

## PS 56: Start a Local Gambling Podcast | U.S. Virgin Islands and Utah Slots in 2019

### Opening

Hello! Today's episode #56 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses Starting a Local Gambling Podcast. Plus, in this episode I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands and the great U.S. state of Utah.

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 went over Seven Secrets to Winning on Slots During Your Las Vegas Visit. In fact, I added an eighth secret. But that's a secret. Shhh!

Further, I reviewed Tennessee and Texas slot machine casino gambling in 2019.

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

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### Introduction to Recreational Gambling Podcast

Let's start with the first segment of the show: Why You Need to Start a Recreational Gambling Podcast Right Now.

The world needs you to start a recreational gambling podcast. Having a podcast is:

- Low cost
- You don't need much equipment or services
- Pretty much anywhere is good enough to record a podcast
- A great deal of fun

It's not even public speaking because you're typically alone or with a friend or two. What's not to like about starting your podcast? And, what better topic than a hobby you already love: Recreational gambling?

This episode segment has the following sections:

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## Why You Should Start a Podcast

Gambling in the U.S. was once legal only in Nevada. Later, Atlantic City legalized gambling in the eastern United States. Then, along came tribal casinos with Las Vegas Gaming. Now, as of last year, the Supreme Court removed its ban on sports betting.

In case you hadn't noticed, the gaming industry is booming. It's a dynamic time in many states as the gaming industry continues to grow. A lot is going on all over the place.

In many states, too much is happening that's not shared. Your fellow gamblers need and want to know what you are seeing and experiencing. Have a local recreational gambling podcast is the solution. And you're just the person to do it.

Just a few of the state-specific changes taking place in the last few months are:

- Virginians are excitedly preparing for the arrival of casinos.
- Pennsylvania hasn't built their approved satellite casinos. Plus, multiple airport casinos are still in negotiation. How's all that going to work out?
- Blackhawk is losing gaming revenue because Colorado built a bypass allowing visitors to arrive at their neighbor Central City first, rather than the other way around after so many years.

Once every week, I research and write about the current state of slots gambling in a U.S. state, territory, or the federal district. It takes me 13 months to get through all of them, and I've done it twice so far.

I cover the U.S. slot machine gaming market. I can't report on casino slots developments in each state as closely as I'd like. No one person can.

And this is where you come in. I can't research, think about, explain, visit the casinos, and otherwise study gambling in each state. But you can. With a podcast!

You know your casinos. You know your state. I'm focused on slots, but you might like table games. Maybe you enjoy craps, blackjack, poker, and roulette. That's great!

Tell people about what you are seeing and learning in your area during this dynamic time in the gaming industry. No one else is doing this, and the need is there.

You have local knowledge, and people want to keep up with what is happening in your state and even at your local casino – people just like you. And having a fanbase is excellent.

Just today, Emiliano joined our Texas slots community and wrote, “Thanks, Jon! Loyal listener of your podcast. Trying to get myself to Vegas and this latest episode will come in handy.”

Imagine people feeling that way about your podcast. Wouldn't that be nice? There's something great about being of service to a community, even the recreational gambling community.

Still on the fence about whether to start a recreational gambling podcast? Well, once you develop a following, you can start monetizing your podcast. Yes, even as a recreational gambling podcaster, you could make enough to cover your costs.

## No, You Don't Need to Be Technically Inclined

How hard is it to have a recreational gambling podcast, technically? Frankly, it's not very difficult at all. If you can handle emails, then you've got the necessary skills to have a functioning podcast. It's that easy to start podcasting.

Let me take some of the mystery away with regards to having a podcast. You need five things to become a recreational gambling podcaster:

1. Computer, tablet, or smartphone with an internet connection or WIFI.
2. A microphone.
3. A podcast host service.
4. A show name.
5. A love of gambling.

I'll tell you a secret. Podcasting doesn't work out if you don't love your topic. And I know you love gambling. Everything else is just minutiae. These little details include not having a podcast show name with the words “The” or “Podcast” in it.

At its simplest, recording a podcast means:

- Talking into a microphone.
- Saving the audio file, somehow.
- Uploading the audio to a podcast host distribution service.

Let's talk about the minimum necessary for each of these needs. First, please don't use the microphone on a laptop or computer – those sound terrible. You're better than that!

However, any microphone plugged into a computer or smart device doesn't sound terrible. Have a pair of Apple air pods? Great! You've got your microphone.

