

## PS 22: Who Sets Winning Odds, Louisiana Slots 2018

Description: Who sets winning odds is the question. Casinos with control over their slots tinker with the odds of winning to improve their financial performance, generating winning patterns to be exploited. Plus, Louisiana slot machine casino gambling.

### Opening

Hello! Today's episode #22 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses Who Sets Winning Odds for Slot Machines. Plus, slot machine casino gambling in the U.S. state of Louisiana.

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 the knowledge, insights, and tools for helping you improve your slot machine gambling performance.

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"Jon Friedl from The Professor Slots Blog reveals all of his tips and tricks for thriving in the casino environment. Discover how to assess casinos to pick the best near you, choose winning slot machines, and identify your gambling goals: being entertained, earning comps, winning take-home cash, or combine them. Jon has won 90 taxable jackpots and a luxury car in 9 months of slots play - and made a profit at slots gambling since 2013."

### On Last Week's Episode...

In case you missed it, on last week's episode I went over how to win on slots at older casinos by telling you the story of how I did it myself by winning 13 taxable jackpots in 6 days on a \$1 denomination, 5-credit Five Times Play back in 2004.

Also last week, I reviewed Kentucky slot machine casino gambling, including Kentucky's troubled history with illegal gambling and organized crime in Newport, the original Sin City, across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, Ohio.

I hope you enjoyed listening to my last episode as much as I enjoyed making it for you.

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Let's get started with the first segment of the show: Who Sets Winning Odds?

## Introduction to Who Sets Winning Odds

Who controls slot machine odds is a popular question from slots enthusiasts. It's quite an interesting question, which I thought my audience would appreciate an answer to. My most recent encounter with this general question was during the Q&A segment of another gambling podcast, episode #634 from Five Hundy By Midnight. They had a question from David which was, "When a new themed penny slot debuts, what is the typical hold percentage? Does it vary by machine, casino, or both?"

Tim and Michelle, co-hosts of the long-lasting Five Hundy By Midnight, a gambling podcast that talks all about Las Vegas, answered the question well, if somewhat briefly. I'm sure my own audience would like the answer too, so I've decided to provide a few more details and a more general answer with a bit of the why of it all.

This segment has the following sections:

- An Introduction;
- A Bit of Background on Legal Requirements;
- A Bit of History on Physically Setting Odds
- What's Changed Lately?;
- Slot Machines Types Based on How Odds are Set;
- Identifying Who Controls Slot Machine Odds;
- Does It Really Matter Who Controls Slot Machine Odds? Yes!!; and
- a Summary.

## A Bit of Background on Legal Requirements

To answer this question, I'll need to delve into a bit of recent history to explain how odds are set in older-style standalone slot machines using a random number generator (RNG). This way is how most people believe the odds are currently set on all slot machines.

But, starting around 2008, a lot has changed with this method. Many changes have been caused to the emergence of new gaming technologies, both to slot machines but also with the development of casino operating software for increased efficiency and therefore low operating costs.

With so many more people visiting casinos in the last decade, and with profit margins getting smaller every year, casino operators find they cannot afford to ignore the savings opportunities of new technologies.

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The second driver for to change to how slot machines are controlled is due to ongoing developments in statutory regulations for gaming jurisdictions. In the U.S., these gaming jurisdictions are the states, territory, or federal district that legally allows gaming.

In essence, casino operators have to follow the gaming regulations for the jurisdiction in which they are located in. In part, these gaming jurisdictions often include laws which place an upper and lower limit on the pay back return for slot machines. To not lose their gaming license, or to otherwise get in trouble with gaming authorities, casino operators must remain in compliance with these gaming requirements.

Note that commercial casinos have to be comply to gaming regulations as set by the U.S. state, territory, or federal district they are located in. Native American tribal casinos also have to comply with their own set of gaming requirements, which are usually not based on state law. Rather, these are carefully defined by each tribe within a state-tribal compact ultimately approved by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

So, within this overall context, who controls slot machine odds? At a high level, gaming regulators determine the legal limits, if any, for pay out returns on slot machines. This is accomplished via state law or negotiated compacts, and usually not changed for decades, if that often.

Casinos operators are, often but not always, required to provide weekly or monthly reports on actual payout returns to show they are compliant. Sometimes, depending on each gaming jurisdiction, these statistical reports are then provided to the public by the state gaming commission.

Going further, these regular reports can break down these pay out returns by casino, table games, slot machines, gaming machines, or even by the denomination of slot machines within a specific casino. What is done is very specific to the gaming jurisdiction in which the casino is located.

