

PS 131: Touring Professor Slots Live | Kentucky Slots in 2021

Opening

Hello! Today's episode #131 of the Professor Slots podcast tours all that Professor Slots has to offer. I'll be your tour guide. Plus, in this episode, I'll be covering the current state of slot machine casino gambling in the great U.S. state of Kentucky.

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 Mississippi's return-to-player statistics from my weekly live stream Q&A session on YouTube.

Further, I reviewed Kansas slot machine casino gambling in 2021.

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 DATE

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

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Hello, slots enthusiasts! How are you? My name is Jon Friedl. Welcome to Professor Slots, a channel devoted to mastering casino slots so you can win your way to success!

Today I'll be your tour guide, showing new fans and old what I have to offer. And, yes, at the end of the tour we'll be exiting through the give shop.

It's great to see you all here again for another Professor Slots podcast episode and live stream. If you're with us live, be sure to say hello, ask your slots-related questions, and

sharing your own ... ! I'll check in with the live chat a little later in the show. Oh, and a special thanks to Paula for again being our moderator. Thanks, Paula!

Thanks also to all the early arrivals who showed up before the start of the show, in the pre-show, and the friendly discussion we all had in chat. And finally, thanks to the many new slots enthusiasts that are continuing to show up at my weekly live stream and download my podcast episodes. You are very welcome to be here!

BODY

Website – home base

- Articles
- State-by-state Online Resource including Facebook Groups
- Products

Podcast

- Website show notes
- Apps (see logos on home page)

YouTube Channel

- Welcome video
- Lots of videos
- Merchandise store is up and running!
- Membership Levels (3) with perks are coming!

Elsewhere

- Interviews (various) – Most recently on Camper Report
- Online course
 - Self-led course, 30 Days to...
 - Pre-registration
 - Beta version need beta tests
 - Heavily discounted price
 - Registration will be open for one week, once it opens
 - Available ASAP – April, hopefully
 - Full price will be \$197
- Survey (show video) – 178 response so far!
 - Should take no more than 3 minutes
 - Meant to better understand your wants and needs

Coming Soon:

- Second course coming in a few months: instructor-led, 6-week course, meet once per week with homework
- More... VIP membership, white glove treatment, small products,...

CLOSING

Let's check in with the Live Chat to briefly say hello and answer your slots-related questions.

That was excellent!

If you're listening on the podcast, stick around as we'll be moving into the next segments of the show! And, as always, have fun, be safe, and make good choices!

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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 Kentucky slot machine casino gambling in 2021. Here goes!

Kentucky slot machine casino gambling consists of six parlors offering pari-mutuel-based electronic gaming machines, four of which are at horse racetracks.

Relevant Legal Statutes on Gambling in Kentucky

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

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

Historically, Kentucky has had a fascinating relationship with gambling. While casino gambling was never legal, gambling dens were prevalent before the Great Depression of

1929. To this day, the open display of illegal gambling from that time in American history continues to negatively affect the perception of gaming in Kentucky.

Kentucky's constitution prohibits Class III Vegas-style slot machines. In 2011, Historic Horse Racing (HHR) electronic gaming machines arrived in Kentucky. These gaming machines look like slot machines, but the results of each bet made are based on many past, anonymous, horse racing results from across the U.S.

Based on pari-mutuel wagering regulations for horse races, the HHR machines circumvented the constitutional prohibition against slot machines. In recent years, HHRs have become increasingly, some say wildly, popular.

Kentucky's flourishing slots industry has recently come under scrutiny by state lawmakers. Why? Because most of the taxes generated by HHR machines go to horse industry funds and programs.

Since 2011, HHR bets total \$5.3 billion. About \$80 million went to taxes, of which \$51 million went to the horse industry. Only \$29 million went to general tax revenue for the state.

While this \$29 million may seem like a lot, Kentucky lawmakers noticed it's substantially less than the tax revenue received from slot machine bets in other states.

These HHR machines revived the horse racing industry in Kentucky and manufacturers of these games are looking to expand across the U.S. And the Commonwealth of Kentucky has decided it wants a bigger piece of the pie.

For more details, Google WDRB's Top Story in its Sunday Edition from mid-2019, "*Is Kentucky being 'shortchanged' on its 'slots'?*"

In February 2021, state lawmakers came to an agreement to push off a controversial tax revenue increase until 2022.

Slot Machine Private Ownership in Kentucky

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 Kentucky, it is legal to own a slot machine privately.

Gaming Control Board in Kentucky

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) regulates skill-based games at pari-mutual racetracks in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In January 2021, the KHRC reported Kentucky offers 3,672 HHR machines, a nearly 20% increase from a year before.

Casinos in Kentucky

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

Kentucky has six commercial casinos with HHR electronic gaming machines.

The largest casino in Kentucky is Oak Grove Racing Casino Hotel with 1,300 gaming machines.

The second-largest casino is Red Mile Gaming & Racing with 902 gaming machines, an HHR parlor in partnership with Keeneland Race Course.

Non-Tribal Casinos in Kentucky

There are six gambling establishments offering HHR gaming machines in Kentucky.

As usual when there are too many casinos to mention here, a complete list, along with a casino map, are on my webpage for this state at professorslots.com/KY.

American Indian Casinos in Kentucky

The Commonwealth of Kentucky has no federally recognized American Indian tribes and, therefore, is unable to have tribal casinos.

Other Gambling Establishments

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

- North: Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana
- East: West Virginia
- Southeast: Virginia
- South: Tennessee
- West: Missouri

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 Ohio slots article is available at ProfessorSlots.com/OH.

Our Kentucky Slots Community Facebook Group

Are you interested in sharing and learning with other slots enthusiasts in Kentucky? If so, join our Kentucky slots community on Facebook at [professorslots.com/FBKY](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBKY). 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 Kentucky. Again, use this convenient link I've created to go directly to our Group on Facebook: [professorslots.com/FBKY](https://www.facebook.com/professorslots.com/FBKY). Join us!

Payout Returns in Kentucky

The Commonwealth of Kentucky does not offer any theoretical payout limits on HHR gaming machines.

However, return statistics are available after a bit of number crunching. The KHRC offers monthly return statistics for HHR gaming under Reports.

Calculate player win percentage by dividing *Less: Return to Public* by *Total Handle* starting on page 15. For January 2021, the monthly Player's Win% for HHR machines were:

- State-wide: 91.1%
- Derby City: 90.9%
- Ellis Park: 90.6%
- Keeneland/Red Mile: 92.5%
- Kentucky Downs: 91.2%
- Newport: 90.2%
- Oak Grove: 90.9%

From this January 2021 report, Red Mile at Keeneland had the highest player win percent at 92.5% while Newport had the lowest at 90.2%.

Summary of Kentucky Slots in 2021

In summary, Kentucky slot machine casino gambling exists as competition based Historic Horse Racing gaming machines where the results of bets are based on many past horse race results.

Annual Progress in Kentucky Slot Machine Casino Gambling

In September 2020, Oak Grove Racing Gaming Hotel opened. Otherwise, in the last year, Newport Racing & Gaming also opened.

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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://www.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 Louisiana.

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 <https://professorslots.com/episode131>.

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!