Once you talk about whatever you want to talk about on your recreational gambling podcast episode, save the audio file someplace you can upload it. Upload where? To a podcast host service.

What's a podcast host, you ask? I'll explain it. All podcast shows have podcast hosts. I assume you listen to podcasts? As a listener, why would you know from where little podcasts come?

Well, Spotify isn't where podcasters send their audio files. Nor are they sent to any of the many other places people find podcasts like, say, Google Podcasts. Instead, you'll upload your podcast episode to a service which does all that for you. Nice, yes?

You might need to create a free account at Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio or TuneIn or other podcast destinations. But afterward, you provide that information to your podcast host, who takes care of the technical details.

Two of the best podcast hosts out there are Libsyn for Liberated Syndications and Blubrry. No, that's not a misspelling. The company name sounds like blueberry but isn't spelled like my favorite fruit. Both e's are missing.

The monthly fee for having a podcast host starts at \$5 per month at Libsyn and \$12 per month at Blubrry. Either of these hosting plans is all you'd need to start distributing your podcast everywhere.

## A Few Steps Further

That's all you need to start a podcast. But what happens if your recreational gambling podcast gets a little famous? Well, then you'll probably want a few more things to go along with it.

What things? Well, a simple website would be helpful for your listeners. Each episode might have show notes. That's where you'd place links which you mention like local news articles, photos, or whatever else you might share with your audience.

Well, how hard is it to have a website associated with your podcast? It's dead easy. The podcast hosts mentioned above offer that service, too.

But let's take this one step further. Maybe you want a unique URL for your website. If you plan ahead, you might even name your podcast something for which you can also get the URL. Maybe your name dot com?

Website hosting is like podcasting hosting. You need both a location and a name. With names, that's your URL. The site, as mentioned, can start as a service offered by your podcast host.

The podcast host will give you a URL, which is all that most podcasters use. However, these services will also let you attach your custom URL to their website service. But you provide that URL. How?

A custom website URL starts around \$1 per year at GoDaddy. Yes, that's per year. But all the advice I've heard says to spend the extra money to buy a URL which ends with .com. That'll cost you a minimum of \$12 per year.

It's well worth having the URL with dot com at the end. People are unfamiliar with anything else. However, a lot of URLs ending in dot com with common words are unavailable.

You have a choice to make even after you pick your podcast name. Let's say you named your show Casino Talk. I just checked, and CasinoTalk.com has been purchased and, further, is an active website explaining online gambling based in New Jersey.

None of us can have that URL. But CasinoTalk.fun is available. You could buy that for a year at the low, low cost of 99-cents per year. But too many of your audience members would end up at the .com site rather than the .fun site. For all of us, typing .com has become automatic.

There is one final step I must mention to you. I've read a lot of books and listened to a lot of podcasts on starting my Professor Slots business. Time and again, I have heard people express only one regret: "I didn't start my email list soon enough."

Your email list is a business asset. It's yours to care for and nurture. If you sell items on Amazon, buyers give their email to Amazon and not you. That buyer's email is Amazon's business asset. The same is true for Facebook and others.

If Amazon or Facebook make a change in their terms and conditions, just like that you've lost your audience. It is only then you'll realize they were never your audience. It doesn't have to be this way for an independent or "indie" podcaster.

If you start a podcast, also start an email list. Having a list doesn't mean you need a newsletter immediately. The point here is to start the list, occasionally ask people to join, then have no regrets later when you need it.

There are several email list services available, including AWeber and MailChimp. You may have heard of the latter due to its survey option. I use AWeber to maintain and grow my email list.

This seems like the perfect time to welcome you as a fellow indie podcaster!

Before I start the next section on the podcasting equipment I use, I wanted to jump in here and have a little heart-to-heart talk with you. I love being an indie podcaster! I enjoy chatting, talking, and meeting with like-minded slots enthusiasts like you.

I feel like I am making a difference in the world with this podcast. Yes, I know that's a bold statement. But if I can help one person avoid a costly mistake at the casino, it reminds me of why I am doing this.

I haven't mentioned this before, this will be the first time, but ten years ago I decided I needed to use my eight college degrees, mostly in physics and engineering, to figure out a way to get out from under my massive student loan debt.

