

## **Introduction to *California Slot Machine Casino Gambling* 2017**

There are currently 170 casinos and pari-mutuels contributing to *California slot machine casino gambling*. As all of them are on American Indian reservations, these casinos are generally found in out-of-the-way locations. Consequently, many include golf courses. See this [interactive map of California casinos](#). California has the second largest number of casinos of any U.S. state, second only to Nevada.

There are a total of 81,667 slots and gaming machines as well as 3,006 table games. Traditional craps and roulette are not allowed, although card-based versions of these games can legally be offered. As blackjack is legally prohibited, the game is instead played to 22.

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.



California slot machine casino gambling: Many of California's tribal casinos have golf courses.[/caption]

## **Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in California\***

The minimum gambling age varies from 18 to 21, depending upon the specific casino. If the

casino serves alcohol, the minimum gambling age is 21. If the casino doesn't serve alcohol, it's 18.

Indian tribes in California are not required to release their slot machines payback percentages. Furthermore, the state does not legally require any minimum payback percentages. Consequently, in this state it is impossible to determine which casinos have the best odds of winning via public reporting.

\*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.



California slot machine casino gambling: California does not legally require any minimum payback percentages.[/caption]

## Slot Machine Private Ownership in California

Personal ownership of slot machines 25 years or older is legal.

## Gaming Control Board in California

Prior to 1984, gambling was unregulated in the state. In 1984, before the establishment of the CGCC in 1997, the Attorney General was authorized by the Gaming Registration Act to provide "uniform, minimum regulation of California Card Rooms."

However, the Attorney General had little authority and less funding. To assist the Attorney General, in 1997 the state established the California Gambling Control Commission.

In 2000, voters passed an amendment to their state's constitution allowing casino-style, i.e., [Class III](#), gambling on American Indian tribal lands via [tribal-state gaming compacts](#). In 2007, the Attorney General's gambling division was redefined as a Bureau.

As a result of these historical developments, California currently has both a [Bureau of Gambling Control](#) under the state's Department of Justice lead by the Attorney General as well as its [California Gambling Control Commission](#).

The Bureau ensures the integrity of gambling in California. As a result, they ensure the gambling is conducted honestly, competitively, and free from criminal and corruptive elements. The Bureau works with the Commission to regulate the gambling industry.

Limited annual financial reports are available on the Commission's website. In fact, each has a single line item called "Tribal Gaming Revenues" providing monthly revenues for the year.

## Casinos in California

This list of [all casinos in California](#) is updated by the state-owned California Gambling Control Commission. More interactive versions can be found on the California entries for both the [World Casino Directory](#) and [American Casino Guide](#) websites.

Two casinos, Rain Rock Casino and Fire Mountain Casino are expected to open in early 2018 and late 2018, respectively. Especially relevant, both casinos will have Bingo only, a [Class II game](#).

[Pechanga Resort Casino](#) is California's largest casino, with 3,800 gaming machines and 132 table games. The second largest casino is [San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino](#) with 3,400 gaming machines and 125 table games. Los Angeles alone has 9 casinos.





California slot machine casino gambling: California casinos are in out-of-the-way locations.[/caption]

## **Summary of *California Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017***

*California slot machine casino gambling* includes the second largest number of casinos of any U.S. state, second only to Nevada. Hence, there are currently 170 casinos and pari-mutuels, all located on relatively remote American Indian reservations.

The minimum gambling age is 21, if alcohol is served at the casino. Otherwise, it's 18.

In conclusion, American Indian tribes in California are not required to release their slot machines payback percentages. Furthermore, the state does not require a minimum payback percentage.

## **Professor Slots Video on *California 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: [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.
- Next: [Colorado Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017](#)- Colorado slot machine casino gambling consists of 40 casinos located in the historic mountain towns of Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek, with 2 tribal casinos in Ignacio and Towaoc. Colorado Division of Gaming publishes gaming industry statistics. Review these for slot machines with the best odds of winning!