

Casino AGP in May Second Best Ever

Colorado casinos in May recorded their second best month of revenues, with \$66.2 million in AGP, up nearly 6.4 percent from \$62.2 million in April and up 4.0 percent from \$63.6 million in May 2004. The May total was surpassed only by \$67.3 million in AGP in July 2004.

Black Hawk's 21 casinos produced \$46.6 million in AGP in May, while Cripple Creek's 19 casinos totaled \$12.9 million. Central City's seven casinos generated \$6.6 million in AGP in May, up nearly 75.8 percent from \$3.7 million in May 2004.

Casinos statewide paid \$11.2 million in gaming tax proceeds in May, up nearly \$1 million over April.

Commission Action

At its meeting on June 16 in Lakewood, the Commission:

- Renewed the retail licenses of Colorado Grande Gaming Parlor, Imperial Hotel & Casino Corp., Brass Ass Casino, J.P. McGill's Hotel & Casino; Midnight Rose Hotel & Casino, Womacks Casino, Legends Casino and Richman Casino
- Renewed the manufacturer/distributor license of Western Money Systems, Inc.
- Renewed the operator license of John A. Schaffer
- Approved changes of ownership for Colorado Grande Gaming Parlor, Imperial Hotel & Casino Corp., PDS Gaming Corporation-Colorado and Fortune Valley Hotel and Casino

Commission Retains Tax Rates

The Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission on June 16 unanimously decided to retain the current gaming tax structure in which casinos, on an annual basis starting July 1, pay 0.25% on the first \$2 million in AGP, 2% from \$2 million to \$4 million, 4% from \$4 million to \$5 million, 11% from \$5 million to \$10 million, 16% from \$10 million to \$15 million and 20% above \$15 million. The Division of Gaming estimates casinos will pay \$106.7 million in gaming taxes in fiscal year 2006, up from an estimated \$99.3 million in fiscal year 2005.

Background Rate Drops to \$59

The Gaming Commission has approved a \$59 per hour rate for background investigations for fiscal year 2006, down from \$62 per hour. The fiscal year 2006 license fee for new support applications remains at \$100; new key application, \$250; renewal support application, \$60; and key renewals, \$200.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Back in February I wrote about optimism in the Colorado casino industry after a 4 percent annual growth in revenues in 2004. As noted on this page, casinos experienced their second best month in the nearly 14 year history of gaming in the state. Through May, casinos have experienced a 5.4 percent growth rate over the first five months of last year. Because of that growth rate and the fact that a few casinos changed ownership and started over in the progressive tax system in fiscal year 2005, the Division is anticipating gaming tax revenue in the upcoming fiscal year to increase to a projected \$106.7 million from a projected \$99.3 million in fiscal year 2005. The Gaming Commission took this information into consideration when deciding to retain the current tax rates for the upcoming fiscal year. The last time the Commission changed the tax rates was 1999. These six years of tax stability follow the first eight years of gaming when the tax structure was changed five times. In those early years the industry yearned for tax stability. It appears the industry now has it.

Also back in February I noted the growth in the Central City casino market after just one full month of operation of the Central City Parkway. I stated then that it was too early to tell what impact the road would have on Central City casinos and how long that impact would last. Through May, the growth rate of the Central City market is almost 10 times that of the statewide market—51.7 percent. Central City still has a long way to go to regain its luster of the early years of gaming. May's AGP total of \$6.6 million produced by seven casinos with 2,288 devices pales in comparison to \$9.3 million generated by 14 casinos with 4,003 devices back in July 1995. It's still too early to know the long-term impact of the new roadway, but at least Central City casinos are now on their way up rather than in a prolonged slide.

