old or older.

Gaming Control Board in Louisiana

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board regulates the gaming industry in Louisiana. The LGCB works closely with the Gaming Enforcement Division within the Louisiana State Police.

Casinos in Louisiana

In this section, I'll discuss Louisiana gambling establishments.

There are 20 non-tribal casinos, four American Indian tribal casinos, four pari-mutuel racetracks, and 12,903 video poker machines at 1,634 retail businesses in Louisiana.

The largest casino in Louisiana is Coushatta Casino Resort with 2,800 gaming machines and 70 table games.

The second-largest casino is Paragon Casino Resort with 2,200 gaming machines and 44 table games.

Non-Tribal Casinos in Louisiana

The 20 commercial casinos in Louisiana include 15 riverboat casinos, four pari-mutuel sites with slot machines, and one land-based casino.

As usual when there are too many casinos to mention here, a complete list along with links to their websites, assuming they've set one up, is available on my website blog article for this state at professorslots.com/LA.

American Indian Casinos in Louisiana

The four tribal casinos in Louisiana are:

1. Coushatta Casino Resort in Kinder located 199 miles west of New Orleans.
2. Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel in Charenton located 117 miles west of New Orleans.
3. Jena Choctaw Pines Casino in Dry Prong located 201 miles northwest of New Orleans.
4. Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville located 163 miles northwest of New Orleans.

Other Gambling Establishments

As an alternative to enjoying Louisiana slot machine casino gambling, consider exploring casino options in a nearby state. Bordering Louisiana is:

- North: Arkansas
- East: Mississippi
- South: Gulf of Mexico
- West: Texas

To visit any of my articles on these U.S. states, simply visit ProfessorSlots.com followed by its two-letter postal designation. For example, my Arkansas slots article is available at ProfessorSlots.com/AR.

Our Louisiana Slots Community Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in Louisiana? If so, join our Louisiana slots community on Facebook at professorslots.com/FBLA. All you'll need is a Facebook profile to join this private Facebook Group freely.

There, you'll be able to privately share your slots experiences as well as chat with players about slots gambling in or near Louisiana. Again, use this convenient link I've created to go directly to our Group on Facebook: professorslots.com/FBLA. Join us!

Payout Returns in Louisiana

Theoretical payout limits are:

- 80% to 99.9% at non-tribal casinos.
- 80% to 94% for video poker machines at retail locations.
- Not available for tribal casinos.

Monthly return statistics are within Louisiana's Gaming Enforcement Division Gaming Board's Revenue Reports. Further, these reports offer return statistics for each slot machine denomination.

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However, statistics are reported for non-tribal casinos statewide as well as within only four state regions with casinos sorted by region as follows:

- Baton Rouge Region with four casinos
- Lake Charles Region with four casinos
- New Orleans Region with five casinos
- Shreveport/Bossier Region with seven casinos

The October 2019 report shows a state-wide return of 90.3% for all commercial casinos. Each region had the following player's win percentages:

- Baton Rouge Region: 90.2%
- Lake Charles Region: 90.6%
- New Orleans Region: 90.1%
- Shreveport/Bossier Region: 90.3%
- State-wide: 90.3%

The slot machine denomination with the highest win percentages for each region were:

- Baton Rouge Region: 50-cent at 97.9%
- Lake Charles Region: $100 at 95.1%
- New Orleans Region: $500 at 120.8%
- Shreveport/Bossier Region: $25 at 93.2%
- State-wide: $500 at 120.8%

These reports helpfully include the number of slot machines with each denomination. For instance, there are only eight $2-denomination machines in the Baton Rouge Region where their average player win% is the second-highest for that region. So few $2 slot machines improves the likelihood of locating and playing these high-odds machines.

Less helpful are the limited monthly return statistics available from the Louisiana Gaming Board's Revenue Reports separated by casino type. Unfortunately, these return statistics reports have insufficient information to calculate player's win percentages.

Summary of Louisiana Slots in 2019

In summary, Louisiana slot machine casino gambling consists of 24 casinos including sixteen riverboat casinos, four tribal casinos and four pari-mutuel racetracks with slot machines. Further, there are 12,903 video poker machines at 1,634 retail locations across the state.

Minimum and maximum theoretical payout limits exist for the non-tribal gaming locations. Return statistics exist for commercial casinos in four state regions, including

for each slot machine denomination. Louisiana's tribal casinos do not have theoretical payout limits nor do they offer return statistics.

Annual Progress in Louisiana Slot Machine Casino Gambling

In the last year, Harrah's New Orleans went from second-largest casino to seventh place when they more than halved their slot machines from 3,800 to 1,500.

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On the Next Episode of Professor Slots

Part I of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast is not yet determined.

Remember, my weekly Q&A session on YouTube is on Saturdays from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. ET. Bring whatever slots questions you have, and I'll do my best to answer them. An easy-to-remember link to my YouTube channel is ProfessorSlots.com/Live. Feel free to stop by anytime during my hour-long Q&A.

To suggest a topic or ask a question which might end up as a blog article or on a podcast episode, email it to jon@professorslots.com where Jon is spelled J-O-N.

Part II of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast is another brief overview of the current state of gambling in a U.S. state, territory, or the federal district. Next time, I'll be talking to you about the great U.S. state of Maine.

Closing (closing music)

That's the end of another great episode of the Professor Slots podcast. Thanks so much for listening!

Show notes for this episode are now available within most podcast Apps, but are also available on my website at professorslots.com/episode78.

I plan to have the next episode come out very soon for you, where I'll have more amazing content for the show.

Until the next episode: Have fun, be safe, and make good choices! Bye.

320-character description:

Each state is special, but some appear more special than others. Kentucky with historic horse racing, Oklahoma with many state-tribal compacts, and Washington with a tribal lottery system each seems different, but are similar to states like yours, wherever it is. And slots-related questions! Plus, Louisiana slots in 2020.

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Each state is special, but some appear more special than others. KY's HHRs, OK's compacts, and WA's VLTs only seem different. Plus, Louisiana slots in 2020.