Given all these variability of what is or is not done within a U.S. gaming jurisdiction, I've created a blog article series for my audience of slots enthusiasts to help them navigate this dynamic environment of state-specific gaming regulations. For more information on your specific state, territory, or federal district of interest, see [Slot Machine Casino Gambling, State-By-State: A Weekly Blog](#).

So, at a high level, slot machines are controlled by gaming regulators by the placement of legal requirements for pay out return percentages. Sometimes, however, these state-specific gaming regulators do not set limits on payout returns.

When this happens, casino operators do not have a legal requirement for setting payout returns. However, to remain open and not close due to lack of customers, they still have to be careful to not set the payout return too low.

It's worth noting that most gaming regulations set a low limit on payout returns which casino operators deliberately stay well above. To do so is just good business.

## A Bit of History on Physically Settings Odds

The random number generator (RNG) was developed for slot machines by Bally Technologies in 1984. About a decade later, most slot machines had an RNG which allowed for easily adjustable odds of winning.

Beforehand, the odds of winning were set in an entirely mechanical manner. This worked well for decades, until the technical development of slot machines began to cause difficulties. Basically, as credits to bet and number of pay lines increased, the physical mechanisms for determining odds began to reach certain physical limits.

Slot enthusiasts loved having a choice of how many credits to bet, as well as playing a slot machine with more than one pay line. Increased credits and paylines also led to much higher jackpots.

All of these developments led to odds of winning being needed for many more possible outcomes, which mechanical devices for determining the odds of winning could not handle. In fact, these mechanical devices began to fall behind and actually became less and less random in nature.

As an aside, the topic of randomness is actually quite interesting. True randomness is very difficult, if not literally impossible, to generate. Often, when randomness is needed in either an mechanical or electronic device, various methods are used which are "random enough." In fact, there is no such thing as a random number generator. At best, there are only pseudo random number generators, one variant of which was patented by Bally Technologies in 1984.

So, the invention of the RNG solved for slot machine manufacturers this limitation of mechanical devices for determining randomness in slot machines. But, it also created another problem: With adjustable odds of winning via electronic RNGs, casinos would need to have a workforce to do that adjusting.

And so, that is what casinos did. They built and trained a workforce of slot mechanics to adjust the odds of winning on their new slot machines to meet their desired performance metrics. However, the size of that workforce would increase tremendously depending on how often those odds of winning were adjusted. For older style slot machines, this is at least 7 days and may be as much as 2 weeks, as I've expressed in Professor Slots Episode #21: Winning at Slots on Older Casinos-Kentucky Slots 2018.

Most recently, since 2012 or so, relatively newer casinos have been able to reduce this costly workforce thanks to new casino operating systems. These systems not only help

casinos manage large promotional events with less issues, but also allow them to remotely adjust the odds of winning on slot machines connected to the casino's central computer system.

Of course, this connection to the casino's central computer system is currently limited to a wired connection due to potential security concerns as well as WIFI bandwidth limits. As a result, using a central computer in this manner is only possible if "wired up."

Doing so requires sufficient building infrastructure, such as sufficient clearance beneath floors and behind walls, to allow for these cable connections. This is possible in all new casinos being built as well as older casinos being heavily renovated – with far more than simply new carpeting and wallpaper.

With wired connections to slot machines to a central computer, the reduced cost of a smaller workforce of slot mechanics, much faster adjustment of daily or even hourly casino performance metrics, and more satisfied customers due to efficiently run events, the question remains. Who controls slot machine odds?

## Slot Machine Types Based on How Odds are Set

Slot machines can be divided up into methods by which their odds of winning are set. These slot machine types include:

- Standalone;
- Casino-Specific Progressives;
- Multi-Casino Progressives;
- State-Wide Progressives;
- Remotely Controlled Onsite by Casino; and
- Remotely Controlled Offsite by Gaming Regulators;

Standalone slot machines are those which are most often found in older casinos, but are technically those slot machines which include within their cabinets the ability to set and provide odds of winning with a random number generator. A workforce of slot mechanics adjust the odds of winning periodically as directed by the casino operator.

In general, there is a limited number of settings available for these older slot machines. YouTube videos are available from individuals who have personally purchased an older style, standalone slot machine showing exactly how these odds are set.

For those videos I have viewed, there were six possible settings which could be entered after opening up the slot machine door. These settings were based on codes from a booklet provided by the slot machine manufacturer.

