

## PS 93: Casino Re-Assessments Live | North Carolina Slots in 2020

### Opening

Hello! Today's episode #93 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses casino assessments highlighting the casino re-openings. Plus, in this episode I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of North Carolina.

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-Openings in Oklahoma, Washington, and Wisconsin from my weekly live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Further, I reviewed New York 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 30, 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 North Carolina slot machine casino gambling in 2020. Here goes!

North Carolina slot machine casino gambling consists of two tribal casinos in the Great Smoky Mountains in the western tip of the state.

Tribal-state gaming compacts in North Carolina have established theoretical minimum and maximum payout for their video gaming machines while return statistics are not publicly available.

## Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in North Carolina

The minimum legal gambling age in North Carolina depends upon the gambling activity:

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

Video poker machines were once widespread in the state, but 2000's state regulations limited video poker machines to three per site and banned the installation of new video gaming machines.

In 2007, after nearly a half dozen attempts, the state legislature fully banned commercially-owned video poker machines and video gaming machines.

North Carolina has a single federally-recognized American Indian tribe, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The tribe has built two casinos on its Qualla Boundary lands located in the Great Smoky Mountains.

The type of casino action found at these Indian casinos includes "skill or dexterity" based video slot machines. These tribal casinos offer a variety of table games.

Although owned by the tribe, operation of both casinos is by Harrah's which, itself, is a brand for Caesars Entertainment. The tribe owns and operates a high-stakes bingo hall.

## Slot Machine Private Ownership in North Carolina

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

## Gaming Control Board in North Carolina

Because North Carolina has no commercial casinos or other types of commercial gaming, the state does not have a gaming commission or control board.

## Casinos in North Carolina

In this section, I'll discuss North Carolina gambling establishments.

There are two American Indian tribal casinos in North Carolina. These two casinos are in the Great Smoky Mountains in the western part of the state. There are no commercial casinos in the state.

The largest casino in North Carolina is Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort with 3,280 gaming machines. Harrah's Cherokee is in Whittier found 50 miles west of Asheville.

The second-largest, and only other casino in North Carolina, is Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel with 1,000 gaming machines. Harrah's Cherokee Valley River is in Murphy found 109 miles southwest of Asheville.

## Other Gambling Establishments

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

- North: Virginia
- East: The Atlantic Ocean
- South: Georgia and South Carolina
- West: Tennessee

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 Virginia slots article is available at ProfessorSlots.com/VA.

## Our North Carolina Slots Community Facebook Group

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

## Payout Returns in North Carolina

The theoretical minimum and maximum payouts set by the tribal-state gaming compact is 83% and 98%. The tribal casinos in North Carolina, per the same compact, are not required to provide publicly available return statistics.

## Summary of North Carolina Slots in 2020

In summary, North Carolina slot machine casino gambling consists of two tribal casinos in the western tip of the state. While owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Caesars Entertainment operates both tribal casinos.

Further, both tribal casinos have theoretical payout limits of 83% and 98% but do not offer return statistics. Finally, North Carolina's slot machines must be video games of skill or dexterity.

## Annual Progress in North Carolina Slot Machine Casino Gambling

Over the last year, there has been no change in the slots gaming industry in North Carolina, excepting disruptions due to our ongoing national crisis.

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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.

