

PS 84: Self-Learning (Live Q&A) | Mississippi Slots in 2020

Opening

Hello! Today's episode #84 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses self-learning during this time of self-quarantine due to the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020. Plus, in this episode I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of Mississippi.

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 casino closings.

Further, I reviewed Minnesota 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 March 28, 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 Mississippi slot machine casino gambling in 2020. Here goes!

Mississippi slot machine casino gambling consists of 27 riverboat casinos and three American Indian tribal casinos. International cruise ships with onboard casinos also depart from ports in Biloxi and Gulfport.

Minimum and maximum payout return limits have been legally set by the state. Further, comprehensive actual payout return statistics are available by gaming machine type and state region.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Mississippi

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

- Land-Based Casinos: 21
- Poker Rooms: 21
- Bingo: 18
- Lottery: not available
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering: not available

Gambling in Mississippi has aided to the economy of the state and breathed new life into its tourism industry. In 1990, the Mississippi state legislature was the third U.S. state to legalize riverboat gambling.

By law, Mississippi's riverboat casinos must be located on coastal waters, the Mississippi River, and in navigable waters of counties bordering the Mississippi River.

After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the Mississippi legislature allowed the state's gulf coast casinos to rebuild on land within 800 feet of the shoreline.

Winning a jackpot of \$1,200 or more in Mississippi results in a nonrefundable 3% tax of those winnings paid to the Mississippi Gaming Commission. This limit also applies to any cash prizes won in casino drawings and tournaments.

Slot Machine Private Ownership in Mississippi

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 Mississippi, it is legal to own a slot machine privately if it is at least 25 years old.

Gaming Control Board in Mississippi

The Mississippi Gaming Commission (MGC) is responsible for non-tribal, commercial casinos. The gaming regulations used are from MGC but also from state law, specifically the Gaming Control Act.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians also has its Choctaw Gaming Commission for Mississippi's three tribal casinos. The gaming compacts which authorized tribal gaming in Mississippi established this gaming commission.

Casinos in Mississippi

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

Mississippi has 27 commercial casinos, three American Indian tribal casinos, and cruise ships sailing out of the ports of Biloxi and Gulfport to international destinations.

The largest casino in Mississippi is Island View Casino Resort with 2,700 gaming machines. The second-largest casino is Silver Star Casino at Pearl River with 2,500 gaming machines.

Non-Tribal Casinos in Mississippi

Mississippi has 27 commercial riverboat casinos. 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/MS.

American Indian Casinos in Mississippi

Mississippi's three tribal casinos are each a property of Pearl River Casinos and Resorts, owned and operated by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, including:

1. Bok Homa Casino in Sandersville located 93 miles southeast of Jackson.
2. Golden Moon Hotel & Casino in Philadelphia located 75 miles northeast of Jackson.
3. Silver Star Hotel & Casino in Philadelphia located 75 miles northeast of Jackson.

Other Gambling Establishments

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

- North: Tennessee
- East: Alabama
- South: The Gulf of Mexico
- West: Arkansas and Louisiana

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 Tennessee slots article is available at ProfessorSlots.com/TN.

Our Mississippi Slots Community Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in Mississippi? If so, join our Mississippi slots community on Facebook at professorslots.com/FBMS. 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 Mississippi. Again, use this convenient link I've created to go directly to our Group on Facebook: professorslots.com/FBMS. Join us!

Payout Returns in Mississippi

The Mississippi Gaming Commission (MGC) offers monthly return statistics for commercial casinos by region of the state:

- Central Region, including the cities of Vicksburg and Natchez
- Northern Region, including the cities of Tunica, Greenville, and Lula
- Coastal Region, including the cities of Biloxi, Gulfport, and Bay St. Louis

The minimum and maximum theoretical payout limits are 80% and 100% according to MGC's Regulations, Part 3: Operations, Rule 12.5: Minimum Standards for Gaming Devices.

These limits apply for each wager of a gaming device. If the gaming device played is a skill-based, competition-style machine, these limits apply when playing it with optimal strategy or *perfect play*.

MGC's Monthly Revenue Reports offer the most recent month Slots Player Win Percent. Their Monthly Archives offer return statistics reports from prior months over the last twenty years.

The revenue reports offer the Win% for machine denominations for all casinos within a state region: Central, Northern, and Coastal. Further, progressive machines have separate entries by denomination. Gaming machines include:

- Slot machines
- Video poker machines
- Video keno machines

Another useful monthly report is Gaming Devices Report, which offers how many machines of each denomination are in each commercial casino. Once again, progressive versus non-progressive machines are separate.

Relative to other U.S. gaming jurisdictions, the payout statistics provided by Mississippi are the most thorough treatment I've seen for payout returns.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has not established theoretical payout limits in their gaming compact or by its Choctaw Gaming Commission. Further, as is often the case, no actual return statistics are publicly available.

Summary of Mississippi Slots in 2020

In summary, Mississippi slot machine casino gambling consists of 28 commercial casinos, three tribal casinos, and cruise ships sailing out of the ports of Biloxi and Gulfport on the Gulf Coast to international destinations.

Minimum and maximum theoretical payout limits at commercial casinos are 80% and 100%. Possibly the best return statistics in the U.S. are available from Mississippi, available by three state regions and machine denominations as well as whether they are progressive machines.

Annual Progress in Mississippi Slot Machine Casino Gambling

Over the last year, one commercial casino has closed, the Resorts Casino Tunica.

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On the Next Episode of Professor Slots

Part I of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast is a live Q&A session on YouTube.

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8w1q3p1q3p1q3p1q3p1q3p). 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 Missouri.

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 on my website at [professorslots.com/episode84](https://www.professorslots.com/episode84).

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.

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Are you getting that itch to go play slots? I know I am! Instead, let's engage in some self-learning during our self-quarantine. Here, I review my recent posts on wide-ranging slots topics like money management tips, slots history, and how to start a podcast for your benefit & enjoyment. Plus, Mississippi slots in 2020.

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