

# Introduction to Arizona Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017

As a one-time frontier state, Arizona slot machine casino gambling has a long history. Politically, the state grew quite conservative towards gambling until all forms of gambling were illegal.

Arizona is the 6th largest and 48th U.S. state with Phoenix as its capital. About one-quarter of the state is made up of Indian reservations and home to 27 federally-recognized American Indian tribes.

Southern Arizona is known for its desert climate. Northern Arizona is known for its forests of pine, spruce, and fir trees. There are ski resorts in Flagstaff, Alpine, and Tucson.

Arizona's population grew substantially after World War II, aided by increased use of air conditioning. In the 1960s, retirement communities were developed.

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Consequently, Arizona gambling laws have become one of the most liberal in the U.S.

Portions provided below are relatively intact from [Arizona's Department of Gaming website](#), specifically from its About and Mission sections.

This post continues the weekly blog series "[Slot Machine Casino Gambling, State-By-State](#)", a year-long online resource project dedicated to guiding slot machine gambling enthusiasts to success.



Arizona slot machine casino gambling: Arizona Ghost Town[/caption]

## Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Arizona\*

The minimum gambling age is 21. All casinos are open 24 hours.

All gambling is prohibited in Arizona unless it falls into one of seven statutorily recognized exemptions. These exemptions are described in a well-written and concise report called ["Gambling Tips to Remember"](#). Sections include:

- Definition of Gambling
- Statutory Exemptions (with appropriate statutes identified)
  - Amusement Gambling
  - Social Gambling
  - Regulated Gambling
  - State Fair Gambling
  - Tax Exempt Organization Gambling

- Historical Society Gambling
- Nonprofit Organization Gambling
- Top Gambling Violations
- Some Examples of Gambling Subject to Arizona Gaming Regulation

For more extensive information on relevant legal gambling statutes, see the [Arizona Revised Statutes](#) as well as [Arizona's Department of Gaming website](#).

\*The purpose of this section is to inform the public of state gambling laws and how the laws apply to various forms of gambling. This information is not intended to provide legal advice.



Arizona slot machine casino gambling: Arizona Sunset.[/caption]

## Slot Machine Private Ownership in Arizona

Private ownership of slot machines in Arizona is legal.

## Gaming Control Board in Arizona

The Arizona Department of Gaming regulates tribal gaming, pari-mutuel racing and wagering,

and boxing and mixed martial arts.

The legislature established the [Arizona Department of Gaming](#) in 1995, after recognizing the growth of Indian gaming in the State and the need for an independent regulatory body with expertise in gaming.

In 2015, the legislature consolidated the Department of Racing under the [Department of Gaming](#), expanding the Departments responsibilities to include oversight of all pari-mutuel wagering and racing in the State and regulation of boxing and mixed martial arts events conducted in Arizona.

The [Arizona Department of Gaming](#) has established its Mission as:

- To protect the public, ensure compliance with the Arizona tribal-state gaming compacts and regulate the gaming industry.
- To regulate and supervise pari-mutuel racing and wagering conducted in Arizona in order to protect racing participants and the wagering public.
- To regulate and supervise boxing and mixed martial arts events conducted in Arizona to protect all participants in those events.
- To provide and support effective problem gambling prevention, treatment, and education programs throughout Arizona.

The [Department of Gaming](#) is a state government agency, but does not receive any tax revenue or general fund monies to support its regulatory responsibilities. Regulation of Tribal Gaming is funded entirely by Arizona's gaming Tribes as set forth in the Compact.

In addition, the Department also runs the Division of Problem Gambling. This Division provides and supports the treatment, prevention, and education of problem gambling. It also operates a same-day service self-exclusion program. A problem gambler can elect to place their name on an irrevocable self-exclusion list for 1, 5, or 10 years. Arizona's tribal casinos have direct access to the database system.



Arizona slot machine casino gambling: Arizona's Self-Exclusion Program.[/caption]

## Casinos in Arizona

Arizona has 34 casinos and pari-mutuel facilities with more than 18,155 slots and gaming machines along with a total of 383 table games. The minimum bet is 1 cent and the maximum is \$1,000.

The 34 casinos are spread across 26 cities. Tucson has the most, with 5 casinos.

- Largest: [Casino Del Sol Resort](#)
  - Address: 5655 W. Valencia Rd, Tucson, AZ 85757
  - Tribe: Pascua Yaqui
  - Gaming Machines: 1,300
  - Table Games: 22
- Second Largest: [Harrah's Phoenix Ak-Chin Casino Resort](#)
  - Address: 15406 N. Maricopa Rd., Maricopa, AZ 85139
  - Tribe: Ak-Chin Indian Community
  - Gaming Machines: 1,089



- Table Games: 23
- Largest Gaming Space: [Talking Stick Casino Resort](#)
  - Address: 9800 Talking Stick Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85256
  - Tribe: Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Tribal gaming in Arizona is governed by the tribal-state gaming compacts and the Department partners from Arizona's 21 American Indian tribes to oversee the casinos.



Arizona slot machine casino gambling: American Indians. [/caption]

Currently, there are 16 American Indian tribes operating 23 [Class III gaming](#) casinos in the State. Another 5 tribes do not have casinos, but have slot machine rights they may lease to other tribes. Only one of Arizona's 22 American Indian tribes, the Hopi, does not have a tribal-state compact.

In Arizona, [Class III gaming](#) includes slot machines, jackpot poker, blackjack, keno and off-track pari-mutuel betting.

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Arizona slot machine casino gambling: Rim of the Grand Canyon.[/caption]

## Professor Slots Video on Arizona Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017

[Try watching this video on www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

## Other State-By-State Articles from Professor Slots

- Main: [Slot Machine Casino Gambling, State-By-State](#)
- Previous: [American Samoa Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2018](#) - American Samoa slot machine casino gambling does not exist. Located in the heart of the Pacific Ocean, halfway between Hawaii and New Zealand, tourism is not significant here. American Samoa are no casinos, exception for visiting cruise ships. Nearby Western Samoa offers significant tourism and gambling junket options.
- Next: [Arkansas Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017](#)- For Arkansas slot machine casino gambling, casino establishments and devices are prohibited along with lotteries as well as sports and games betting. However, some forms of gambling are permitted, including limited table games, electronic games of skill, and pari-mutuel wagering of dog and horse races at two racinos.