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Keep in mind that videos such as these are the general source of knowledge most people have about the internal workings of slot machines. Employees of slot machine manufacturers and casinos with access to these payout settings simply aren't sharing this information due to non-disclosure agreements and other legal restrictions.

Besides which, accessing the control for changing the odds of a slot machine is quite problematic. The slot machine is alarmed, so any tampering without official access (employee card key, entry code, physical key) are required to even open a slot machine door. Not to mention, the casino surveillance system sees all.

Discussing the three types of Progressive Slot Machines will be the dedicated topic for another time. I'd discuss how the ownership of these Progressive slot machines matter with regards to how the odds of winning are set. Briefly, the amount of the Progressive jackpot is primarily based on how many slot machines are included.

These can be a carousel of slot machines in a certain area of a casino, it can be a larger number of slot machines located throughout a casino, or a large group of Progressive slot machines located at multiple casinos. These large group could actually be of two types: multiple properties of the same casino operator, or multiple casino operators, within a single gaming jurisdiction, i.e., state.

Already discussed are slot machines remotely controlled onsite at a casino through the use of a central computer operating system. Only new or heavily renovated casinos have the facility infrastructure to handle the sheer number of cables necessary.

If they are controlled onsite, these slot machines have their odds of winning adjusted daily or hourly by remote access. How often these adjustments are made is, rather unfortunately at this time, a matter of debate.

I'm currently trying to track down state legal requirements of which I'd heard rumors of. The rumor I heard was that a slot machine must be idle for at least 15 minutes without a player's card being inserted before the casino is allowed to remotely adjust its odds of winning. Further, the rumor stated that this practice was typical and originally based on Nevada gaming regulations.

However, this rumor doesn't pass the so-called smell test. At this time, I've currently reviewed state gaming regulations for over 38 U.S. states, territories, or federal district, I've yet to find any substantiation for this rumor.

Alternatively, it may well be an accepted business practice built-in to the advanced operating systems. Why do I feel strongly that slots players are protected from having their odds of winnings reduced while playing? It's simple – the state control board controls the odds of winning on slot machines, and everything I've seen, read, and studied tells me they work for you.

I just can't imagine state gaming commissions would allow this, they all have careful casino operating system approval processes in place to prevent it, and any casino that decides not to be fully compliant is in for a world of hurt if/when caught.

Finally, there are slot machines having their odds controlled off-site by state gaming regulators. These are most video lottery terminals style slot machines. Video lottery terminals are, as their name implies, instant lottery machines. They means they are controlled by the state lottery, which is set up to handle many, many such terminals at any given moment.

## Identifying Who Controls Slot Machine Odds

Who controls slot machine odds on the slot machine you're sitting at? Who controls slot machine odds at a casino you are considering whether or not to visit? As I've discussed before, both on my webpage *Assessing Casinos* as well as *Professor Slots* podcast episode #3: *Assessing Casinos, Alaska Slots 2017*, deciding which local casino you want to spend your time at is an important decision for determining your baseline success at slots.

So, you'll likely want to know who controls slot machine odds when you're choosing between, for instance, an older, pre-2012 casino with standalone slot machines or a racino with many new video slot machines.

The top level choice is really about your own gambling goals, as discussed on my webpage *Identifying Gambling Goals* or, alternatively, within *Professor Slots* podcast episode #5: *Identifying Gambling Goals, Arizona Slots 2017*.

But, whether your gambling goal is maximum entertainment, earning comps, or take-home money, having better odds of winning on a slot machine will help accomplish that goal. So, ignoring other considerations such as drive time, the spread of the buffet, players club, and etc., the type of slot machine is likely a consideration.

Casinos with standalone slot machines where the actual machine in front of you has its own dedicated random number generator is relatively easily determined. As someone, how old is the casino?

Or, if you don't want to ask someone or look it up online, take a look at the slot machine in front of you. Specifically, look at the player card interface area. What does its display look like? Is it a touchscreen display? Or an LED display like those seen outside of a bank displaying the time and temperature for a passerby to see? If it's a touchscreen, the slot machine is most likely not standalone. If it's an LED, it is most likely a standalone slot machine.

Determining whether or not a Progressive slot machine is connected to a single carousel, across several carousels within a casino, across several casinos owned by a single casino operator, or across several casino operator properties will be, as previously mentioned, the topic of upcoming content.

Next up are non-video slot machines with touchscreens at the players card interface. These are all slot machines centrally controlled by a computer onsite at the casino. You can confirm this by learning the date of the casino's original opening or when it was last heavily renovated.