I'll tell the longer story some other time, but I ended up looking for a business idea. Not a good business idea, but a great business idea. This thought came out of a quiet bookstore conversation with Larry Correia, best-selling author of *Monster Hunter Nation* and other urban fantasy novels. But, that full conversation is part of the longer story.

I ended up looking for something fun, helpful, and potentially able to generate income to pay on my student loan debt. And ninety taxable jackpots in nine months and then winning a car started me on my Professor Slots journey.

Of course, first I had to figure out the business name I wanted. Do you know DoctorSlots.com is one of those URLs that's not available? Someone owns the URL but, last I checked, it's not used. Besides, it sounds too medical. Only later did I come up with Professor Slots.

Yes, these decisions are part of my origin story, as they say. Lately I've learned I should share more of that story more often. So, there's a tidbit.

But sharing a bit of my story is also meant to be an example of what you might go through with the simple step of becoming an indie podcaster. Whether you plan for it or not, you could become popular. You might like it.

Let me put this perhaps strange suggestion to start a recreational gambling podcast in much more familiar terms. Have you ever gone up in tier level in your casino's player's club? Did you feel a sense of increased, I don't know, status?

Have you ever been top-tier or second-to-top tier? Nobody but you or I will understand this, but that's exactly what being an indie podcaster is like.

I have gone to online and physical meetups with other podcasters, especially with others enrolled in the School of Podcasting. They don't understand what it's like to have a least little bit of status at a casino due to tier status. You do. If our fellow podcasters did have any level of tier status, they'd feel the similarity.

## Podcasting Equipment I Use

This next section originally included quite a few website links to the equipment and services I want to recommend for your consideration. Most links would direct you to Amazon so you know the precise equipment I'm referring to. The links to various services, like the Libsyn and Blurbry podcast hosts mentioned, lead to their respective websites.

It's impractical to read off long links, so I've placed all the links to recommended equipment and services into this podcast episode notes available at [ProfessorSlots.com/e56](http://ProfessorSlots.com/e56).

Hobbies are fun. People can spend a lot of money on their hobbies. As recreational gamblers, we know this to be true.

You could easily pick up podcasting as a hobby. It's doesn't cost much to start, as I have explained. But what if you want to start investing in your hobby?

Maybe you want a better microphone than your ear pods. Perhaps the mic needs a stand, so you don't have to hold it when recording. Or you want to start editing your audio file with software to remove coughs or whatever.

All these upgrades and more are available. But I mention them here because there are too many choices. If you wanted to invest in a few upgrades, what might you get?

Let's start with a better microphone. Mics can get expensive fast, but low-end mics are great and inexpensive. I recommend the Audio Technica ATR2500 or the Samson Q2U, both just over \$60 each on Amazon.

Next up is audio editing software. I recommend free software for this, specifically Audacity. If you have an Apple computer, then you have another free software for editing audio called GarageBand.

Audio editing software which you can purchase includes Adobe Audition and Hindenburg Journalist. Both offer free 30-day trials.

That's all the audio editing software you'll likely ever need. But you might want an even better microphone. Again, there are a lot of options for podcast microphones.

On my podcast, I have used the microphones mentioned. But, I quickly upgraded to the Heil PR 40 followed by the Shure SM7B I currently use. Both mics are lovely. They now cost around \$400 new on Amazon.

But with microphones with better sound quality comes the need for an interface between the mic and your computer. These microphones don't have a USB connection, but the interface does.

You'd need to plug one or more mics into the interface, then plug the interface into your computer using a USB cable. The microphone interface I've enjoyed using is the Scarlet 2i2 from FocusRite.

Other items would include accessories like microphone stands, cables, pop filter, headphones, and maybe an in-line pre-amplifier. The headphones I've found to be very comfortable to wear for hours on end is the BeyerDynamic DT 770 Studio Pro Headset 80 Ohms.

The microphone in-line pre-amplifier I use is something I'll steer you away from, given the troubles I've had with it. That's what I got for trying to save a few dollars. Instead, I'll recommend the highly-regarded Cloudlifter CL-1 pre-amp. Another in-line pre-amplifier is the more inexpensive and more colorful sE Electronics DM1 Dynamite.

Imagine sitting in your basement or at your kitchen table after the kids are asleep. Recording your podcast by yourself or with a few friends doesn't take much more. Well, let's say they aren't in the same room as you. Then you'll both need to get something like Skype to hold and record a conversation.

