

PS 100: State Online Resources | Puerto Rico Slots in 2020

Opening

Hello! Today's episode #100 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses my state-by-state online resource for slots enthusiasts. Plus, in this episode I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. territory of Puerto Rico.

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 had a rapid-fire Q&A show from my weekly live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Further, I reviewed Pennsylvania 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, July 18, 2020

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

OPENING

Hello, slots enthusiasts! How are you? It's great to hang out with you again for another Professor Slots podcast episode and live stream.

Today I'll be talking to slots enthusiasts like you about the advantages your state gaming jurisdiction provides to help you win at slots. Not using my free online resource for slots enthusiasts would be like ... not using your free slot play at the casino!

That's coming up!

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hi, my name is Jon Friedl. Welcome to Professor Slots, a channel that's all about mastering casino slots so you can win your way to success. If you've ever walked into a casino, looked around, and wondered what's going on with slots and more, I can help.

Thanks again for joining us today, whether you are listening on the podcast, watching this video later, or here with us on the live stream at Noon Eastern Time each Saturday. I'm glad you're all here!

If you're with us during the live stream, make sure to say hello to everyone in the live chat. Let us know where you are at or where you play slots. I'll check in with the live chat in a little bit. And, as always, be sure to ask your slots-related questions!

BODY

Today's topic is all about your making the most of your gaming jurisdiction, whether it's your home state or another state where you like to play slots. That's a lot of states. Fifty of them. But there's also five U.S. territories – American Samoa, Guam, Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands – as well as our single federal district, the District of Columbia.

Fifty-six U.S. gaming jurisdictions, whether they be a state, territory, or a federal district, is too many to mention here. As I have mentioned on past live streams, I write articles on these gaming jurisdictions. I've done this weekly for over three years as an online resource for slots enthusiasts like yourself. It takes about 13 months to write on each. I've got about 10 more to go in my third time through before I start my fourth series.

Each time I restart the series, I add something new based on what I've learned including what has been of most interest to you. For this last series, I added a sub-section for Payout Returns, that's theoretical payout limits and/or return statistics, as well as a map showing the locations of any casinos with slot machines across the state. I've got a few ideas for what else I'll be adding to each in two months for the fourth re-start, but I won't spoil the surprise now.

These 56 articles have also been turned into YouTube videos and podcast episodes. That's also something I've been doing for years. As today's podcast listeners know, I'll add on the next state at the end of each episode. For example, this live stream will be the first segment of a podcast episode. It will be released tomorrow evening, and the second segment will be, this time, on Puerto Rico slot machine casino gambling in 2020. And, as it happens, this next podcast is my 100th episode! Whoo-hoo!

However, I've been a little bit inconsistent with each state's YouTube video. I'd been doing them for a long time, but I guess I wasn't doing them very well because they didn't seem to be getting a lot of attention. It got so bad that six months ago I decided to stop

doing them. Which, it turns out, was probably a mistake. An article is not the same as a video, which was where my issue was.

I've recently restarted them again. And, for those of you watching this on YouTube, you probably saw that I released eight new YouTube videos yesterday. There were all state-by-state videos, where I picked up from where I left off. I hope that you will find these videos as exciting as I do.

I'm 20 state-by-state videos behind, but I've started to catch up starting with Missouri. I've already produced eight of these, which is what I uploaded for your viewing pleasure yesterday. Apparently, I can create, edit, and upload about four per day, so the remaining 12 state videos should all be available online by sometime on Tuesday. That's take me through the 20th video, which is the state of Tennessee.

Before we start with briefly going through as many of these 20 states as possible during today's live stream, let's talk a bit about what'll happen after Tuesday – after I've gotten caught up.

Going forward, a new state-by-state video will be coming out weekly on Tuesdays along with the article for that state, territory, or federal district. That's right, my weekly contribution to my Online Resource for slots enthusiasts will be available to you on Tuesdays.

And once I'm caught up, I'll continue to make other videos for slots enthusiasts on my winning strategies, how to improve your bankroll management skills, winning at slots during your next trip to Las Vegas, and hundreds of other videos. There's a lot coming your way! Enjoy!

INTERLUDE

Let's check in with the Live Chat to briefly say hello....

That was excellent!