Keep in mind that some casinos have both, assuming they have expanded their original structure without renovating by building another casino facility right next to it. This is the case with Foxwoods Resort, which is an older style casino. However, they recently build Fox Tower, which is a newer style casino.

Finally, there are video slot machines. It can be difficult, if not impossible, to tell the difference between a video slot machine and a video lottery terminal. A video slot machine, if that is truly what it is, is controlled onsite by the central computer at the casino. A video lottery terminal is controlled offsite by the state lottery.

The only sure way to tell the difference between these two slot machine types is to take a look at what the state gaming commission says they are at that casino. For instance, in Ohio, there are currently 4 commercial casino resorts and 7 pari-mutual racinos. The 4 casinos have traditional reel and video slot machines all controlled onsite by a central computer.

The 7 racinos have a mix of traditional reel and video lottery terminals slot machines. The traditional reel slot machines are controlled onsite with a central computer while all of the video lottery terminals, all of which look like video slot machines, are controlled offsite by the state lottery's central computer systems.

## Does It Really Matter Who Controls Slot Machine Odds?

With this improved understanding of how casinos work, let's consider these two facts. First, that there are types of slot machines, specifically as a standalone or remotely controlled by casino operator or state. Second, that there are the several ways these slot can have their odds of winning set on an ongoing basis, depending on their specific type.

So yes, actually, it does matter who controls slot machine odds. Why is that? Because this is where patterns of winning are found. When slot machines are set up to be as random as possible, and that assigned level of randomness is unchanged over days and weeks, then long-term statistical principles rule. Meaning, on average people will always loss money playing slots. This applies to all slot machines controlled by the state, such as video lottery terminals.

But, when the odds are changed hourly or set over 100% for promotional purposes, then there are better times to play a slot machine – and all slot enthusiasts need do is figure out when that better time is in order to win more and, potentially, make some level of profit. That's what I did, make a profit by looking for and finding winning patterns, when I won 90 taxable jackpots in 9 months.

Odds are changed hourly or set for promotional purposes only by casino operators. The state has no need to do so, getting their money no matter what, while the casino is a business trying to succeed. The casino puts in the time and energy to hit their financial performance metrics. The casinos hire the best general manager who themselves hire the best possible team.

Put another way, the casino has a business need to adjust the odds of winning on their slot machines to eke out a living while the state only needs to be patient. Businesses are not patient – they try things.

And, really, that struggle is what has changed with the winning odds of slot machine since around 2012. Casinos are always trying new things. And, when they have control over setting the odds on slot machines, they adjust them to try these new things. Before 2012, this amounted to increasing the odds of winning to be over 100% on a single slot machine near a busy area in their casino, as a promotional tool with its own limited budget.

With the new casino operating technologies available since about 2012, casinos have gotten a finer control over setting those odds. They has allowed them to try new things, which they like to do. These new things are to adjust the odds of winning on slots more often. In financial terms, they're trying to tune their financial performance metrics on a daily basis, something that was never before possible.

I've never worked for a casino property, so have never been pitched a new casino operating system by a slot machine manufacturer's sales team. But, it's obvious that this "tuning" is part of the pitch being made to casino operators. Without having seen this pitch, how can I believe this? Simple. I've won a lot at slots through pattern recognition.

What's happened is that, however it came about, casinos have bought into the idea of finely tuning their financial performance metrics. In the case of slot machines, which is the only game as casino offers that I'm interested in, they've broken the randomness of the odds of winning on a slot machine. Therefore, as most statisticians know, patterns emerge.

So, again, yes it does matter who controls slot machine odds, because those controlled by the casino have had their randomness broken. It matters because slots enthusiasts can look for emerging patterns on these casino-controlled machines, then use them to win

more. In the future, I'll talk more about the winning patterns I've found. In the meantime, I hope I've made it clear how and why they exist.

## Summary of Who Sets Winning Odds

In summary, who controls slot machine odds is answered by understanding they are controlled by the machine, the casino staff, both, possibly the state if the machine is a video lottery terminal, and by slot machine manufacturers themselves in the case of most Progressive slot machines.

This control over odds of winning was historically a mechanical device supplanted by an electronic random number generator invented in 1984, afterwards allowing slots machines to be developed having more and more credits, denominations, and paylines.