Have you noticed how all this seems to want to snowball into more and more options? Interesting hobbies do that, you know. Plus, it's what can happen if you get famous. But, as mentioned above, you can start and get by with a computer, external microphone, and an inexpensive podcast host.

## Podcasting Help and Resources

There are details here where you can potentially get stuck. The podcast hosts mentioned have lots of online resources to help explain much of it. This extensive technical support and library of solutions are reasons I like them.

But sometimes you'll need or want some direct help figuring out how all this podcast equipment, software, and services work together. I found a resource for beginning podcasters over a year ago.

I signed up for a yearly subscription at Dave Jackson's The School of Podcasting. There, I learned everything I needed to start podcasting.

If you have any trouble with learning the editing software or otherwise, I highly recommend learning more about each of these topics from Dave Jackson at The School of Podcasting.

Besides having several podcasts, Dave teaches beginners how to podcast. He does this with:

- Online courses
- Weekly online office hours
- Monthly meetups in northwest Ohio
- Personal coaching

I found the online courses especially helpful. They explained in easy-to-understand terms how to use readily available audio editing software packages for podcasters.

Further, he provides other online courses on using Skype for co-hosts and interviews, how to organize your podcast workflow, practical steps to monetizing a podcast, and more. He's also a great guy.

I will also mention that recreational gambling podcasters are a community that helps each other. We call-in to other shows and meet up here and there. They are a great group of people of which you'll enjoy being an equal member.

## Summary of *Recreational Gambling Podcast*

Get together with your friends and family, or maybe talk into a microphone yourself, to start a *recreational gambling podcast* for your local area or state. Costs are minimal, such as having a \$5 per month podcast host. Use your computer or smartphone, internet connection, and away you go.

Why? Because nearly every state is finding themselves going through incredible gaming growth. People need and want to know what you know about the gaming industry in your local region. Besides which, it's a lot of fun. Jump in and start podcasting!

The companies I've recommended in this episode aren't sponsors. To be clear, they have not paid me to mention them. I like their equipment and services and think you will, too.

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## Introduction

Up next 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 two U.S. states, territories, or federal district emphasizing, by far, anything of interest to slot machine casino gamblers.

Up first is U.S. Virgin Islands slot machine casino gambling in 2019. Here goes!

U.S. Virgin Islands slot machine casino gambling consists of seven casinos with one of them proposed. However, due to ongoing rebuilding efforts after the two hurricanes of September 2017, only the casinos on the islands of St. John and St. Thomas are currently open.

The U.S. Virgin Islands are in the Caribbean about 40 miles east of Puerto Rico. This U.S. island territory consists of the main islands of St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas as well as many surrounding minor islands.

## Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in U.S. Virgin Islands\*

The minimum legal gambling age in the U.S. Virgin Islands depends upon the gambling activity:

- Land-Based Casinos: 21
- Poker Rooms: 21
- Bingo: not available
- Lottery: 18
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering: not available

A referendum held in November 1994 legalized casino gambling on St. Croix. However, at that time, voters rejected it on St. Thomas and St. John. Following the referendum, the legislature voted to legalize casino gambling in St. Croix on April 27, 1995.

The Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Act of 1995 allowed the issuance of six casino licenses. It intended to stimulate the economy of the island of St. Croix, specifically the tourism sector. Per this Act, only a major hotel and convention facility can have a casino.

Sometime after this initial referendum result, apparently, casino gambling became legalized on the islands of St. Thomas and St. John. This status is only apparent because the websites for these locations state they have slot machines available. Therefore, use some caution before assuming these locations have legalized gaming options.

Online casino games and poker are available in the U.S. Virgin Islands, yet licenses haven't been issued. Players are unprosecuted for playing in offshore casinos. The U.S. Virgin Islands does not block online casino websites.

In most U.S. gaming jurisdictions, with the known exception of New Jersey, these online casino websites are blocked. You simply can't get to them online. Even in New Jersey, you can't access these websites without being identified by your physical position through cell phone towers as being within the state.

Given how approximate such positioning is, it's not GPS after all, you'll need to be about a mile or so within New Jersey's state border to be identified as being within the state.

Weekly, I get emails from online slots casinos asking if I'd be interested in showing advertisements on my website for their online casino. How much, they ask? I never respond, in part because all these emails appear automated like a robot wrote them.

