

## PS 112: More on Payout Returns Live | Wisconsin Slots in 2020

### Opening

Hello! Today's episode #112 of the Professor Slots podcast discusses more on payout returns. Plus, in this episode I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of Wisconsin.

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 More on Rewards Clubs Live from my weekly live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Further, I reviewed West Virginia slot machine casino gambling in 2020.

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

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### YouTube Q&A Session from Saturday, October 10, 2020

Here's the audio recording of my latest live stream Q&A session.

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### Introduction

This is the next segment of the show on slot machine casino gambling. Here, I provide a brief overview of the current state of gambling in a U.S. state, territory, or the federal district emphasizing, by far, anything of interest to slot machine casino gamblers.

Up next is Wisconsin slot machine casino gambling in 2020. Here goes!

Wisconsin slot machine casino gambling consists of 24 tribal casinos. Illegal video gambling machines exist in bars and taverns throughout Wisconsin.

Tribal-state gaming compacts have minimum and maximum theoretical payout limits. Annual return statistics are publicly available for all tribal casinos.

## Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Wisconsin

The minimum legal gambling age in Wisconsin depends upon the gambling activity:

- Land-Based Casinos: 21
- Poker Rooms: 18
- Bingo: 18
- Lottery: 18
- Pari-Mutuel Wagering: 18

Tribal casinos in Wisconsin have negotiated tribal-state gaming compacts. However, each city or county must agree to both the development of a local tribal casino as well as the games offered at its site.

Further, many bars and taverns in Wisconsin have illegal video gaming machines. Having up to five machines results in civil forfeiture without legal repercussion while more than five machines are, instead, a criminal offense.

Anyone playing pay-to-play, bar-based slot machines must be at least 21. Otherwise, owners break a different law, this one having severe legal consequences for their business.

Electronic gaming machines in bars and taverns which are free to play with no prizes of any value are not illegal under Wisconsin's gaming regulations.

## Slot Machine Private Ownership in Wisconsin

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

## Gaming Control Board in Wisconsin

Wisconsin's Gaming Division has gaming regulatory responsibilities including:

- Licensing procedures
- Background investigations
- Regulatory enforcement activities

The Division's area of focus for tribal gaming is the Office of Indian Gaming and Regulatory Compliance created by tribal-state gaming compacts. The Office's purpose is to ensure regulation of Class III games at casinos operated by Wisconsin's eleven tribes.

## Casinos in Wisconsin

In this section, I'll discuss Wisconsin gambling establishments.

There are 24 American Indian tribal casinos in Wisconsin. The largest casino in Wisconsin is Potawatomi Hotel & Casino with over 2,500 slot machines. The second-largest casino is Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells with 2,200 slot machines.

## Non-Tribal Casinos in Wisconsin

There are no commercial casinos in Wisconsin.

## American Indian Casinos in Wisconsin

There are 24 tribal casinos in Wisconsin. As usual when there are too many casinos to mention here, a complete list and map is on my webpage for this state at [professorslots.com/WI](http://professorslots.com/WI).

## Other Gambling Establishments

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

- North: Michigan
- East: Lake Michigan
- South: Illinois
- West: Iowa and Minnesota

To visit any of my articles on these U.S. states, simply visit ProfessorSlots.com followed by its two-letter postal designation. For example, my Michigan slots article is available at ProfessorSlots.com/MI.

## Our Wisconsin Slots Community Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in Wisconsin? If so, join our Wisconsin slots community on Facebook at [professorslots.com/FBWI](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBWI). All you'll need is a Facebook profile to join this private Facebook Group freely.

There, you'll be able to privately share your slots experiences as well as chat with players about slots gambling in or near Wisconsin. Again, use this convenient link I've created to go directly to our Group on Facebook: [professorslots.com/FBWI](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBWI). Join us!

## Payout Returns in Wisconsin

Written into Wisconsin's tribal-state gaming compacts are minimum and maximum theoretical payout limits. These limits apply over the expected lifetime of the game.

Each tribal-state compact has set minimum and maximum payout limits. However, there are two sets of limits, both of which apply over the expected lifetime of the game:

- Games-of-chance (slot machines): 80% and 100%
- Games-of-skill video games (poker, blackjack, etc.): 83% and 103%

For each machine, tribal casinos report to the state both its theoretical payout and actual return statistics. However, this valuable information is not available to the public.

An annual return statistic is publicly available for all tribal casinos combined in Wisconsin, although casino hold% comes from dividing Tribal Net Win by Handle Data. Player win% is from subtracting hold% from 100%.

In 2019, the most recent year available, the annual return statistic was 92.76%. This player win% is up from 2017's 92.48% and 2018's 92.61%.

## Summary of Wisconsin Slots in 2020

In summary, Wisconsin slot machine casino gambling consists of 24 tribal casinos. Illegal gaming machines exist at many bars and taverns, but only five or more machines results in a criminal offense.

Tribal-state gaming compacts have established two sets of theoretical payout limits, including minimum and maximums. For games-of-chance such as slot machines, these limits are 80% and 100%. The 2019 return statistic was 92.76%.

## Annual Progress in Wisconsin Slot Machine Casino Gambling

Over the last year, there has been no significant changes to the slots gaming industry in Wisconsin.

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## On the Next Episode of Professor Slots

Part I of the next episode of the Professor Slots podcast will include a live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Remember, my weekly Q&A session on YouTube is on Saturdays from Noon until 1 p.m. Eastern Time. Bring whatever slots questions you have, and I'll do my best to answer them.

An easy-to-remember link to my YouTube channel is [YouTube.com/ProfessorSlots](https://YouTube.com/ProfessorSlots). Feel free to stop by anytime during my hour-long live Q&A session.

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 the federal district. Next time, I'll be talking to you about the great U.S. state of Wyoming.

## 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 on my website at [professorslots.com/episode112](https://professorslots.com/episode112).

I plan to have the next episode come out very soon for you, where I'll have more amazing content for the show.

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Until the next episode: Have fun, be safe, and make good choices! Bye.