There's currently older-style casinos with standalone slot machines and newer-style casinos build to have the facility infrastructure to wire up their slot machines to be remotely controlled by a computer server. I've discussed how to tell the difference, as well as explained slot machines can be remotely controlled by the casino or, in the case of video lottery terminals, by computers established for this purpose by the state lottery agency.

Finally, I've discussed if any of this matters to slots enthusiasts looking for an advantage. It does matter. In essence, any slot machines with odds of winning directly controlled by a casino have patterns because casinos keep adjusting those odds to meet their financial performance metrics. And, these patterns make it possible for savvy slots enthusiasts to improve their own gambling performance.

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Up next is the second segment of the show: Louisiana Slot Machine Casino Gambling.

## Introduction

In this episode segment, I provide a brief overview of the current state of gambling in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, or U.S. federal district emphasizing, by far, anything of interest to slot machine casino gamblers.

## Who Sets Winning Odds, Louisiana Slot Machine Casino Gambling

Each state-by-state episode segment can be expected to include:

- An Introduction
- Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling, if any
- Slot Machine Private Ownership
- State Gaming Commission, if any
- Gambling Establishments, if any, and
- A Summary

Here goes.

Louisiana slot machine casino gambling includes fifteen riverboat casinos, Harrah's land-based casino in New Orleans, four pari-mutuel casinos with slot machines, and three American Indian tribal casinos. The gaming industry has become an important part of Louisiana's culture and economy.

In the 1920s, pari-mutuel wagering was approved by the state of Louisiana. In the early 1980s, the collapse of the state's oil-based economy led to an expansion in other forms of legalized gambling.

The primary type of Louisiana slot machine casino gambling consists of electronic video bingo which, by definition in Louisiana state gaming regulations, is considered in general to be a slot machine or "electronic gaming device".

## Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling

The legal age of gambling in Louisiana is 18 for pari-mutuel betting and 21 for the lottery.

Historically, Louisiana has had a long history of illegal casinos, with the state alternating between raiding illegal casino operations and ignoring them.

Louisiana was the fourth U.S. state to legalize riverboat casinos, approved by the state legislature in 1991 along with the return of the state lottery. A provision was made in 1992 for a land-based casino to be located in New Orleans.

Negotiations began in 1993 for state-tribal compacts with three federally-recognized American Indian tribes to open land-based casinos, eventually approved by the federal government. A fourth Native American tribe, recognized in 2002, later negotiated a state-tribal compact and eventually gained U.S. Department of the Interior approval.

Efforts by pari-mutuel facilities to add slot machines were eventually successful at three tracks in 1997 and later for a fourth track.

Ambiguity in state gaming regulations regarding their definition of "truck stops" allowed video poker to be added by many businesses and spread across the state.

## Slot Machine Private Ownership

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

## State Gaming Commission

The Louisiana Gaming Control Board's (<http://lgcb.dps.louisiana.gov>) mission statement is:

"To regulate all gaming activities under its jurisdiction in a manner which instills public confidence and trust that gaming activities are conducted honestly and free from criminal and corruptive elements; to ensure the integrity of individual gaming activities by the regulations of persons, practices, associations, and activities within the gaming industry."

Other state gaming commissions in Louisiana include a Riverboat Gaming Commission, the State Lottery, and a Division of Charitable Gaming for charitable bingo, keno, and raffles.

Louisiana state gaming regulations require that gaming machines in casinos be programmed with a payout percentage between 80% and 99.9%. For video gaming machines at non-casino locations, the payout percentage must be between 80% and 94%.

Gambling at non-tribal casinos in the state of Louisiana was divided by state gaming regulations into four regions. Below is listed the non-tribal casinos and pari-mutuel facilities in each region along with payout percentages as reported from mid-2015 to mid-2016 to Louisiana's Riverboat Gaming Section:

- Baton Rouge (Casinos: Belle of Baton Rouge, Hollywood Casino, L'Auberge, and Evangeline Downs)
  - 1-cent: 88.74%
  - 5-cent: 91.94%
  - Quarter: 92.54%
  - 1-dollar: 93.64%
  - 5-dollar: 94.28%
  - All electronic machines: 91.17%