But I also know you have no interest in online slots casinos. How do I know this? Because you don't have access to them unless you live in New Jersey and possibly a few other states. And, I know, the New Jersey gaming commission already does a thorough job vetting and assessing these sites for New Jersey residents. So, that's my rant on online slots casinos. For practical reasons, I don't have much to do with them here at Professor Slots.

## Slot Machine Private Ownership in U.S. Virgin Islands

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:

It is unknown whether it is legal or not to privately own a slot machine in the territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Simply put, I cannot find any laws that prevent it. That's doesn't necessarily make it legal, though. It's just doesn't appear to be covered by current law.

## Gaming Control Board in U.S. Virgin Islands

The Virgin Islands Casino and Resort Control Act of 1995 established the U.S. Virgin Islands Casino Control Commission. The Commission does not have a website, but its main phone number is (340) 718-3138.

The Casino Control Commission issued its first two casino licenses in 1998. After the passing of Hurricane Lenny in November 1999, the first St. Croix casino opened in March 2001.

One of the main functions of the Commission is the issuance of licenses to prospective investors and employees. The Commission has a physical presence, through inspectors and agents, during the operation of the casino.

The Division of Gaming Enforcement, a unit within the Department of Justice, is the Commission's investigation and enforcement arm.

The Division's primary function is to investigate the qualifications of each applicant before the Commission issues any license, permit, or certification to that applicant. Further, the DGE requires they verify any jackpot of \$25,000 or more.

## Casinos in U.S. Virgin Islands

In this section, I'll discuss U.S. Virgin Islands gambling establishments.

There are seven commercial casinos on the islands of St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Most of these casinos are not open or only proposed as casinos. If traveling to the U.S. Virgin Islands, be sure to check the status of any casinos you plan to visit on these islands.

The largest casino in the U.S. Virgin Islands is Divi Carina Bay All-Inclusive Beach Resort & Casino on the island of St. Croix having 360 gaming machines and 17 table games.

The second largest casino, once it opens, will be Golden Resort on the island of St. Croix.

## List of Casinos in U.S. Virgin Islands

There are four casinos on the island of St. Croix, one casino on St. John, and two casinos on St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. As of a month or so ago, when I last checked, the St. Croix casinos were all closed for various reason:

As usual when there are too many casinos to mention here, a complete list along with links to their websites, assuming they've set one up, is available on my website blog article for this state at [professorslots.com/VI](http://professorslots.com/VI).

## List of Tribal Casinos in U.S. Virgin Islands

There are no American Indian tribal casinos on the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## Other Gambling Establishments

As an alternative to enjoying U.S. Virgin Islands slot machine casino gambling, consider exploring casino options in a nearby state. Bordering this island territory is:

- Northeast: Florida
- East: Atlantic Ocean
- South: Caribbean Sea
- West: Puerto Rico

To visit either of my articles on this U.S. state or territory, simply visit [ProfessorSlots.com](http://ProfessorSlots.com) followed by its two-letter postal designation. For example, my Florida slots article is available at [ProfessorSlots.com/FL](http://ProfessorSlots.com/FL).

## Payout Returns in U.S. Virgin Islands

No payout return limits or statistics are available from the U.S. Virgin Islands Gaming Control Commission.

## Our U.S. Virgin Islands Slots Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in the U.S. Virgin Islands? If so, join our new U.S. Virgin Islands slots community on Facebook at [ProfessorSlots.com/FBVI](http://ProfessorSlots.com/FBVI). That's a shortcut I've created for your convenience. To freely join this group, all you'll need is a Facebook profile.

There, you'll be able to privately share your slots experiences as well as chat with players about slots gambling on or near the U.S. Virgin Islands. Come join us!

## Summary

U.S. Virgin Islands slot machine casino gambling consists of seven casinos. These casinos are on the islands of St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas. However, most casinos

closed for renovation. These rebuilding efforts were a result of the massive damage caused by two Category-5 hurricanes, Irma and Maria, in September 2017.

Before making travel plans to the U.S. Virgin Islands with an intent to gamble, be sure to check the updated status of any casinos you plan to visit on the islands comprising this U.S. territory.

## Annual Progress

There have been little to no changes in the gaming industry of the U.S. Virgin Islands since the widespread devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in late-2017.

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## Introduction

Up next is the second state comprising this episode segment: Utah Slot Machine Casino Gambling in 2019. Here goes!

