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

*Connecticut slot machine casino gambling* currently currently consists of 18 casinos and parimutuel facilities. While the state has few casinos, all are large-scale operations.

For example, Connecticut hosts two of the world's largest casinos: Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Casino, both American Indian tribal gambling establishments. In fact, Foxwoods is currently the world's second largest casino.

This post continues the weekly blog series "<u>Slot Machine Casino Gambling, State-By-State</u>", a year-long online resource project dedicated to guiding slot machine gambling enthusiasts to success.



Connecticut slot machine casino gambling: Connecticut's Chapman Falls.[/caption]

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

The minimum gambling age within Connecticut is 18 at bingo operations and 21 for casinos.

Connecticut's Chapter 226 General Statutes for gaming policy, regulation, and revenue are

located on the <u>CT.gov website</u>.

Historically, bingo was legalized in 1939, according to the CT state website: <u>Legalized</u> <u>Gambling</u>. Further, bazaars and raffles were authorized in 1955 and sealed tickets in 1987. Beginning in 1972, but repealed in 2003, non-profits could operate casino games during "Las Vegas Night" fundraisers.

Tribal-State Compacts and Agreements are provided on the <u>CT state website</u>. These are the first examples I've found of tribal-compacts, and appear deserving of further scrutiny' and will likely become the detailed topic of a future blog.

\*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.

# **Slot Machine Private Ownership in Connecticut**

It is illegal to privately own a slot machine in the state of Connecticut.



Connecticut slot machine casino gambling: Mark Twain House in Hartford, Connecticut.[/ caption]

### **Gaming Control Board in Connecticut**

Connecticut has had several state gaming commissions. The Commission of Special Revenue introduced the lottery in 1972, before lottery operations transferred to the newly formed Connecticut Lottery Corporation in 1996.

Currently, Connecticut has its <u>Gaming Division</u>, run by the state's Department of Consumer Protection. In part, its stated goal is to "assure public confidence in the honesty and fairness of all facets of gaming for the high quality benefit of the State."

In 1976, off-track betting (OTB) started. Live greyhound racing began in 1976. Jai alai began in 1976 and the last facility closed in 2001. Horse racing is also authorized, but no horse track has operated in Connecticut.

Of special interest is the Gaming Division's <u>Gaming Revenue and Statistics webpage</u>. Relative to slot machine gambling statistics for both American Indian tribal casinos, including monthly hold% and payout%, this CT.gov website provides:

- <u>Foxwoods Casino Schedule for Selected Video Facsimile/Slot Machine Data</u>(From Inception)
- <u>Mohegan Sun Casino Schedule for Selected Video Facsimile/Slot Machine Data</u>(From 1996 to Present)

While no longer shown on the Connecticut Gaming Division website, specific payout% at Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun for each denomination can still be found in the American Casino Guide's <u>Connecticut state slots statistics section</u>.



Connecticut slot machine casino gambling: Squantz Pond.[/caption]

### **Casinos in Connecticut**

Connecticut's casinos have a total of 10,332 slots and gaming machines as well as 757 table games. Mohegan Sun has 5,532 gaming machines and 377 table games. Foxwoods has 4,800 gaming machines and 370 table games.

Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Casino compete, striving to be best by constantly upgrading their facilities. This ongoing competition is to the great advantage of their patrons as well as resulting in a world-wide reputation.

Historically, Foxwoods Casino is New England's first casino, opening in 1992. Slot machines were permitted the following year. Mohegan Sun opened in 1996.

The second largest casino in the world, and the largest in Connecticut, is Foxwoods Resort Casino. In 2008, Foxwoods added a new casino to their property, originally called the MGM Grand at Foxwoods, but renamed Fox Tower in 2013.

The two American Indian tribal casinos are:

- Foxwoods Resort Casino
  - Location: Mashantucket
  - Tribe: Mashantucket Pequot Tribe
  - Phone: 860-312-3000
  - Casino Size: 323,376 square feet
- <u>Mohegan Sun</u>
  - Location: Uncasville
  - Tribe: Mohegan Tribe
  - Phone: 860-862-8000
  - Casino Size: 295,000 square feet



Connecticut slot machine casino gambling: Fall Season.[/caption]

# Summary of Connecticut Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017

*Connecticut slot machine casino gambling* currently consists of 18 casinos, and hosts two of the world's largest casinos: Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods. Foxwoods is the world's second largest casino. These two American Indian tribal casinos compete, striving to be best by constantly upgrading their facilities, resulting in both earning a world-wide reputation.

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# **Professor Slots Video on** *Colorado Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017*

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- Main: <u>Slot Machine Casino Gambling, State-By-State</u>
- Previous: <u>Colorado Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017</u> 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!

• Next: *Delaware Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2017* - Delaware slot machine casino gambling consists of three pari-mutuel wagering racinos: Delaware Park, Dover Downs, and Harrington Raceway. Its 7,520 slots and gaming machines are operated by the Delaware Lottery. Notably, the Delaware Lottery has a strong policy of winner privacy, unless the winner specifies otherwise.