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- Lake Charles (Casinos: Isle of Capri, L'Auberge de Lac, and Delta Downs)
  - 1-cent: 88.23%
  - 5-cent: 92.64%
  - Quarter: 92.84%
  - 1-dollar: 92.07%
  - 5-dollar: 93.53%
  - All electronic machines: 91.01%
- New Orleans (Casinos: Amelia Belle, Boomtown, Harrah's, Treasure Chest, and Fairgrounds Raceway)
  - 1-cent: 88.60%
  - 5-cent: 93.96%
  - Quarter: 92.47%
  - 1-dollar: 93.20%
  - 5-dollar: 93.28%
  - All electronic machines: 90.47%
- Shreveport/Bossier City (Casinos: Boomtown, Diamond Jack's, Sam's Town, Eldorado, Horseshoe, and Harrah's Louisiana Downs)
  - 1-cent: 88.64%
  - 5-cent: 91.79%
  - Quarter: 91.21%
  - 1-dollar: 92.48%
  - 5-dollar: 92.80%
  - All electronic machines: 90.30%

The regions with the best payout percentages from above as sorted by electronic machine denomination are:

- 1-cent: 88.74% in the Baton Rouge region
- 5-cent: 93.96% in the New Orleans region
- Quarter: 92.84% in the Lake Charles region
- 1-dollar: 93.64% in the Baton Rouge region
- 5-dollar: 94.28% in the Baton Rouge region
- All electronic machines: 91.17% in the Baton Rouge region

As is often the case with negotiated state-tribal compacts, any required levels of payout percentages for American Indian tribal casinos in Louisiana (if they exist at all) are unknown..

## Gambling Establishments

In this section, I'll discuss Louisiana gambling establishments. I've thought about not verbally telling you're the names of each state's casinos, even when there are only a couple of dozen as with Louisiana, but I've found I like to say the names of casinos. They

are often interesting but, more personally, I just like saying them. However, as usual, the website links for each casino, assuming they have set up a website, is available by clicking on this segment in the show notes available at [professorslots.com/e22](http://professorslots.com/e22)

Louisiana's single land-based Harrah's New Orleans Casino & Hotel is the largest casino with 3,800 gaming machines and 105 table games. The second largest is the American Indian tribal casino Paragon Casino Resort, with 2,200 gaming machines and 45 table games.

1. Amelia Belle Casino (riverboat casino)
2. Belle of Baton Rouge (riverboat casino)
3. Boomtown Casino & Hotel Bossier City (riverboat casino)
4. Boomtown Casino New Orleans (riverboat casino)
5. Coushatta Casino Resort (tribal casino)
6. Cypress Bayou Casino (tribal casino)
7. Delta Downs Racetrack & Casino (pari-mutual casino)
8. Diamond Jacks Casino – Bossier City (riverboat casino)
9. Eldorado Casino Shreveport (riverboat casino)
10. Evangeline Downs Racetrack & Casino (pari-mutual casino)
11. Fair Grounds Racecourse & Slots (pari-mutual casino)
12. Golden Nugget Casino – Lake Charles (riverboat casino)
13. Harrah's Louisiana Downs (pari-mutual casino)
14. Harrah's New Orleans Casino & Hotel (land-based non-tribal casino)
15. Hollywood Casino – Baton Rouge (riverboat casino)
16. Horseshoe Casino Hotel – Bossier City (riverboat casino)
17. Isle of Capri Casino – Lake Charles (riverboat casino)
18. Jena Choctaw Pines Casino (tribal casino)
19. L'Auberge Casino Hotel Baton Rouge (riverboat casino)
20. L'Auberge Casino Resort Lake Charles (riverboat casino)
21. Margaritaville Resort Casino – Bossier City (riverboat casino)
22. Paragon Casino Resort (tribal casino)
23. Sam's Town Hotel & Casino Shreveport (riverboat casino)
24. Treasure Chest Casino (riverboat casino)

## Summary

In summary, Louisiana slot machine casino gambling includes riverboat casinos, a land-based casino, pari-mutuel casinos with slot machines, and American Indian tribal casinos. Electronic gaming machines in Louisiana consist of video bingo, which the state legislature has defined as a slot machine.

The gaming industry has become an important part of Louisiana's culture and economy, including adding slot machines to pari-mutuel facilities and the spread of video poker across loosely-defined truck stops across the state..

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## Podcast Interviews

Again, I have a few more interviews coming up, but I'll wait to tell you more about where to find them until they've actually been released. They should come out any day now!

## On the Next Episode of Professor Slots

Part I of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast has, once again, not yet been determined.

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 Federal District. This time, I'll be talking to you about the U.S. State of Maine.

## Closing

That's the end of another great episode of the Professor Slots podcast. Thanks so much for listening! Show notes for this episode can be found within most podcast Apps or at [professorslots.com/e22](https://professorslots.com/e22).

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.