Utah slot machine casino gambling does not exist due to religious reasons. It is one of only two states where gambling is strictly illegal. However, slot machines are available across Utah's borders in its neighboring states.

## Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Utah\*

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

- Land-Based Casinos: Not available
- Poker Rooms: Not available
- Bingo: Not available
- Lottery: Not available
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering: Not available

The minimum legal age for any form of gambling in Utah is not available as all forms of gambling are illegal.

Utah is one of only two states, with the other being Hawaii, where gambling is strictly illegal. However, unlike Hawaii's economic analysis decision-making approach, Utah prohibits all forms of gaming due to religious reasons.

## Slot Machine Private Ownership in Utah

Regarding slot machine private ownership, it is illegal to own a slot machine in the state of Utah privately.

## Gaming Control Board in Utah

Utah does not have state gaming commissions to provide gaming regulations for casinos, the lottery, pari-mutuel wagering, or charitable gaming.

## Casinos in Utah

There are no casinos in Utah.

## List of Casinos in Utah

Again, there are no casinos in Utah. However, Utah has several bingo halls in Salt Lake City, Huntsville, Kearns, Ogden, and Riverdale. Some bingo facilities have electronic gaming machines offering video bingo.

After legally challenged with offering illegal gambling for charging a fee for providing bingo along with a dinner, the bingo facilities responded that the paid dinner in question was optional. The courts later ruled that it is not gambling if the bingo cards are free of charge with no obligation to pay for dinner.

It is also perhaps worth mentioning that there are rumors of illegal poker rooms available within the state of Utah, even high limit poker game rooms.

## List of Tribal Casinos in Utah

Utah has seven federally-recognized American Indian tribes:

- Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation (Nevada and Utah)
- Navajo Nation (Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah)
- Northwestern Band of Shoshoni Nation
- Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah consisting of
  - Cedar Band of Paiutes
  - Kanosh Band of Paiutes
  - Koosharem Band of Paiutes
  - Indian Peaks Band of Paiutes
  - Shivwits Band of Paiutes
- Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians of Utah

- Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah)

However, Utah has no tribal casinos.

## Other Gambling Establishments

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

- North: Idaho and Wyoming
- East: Colorado
- South: Arizona
- Southwest: New Mexico
- West: Nevada

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The nearest slot machines are in West Wendover in Nevada, about 123 miles west of Utah's Salt Lake City. The four casinos in West Wendover have a total of 3,550 slot machines.

For more information on West Wendover casinos, see my podcast episode #41: [West Wendover Nevada Payout Returns | CO, CT Slots 2018](#).

Utah is interesting in terms of slot machines. Yes, they prohibit gambling as much as it is anywhere. Hawaii prohibited gambling just as much, but for well thought out economic reasons.

But there are still people in Utah that want to play slots. And Nevada does what it can to accommodate them by allowing so many casinos in West Wendover, Nevada. Further, other neighboring states to Utah have done something similar, including Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, and New Mexico.

It's practically a cottage industry. And lots of real money is being made by these other states due to taxing gaming revenue. Revenue which Utah is missing out on. Utah must be feeling the pressure. Anybody know how their Utah state economy is going?

## Payout Returns in Utah

No payout return limits or statistics are available from Utah.

## Our Utah Slots Facebook Group

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There, you'll be able to privately share your slots experiences as well as chat with players about slots gambling in or near Utah. Come join us!

## Summary of Utah Slot Machine Casino Gambling 2019

*Utah slot machine casino gambling* does not exist. Utah is one of only two states, the other being Hawaii, where gambling is strictly illegal. The nearest slot machines for Utah residents are in West Wendover in Nevada, 123 miles directly west of Salt Lake City.

Bingo is legal in Utah, but only if offered free of charge. Some bingo halls have electronic gaming machines offering video bingo.

## Annual Progress in Utah Slot Machine Casino Gambling

Over the last year, there has been no change in the lack of gaming in the state of Utah.

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## On the Next Episode of Professor Slots

Part I of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast is a review of the 2019 annual financial report for International Games Technology PLC, the longer-form name of slots manufacturer IGT.

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Part II of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast are more brief overviews of the current state of gambling in two U.S. states, territories, or federal district. Next time, I'll be talking to you about the great U.S. states of Vermont and Virginia.

## 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 now available within most podcast Apps, but are also available on my website at [professorslots.com/e56](http://professorslots.com/e56).

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.

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