TOPIC

Missouri: Let's start with Missouri. I know it's been over 25 years, but Missouri slots was once all about riverboat casinos. A lot has changed since they got started with slots, and you might think it's not important that Missouri started with riverboat casinos, but how many times have I mentioned lately that all casinos have switched over to using central servers to control their slot machines – except for riverboat casinos? Right, they can't because the floor isn't a floor they can dig up. It's a hull beneath which is muddy water. It's not physically possible to switch to a central server with all its cables that have to be routed ... somehow. And if you've not in Missouri, and perhaps don't care, maybe you should check to see if maybe your state was the first thru fourth state to approve riverboat casinos. Yes? Oh, and Missouri is one of those states that have great payout

returns. They have an 80% theoretical payout limit and monthly return statistics by casino. And, yes, they are one of the five states that offer return statistics by slot machine denomination.

Montana: Montana has eight tribal casinos but over 1,300 bars and taverns with over 16,000 video gaming machines. These VGMs each offer video slots but also keno, bingo, and poker. Their maximum bet is \$2 and maximum jackpot is \$800. Video slot machines at the bars and taverns have a theoretical payout limit of 92%. The tribal casinos don't have a theoretical payout. And, Montana doesn't offer return statistics.

Nebraska: Nebraska is one of those very unusual states when it comes to gambling. According to state law, it doesn't exist. But that's only because they've legally defined what gambling is, and it's very different from most accepted definitions. For instance, keno, poker, and craps aren't gambling. Not according to the Nebraska state legislature. And keno is hugely popular in Nebraska, including in Scotts Bluff county. Plus casinos are illegal – but Nebraska has 21 gambling centers, as they are called. What's tough about gambling in Nebraska is the lack of legal protections for players, which consists of a telephone hotline to report wrong-doing's by keno players. But having a state gaming commission to fix these sorts of issues has, so far, been rejected by voters. It's definitely a state to keep an eye on. I guess they didn't consider following Nevada's example.

Nevada: Speaking of Nevada, this state is a gambling example to the world. Truly! They have had a gaming industry for over 80 years. At last count, Nevada has 163 casinos with Las Vegas having 66 of them. There's a lot to be said about Nevada gaming, and I have several articles on it ... and eventually videos! ... but one of the most fascinating things about Nevada is how they've set up casino towns on the Nevada side of the border to neighboring states on major highways. And, did you know, they have two tribal casinos? Their theoretical payout limit is fairly low, at 75%, but their return statistics are just about endless. Rather than spend the next hour talking about Nevada and all that it has to offer ... let's move on.

New Hampshire: New Hampshire is another one of these states that has banned casinos. But they do have 27 "locations" with keno, bingo, and table games licensed through charitable gaming rules. Unfortunately for us as slots enthusiasts, they've also banned "any game involving the use of a slot machine or any other device in the nature of a slot machine." Yet 400 charitable organizations received funds from 27 sites, something which started in the state over 40 years ago. Some of these sites include former pari-mutuel racetracks.

New Jersey: New Jersey is famous for its Atlantic City casinos. I know not everyone is interested in slots history, and I have YouTube statistics to prove it, but casinos opened in Atlantic City, the only other place besides Nevada, in 1978. Things went great for them for almost 30 years before all the commercial and tribal casinos started opening along the east coast of the U.S. Atlantic City hit a real low 14 years ago in 2006, where it was somewhat bleak for about 12 years, but Atlantic City's 9 casinos have been going

through a real upturn in the last two years. I should also mention they have a great casino control commission which verifies and approves online internet sites for playing slots for real-money gambling. If that's an interest of yours, something I'm not particularly interested in, then using an approved site is, well, as safe as it gets.

New Mexico: New Mexico has tribal casinos, racetrack racinos, and non-profit sites. They all operate under the same state gaming regulations, more or less. But what I found most interesting is that New Mexico residents have more slot machines available to them, per individual, than any other state. A slots enthusiast's heaven, indeed. Although I wouldn't mind if the theoretical payout limit was a little better than 80%. Just sayin'.

New York: New York has everything. It's incredible that way. Eleven tribal casinos, eight pari-mutual racetracks with slot machines, four casinos resorts, onboard casinos on cruise ships to international destinations, and Canadian casinos just across the border from Buffalo as well as upstate New York. I can't even get into the theoretical payout limits and return statistics here, as each is a little bit different. But I've carefully call out each of them in my article ... and the upcoming video.

North Carolina: North Carolina has a huge casino, and small cozy casino, and a bingo hall. Each of these is a tribal owned, but the casinos are operated by Harrah's, a division of Caesars Entertainment. The tribal-state gaming compacts have theoretical payout limits of 83% and 98%. Our North Carolina slots enthusiasts private Facebook community you can reach by using ProfessorSlots.com/FBNC is very active considering they only have two tribal casinos in their state. But it's a fun group of slots enthusiasts!

