

PS 92: More on Casino Re-Openings Live | New York Slots in 2020

Opening

Hello! Today's episode #92 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses More on Casino Re-Openings in Oklahoma, Washington, and Wisconsin. Plus, in this episode I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of New York.

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 Re-Opening Updates from my weekly live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Further, I reviewed New Mexico 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, May 23, 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 New York slot machine casino gambling in 2020. Here goes!

New York slot machine casino gambling consists of eleven tribal casinos, eight pari-mutuel racetracks with slot machines, four casino resorts, and two nearby Canadian casinos.

A theoretical payout limit exists for the seven Class III tribal casinos. Return statistics are publicly available for the eight racinos and four casino resorts.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in New York

The minimum legal gambling age in New York depends upon the gambling activity:

- Land-Based Casinos: 21/19/18
- Poker Rooms: 21
- Bingo: 18
- Lottery: 18
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering: 18

The legal gambling age is 21 for casinos owned by the Seneca Nation of Indians, but 18 for other casinos in New York. At Canadian casinos in the province of Ontario, the minimum legal gambling age is 19. For the province of Quebec, it's 18.

Until 1993, tribal casinos in the state of New York had only Class II bingo halls. That year, the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe negotiated a state-tribal compact for Class III Vegas-style slot machines.

As a result, all Class III tribal casinos have video lottery terminals (VLTs) controlled by the New York State Lottery. While these electronic games appear to be typical video slot machines, the results of a bet are instead determined off-site by a central lottery system.

Slot Machine Private Ownership in New York

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 New York, it is legal to own a slot machine privately if it is 30 years old or older.

Gaming Control Board in New York

Created in 2012, the New York State Gaming Commission has merged from the New York State Division of Lottery and the New York State Racing and Wagering Board.

Currently, this Commission regulates all aspects of gaming activity in the state of New York including charitable gaming.

Casinos in New York

In this section, I'll discuss New York gambling establishments.

There are eleven tribal casinos, eight pari-mutuel racetracks with slot machines, and four casino resorts in the state of New York.

The largest casino in New York is Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway with 5,300 gaming machines.

The second-largest casino is Resorts World Casino New York City with 4,995 gaming machines.

The State of New York has an extraordinary gaming industry because of the many types of casinos available to its residents. New York has tribal casinos with and without tribal compacts, casino resorts, racinos, cruise ships, and even readily accessible international casinos just across the border to Canada.

Non-Tribal Casinos in New York

As usual when there are too many casinos to mention here, a complete list of the eight commercial racetracks with slot machines and four commercial casino resorts are available on my webpage for this state at professorslots.com/NY.

American Indian Casinos in New York

The seven tribal casinos with Class III Vegas-style slot machines and four tribal casinos with Class II bingo-style gaming machines in New York are at professorslots.com/NY.

Other Gambling Establishments

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

- North: The Canadian Provinces of Ontario and Quebec
- East: Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Vermont
- South and West: Pennsylvania and New Jersey

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 Connecticut slots article is available at ProfessorSlots.com/CT.

Canadian casinos are across the international border from the State of New York in the Niagara Falls region near Buffalo as well as in Montreal near upstate New York.

Otherwise, cruise ships with onboard casinos depart from the New York Manhattan Cruise Terminal for international destinations.

Our New York Slots Community Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in New York? If so, join our New York slots community on Facebook at [professorslots.com/FBNY](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBNY). 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 New York. Again, use this convenient link I've created to go directly to our Group on Facebook: [professorslots.com/FBNY](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBNY). Join us!

Payout Returns in New York

Each casino type in New York has its own gaming regulations, so theoretical payout limits and return statistics have several varieties. I'll review them.

- Class II competition-style gaming machines at tribal casinos are subject to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, a federal law, which does not set payout limits nor require public reporting of return statistics.
- Class III Vegas-style slot machines at tribal casinos are subject to tribal-state gaming compacts stating VLTs are controlled off-site by the New York State Lottery. These VLTs have a minimum theoretical payout limit of 92%. No return statistics are publicly available.
- Commercial casino resorts do not have theoretical payout limits. Return statistics are publicly available as weekly and monthly reports. See the *Commercial Gaming Reports* tab at the NY State Gaming Commission.
- Commercial racetracks with their video slot machines do not have theoretical payout limits. Return statistics are publicly available as weekly and monthly reports. See the *Video Gaming Reports* tab at the NY State Gaming Commission.

Regarding monthly return statistics for the commercial sites, player win percentage is available only after performing a simple calculation. Specifically, divide Credits Won by Credits Played and then multiply the result by 100% to get Player Win%.

The monthly Player Win% for February 2020 at each casino resort was:

1. del Lago: 90.4%
2. Resorts World Catskills: 90.7%
3. Rivers: 90.8%
4. Tioga Downs: 91.6%

In February 2020, the highest return for a casino resort was at Tioga Downs with 91.6% while the lowest return was at del Lago with 90.4%.

The monthly Player Win% for February 2020 at each commercial racetrack with video slot machines was:

1. Batavia Downs: 91.6%
2. Empire City: 93.4%
3. Finger Lakes: 92.1%
4. Hamburg Gaming: 91.5%
5. Jake's 58: 93.8%
6. Nassau Downs: 97.4%
7. Saratoga: 92.2%
8. Vernon Downs: 91.8%

In February 2020, the highest return for a pari-mutuel racino was at Nassau Downs at Resorts World New York City with 97.4% while the lowest return was at Hamburg Gaming with 91.5%. For the same month, the overall state total was 94.1%.

Summary of New York Slots in 2020

In summary, New York slot machine casino gambling consists of eleven tribal casinos, eight racinos, four casino resorts, multiple cruise ships sailing out of New York City to international destinations, and two nearby casinos across the border to Canada.

VLTs at Class III tribal casinos have a minimum theoretical payout limit of 92%. None of the tribal casinos offer return statistics, but casino resorts and racinos have weekly and monthly reports available online.

Annual Progress in New York Slot Machine Casino Gambling

Over the last year, there has been little change in the slots gaming industry in the state of New York.

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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 stream 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. 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 North Carolina.

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/episode92.

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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We dive into more on casino re-openings in the states of OK, WI, and WA. Are their slots tight, loose, or first loose and then tight after opening each day as we've seen at Oklahoma's tribal casinos? Well, we know what's what thanks to casino reports from my slots communities on Facebook. Plus, New York slots in 2020.

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