North Dakota: North Dakota has six tribal casinos but 800 charitable gaming sites. They have better theoretical payout limits for video poker and video blackjack, which is 83%, then they do for slot machines which is only 80%. Oh, and the maximum bet is still only \$25.

Northern Mariana Islands: The Northern Mariana Islands is a U.S. territory in the South Pacific. It's west of the Philippines and north of Australia. And what's going on there is, frankly, horrifying. The situation there was reported on by one of the major cable news stations, MSNBC, a year ago. Basically, my research and the news report that came out not long after, showed that this U.S. territory has apparently been bought by China. Bribery, extortion, FBI raids, deaths – it's got it all. In the last year, it does appear that law & order is prevailing, but I was quite worried a year ago. See my article at ProfessorSlots.com/MP for details. MP is the postal designation for the Northern Mariana Islands. Anyone else remember struggling to learn the two-letter postal designations as a kid, and how MP for the Northern Mariana Islands was always the hardest? Or was just me?

Ohio: Now, travel with me from the South Pacific to my home state of Ohio. Ohio has been pretty busy building casinos these last 10 years. Basically, Ohio has set things up fairly simply. There are two types of casinos, but they have identical gaming regulations

but from two different sources. The state gaming commission regulates four casino resorts and the Ohio Lottery Commission regulates seven racetracks with slot machines. All these casinos arrived around 2012. Not to entirely focus on theoretical payout limits, but in Ohio it's 85%.

Oklahoma:

Oregon:

Pennsylvania:

Puerto Rico:

Rhode Island:

South Carolina:

South Dakota:

Tennessee:

Let's switch over to the Live Chat again and see what questions they might have...

CLOSING

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Watch more of my videos to improve your slots gambling performance.

Have fun, be safe, and make good choices! Bye!

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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 Puerto Rico slot machine casino gambling in 2020. Here goes!

Puerto Rico slot machine casino gambling consists of sixteen land-based casinos and onboard casinos of visiting cruise ships.

Puerto Rico has set a minimum payout return for their slot machines. Return statistics are available online.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Puerto Rico

The minimum legal gambling age in Puerto Rico does not depend upon the gambling activity:

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

The maximum denomination for a slot machine in Puerto Rico is \$25.

Slot Machine Private Ownership in Puerto Rico

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

In Puerto Rico, the legal status for owning a slot machine privately in this U.S. island territory is unknown.

Gaming Control Board in Puerto Rico

The Gaming Division of the Puerto Rico Tourism Company regulates gaming in Puerto Rico.

Casinos in Puerto Rico

In this section, I'll discuss Puerto Rico gambling establishments.

There are sixteen commercial casinos, including eight casinos on San Juan, as well as visiting cruise ships to Puerto Rico.

The largest casino in Puerto Rico is Caguas Real Hotel & Casino with 570 gaming machines.

Non-Tribal Casinos in Puerto Rico

There were sixteen casinos in Puerto Rico. Most connect to well-known hotel chains such as Embassy Suites, Hilton, Holiday Inn, Hyatt, Marriott, Radisson, Ritz-Carlton, Westin, and Wyndham. As usual when there are too many casinos to mention here, a complete list is available on my webpage for this territory at professorslots.com/PR.

American Indian Casinos in Puerto Rico

Puerto Rico has no federally recognized American Indian tribes and, therefore, no tribal casinos.

Other Gambling Establishments

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

- North: The Atlantic Ocean
- Northwest: Florida
- East: U.S. Virgin Islands
- South: The Caribbean Sea
- West: Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, and Cuba

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

Our Puerto Rico Slots Community Facebook Group

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

Payout Returns in Puerto Rico

The minimum theoretical payout for slot machines in Puerto Rico is 83%.

The Puerto Rico Tourism Company has 2018 slots revenue reports at Statistics under Slot Machines.

Summary of Puerto Rico Slots in 2020

In summary, Puerto Rico slot machine casino gambling consists of sixteen hotels of well-known chains as well as onboard casinos on visiting international cruise ships.

Puerto Rico has set an 83% minimum theoretical payout for their slot machines. Return percentages from 2018 are available online.

Annual Progress in Puerto Rico Slot Machine Casino Gambling

Over the last year, there has been little change to the slots gaming industry in Puerto Rico.

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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 Noon until 1 p.m. Eastern Time. 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.

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 Rhode Island.

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/episode100.

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.