—Mark L. Wilson

COLORADO STATE GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>MAY 2005</u>	<u>APR 2005</u>	<u>MAY 2004</u>	<u>TAX YTD</u>
1¢ SLOTS	3,555	3,359	1,769	29,313
COINS IN	177,832,843.58	165,233,977.41	96,113,938.91	1,484,907,956.32
AGP	15,184,766.46	13,514,479.96	7,736,326.07	120,402,384.48
AVG DAILY AGP	137.79	134.59	141.07	135.54
HOLD %	8.54%	8.18%	8.05%	8.11%
5¢ SLOTS	3,927	4,122	5,066	48,582
COINS IN	160,391,646.40	164,606,536.05	236,323,199.56	2,034,097,305.26
AGP	10,774,748.52	10,934,845.32	16,323,443.22	138,558,309.82
AVG DAILY AGP	88.51	88.74	103.94	94.11
HOLD %	6.72%	6.64%	6.91%	6.81%
25¢ SLOTS	3,846	3,907	4,248	43,849
COINS IN	268,553,269.16	263,301,223.60	288,087,512.80	2,930,048,817.58
AGP	13,753,351.34	13,170,016.63	14,728,414.53	149,574,792.32
AVG DAILY AGP	115.36	112.76	111.84	112.56
HOLD %	5.12%	5.00%	5.11%	5.10%
\$1 SLOTS	2,854	2,868	2,906	31,918
COINS IN	295,956,571.77	284,851,991.79	314,448,108.25	3,235,274,363.09
AGP	14,252,760.93	12,810,313.70	14,537,863.45	150,566,008.48
AVG DAILY AGP	161.10	149.42	161.38	155.66
HOLD %	4.82%	4.50%	4.62%	4.65%
\$5 SLOTS	299	320	300	3,345
COINS IN	49,127,224.67	52,726,113.00	51,338,935.00	549,136,467.67
AGP	2,186,500.45	2,262,870.69	2,504,970.75	23,293,510.63
AVG DAILY AGP	235.89	236.55	269.35	229.79
HOLD %	4.45%	4.29%	4.88%	4.24%
OTHER SLOTS*	1,839	1,693	1,116	18,069
COINS IN	124,612,236.82	107,769,864.88	92,313,069.64	1,231,669,931.54
AGP	7,561,169.52	6,620,893.21	5,541,789.05	71,875,865.80
AVG DAILY AGP	132.63	130.82	160.19	131.26
HOLD %	6.07%	6.14%	6.00%	5.84%
BJ TABLES	86	83	84	908
BJ DROP	3,816,216.56	3,728,911.06	4,278,205.05	43,436,999.90
AGP	725,933.86	790,213.81	811,585.55	8,601,791.45
AVG DAILY AGP	272.29	318.48	311.67	312.61
HOLD %	19.02%	21.19%	18.97%	19.80%
POKER TABLES	131	126	82	1,138
POKER DROP	2,725,125.35	2,709,041.05	2,669,328.85	29,757,957.30
AGP	1,772,917.90	1,731,952.10	1,471,227.60	18,616,012.91
AVG DAILY AGP	436.57	459.82	578.77	539.81
HOLD %	20.09%	19.96%	17.56%	18.22%
TOTAL AGP	66,212,148.98	62,251,141.26	63,655,620.22	681,488,675.89
GAMING TAXES	11,242,480.64	10,282,645.79	10,978,319.59	88,495,235.40
# OF CASINOS	47	47	45	46
AVG. DAYS OPEN	31.00	29.89	31.00	30.30
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>MAY 2005</u>	<u>APR 2005</u>	<u>MAY 2004</u>	<u>TAX YTD</u>
1¢ SLOTS	968	916	573	9,012
COINS IN	35,858,179.84	33,447,694.39	22,404,570.16	318,598,270.95
AGP	2,812,796.05	2,540,240.88	1,717,004.95	24,504,432.88
AVG DAILY AGP	93.73	92.93	96.66	89.34
HOLD %	7.84%	7.59%	7.66%	7.69%
5¢ SLOTS	1,195	1,234	1,462	14,925
COINS IN	33,641,422.80	34,912,175.75	50,994,827.51	433,440,320.44
AGP	2,168,217.36	2,192,304.95	3,328,669.95	27,967,698.69
AVG DAILY AGP	58.53	59.53	73.44	61.57
HOLD %	6.45%	6.28%	6.53%	6.45%
25¢ SLOTS	1,091	1,089	1,186	12,467
COINS IN	54,106,375.75	51,911,394.25	59,811,980.60	604,834,291.96
AGP	2,657,776.65	2,607,704.13	3,127,767.86	30,735,491.26
AVG DAILY AGP	78.58	80.24	85.07	81.00
HOLD %	4.91%	5.02%	5.23%	5.08%
\$1 SLOTS	873	877	842	9,933
COINS IN	68,677,214.00	65,173,389.70	71,522,831.25	730,280,274.13
AGP	3,296,016.88	2,679,411.77	3,331,312.79	33,513,785.87
AVG DAILY AGP	121.79	102.38	127.63	110.86
HOLD %	4.80%	4.11%	4.66%	4.59%
\$5 SLOTS	72	77	73	804
COINS IN	5,794,440.67	5,572,088.00	5,702,470.00	64,202,053.67
AGP	298,809.80	133,161.41	346,841.05	2,709,779.67
AVG DAILY AGP	133.88	57.95	153.27	110.74
HOLD %	5.16%	2.39%	6.08%	4.22%
OTHER SLOTS*	569	579	291	5,561
COINS IN	23,351,127.59	22,652,746.40	14,621,701.34	219,582,624.66
AGP	1,358,003.05	1,424,593.83	929,734.29	13,375,746.19
AVG DAILY AGP	76.99	82.45	103.06	79.03
HOLD %	5.82%	6.29%	6.36%	6.09%
BJ TABLES	17	15	18	188
BJ DROP	563,801.51	512,480.56	681,937.75	6,797,122.89
AGP	88,377.51	96,012.31	127,747.75	1,310,019.64
AVG DAILY AGP	167.70	214.49	228.94	228.95
HOLD %	15.68%	18.73%	18.73%	19.27%
POKER TABLES	28	28	17	254
POKER DROP	284,728.00	264,436.50	236,336.50	3,201,793.75
AGP	283,958.50	269,244.00	264,817.00	3,309,956.00
AVG DAILY AGP	327.14	322.22	502.50	428.16
HOLD %	20.95%	22.00%	25.55%	21.33%
TOTAL AGP	12,963,955.80	11,942,673.28	13,173,895.64	137,426,910.20
GAMING TAXES	1,663,355.37	1,430,786.76	1,652,278.69	9,436,398.65
# OF CASINOS	19	19	18	19
AVG. DAYS OPEN	31.00	29.84	31.00	30.44
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

BLACK HAWK GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>MAY 2005</u>	<u>APR 2005</u>	<u>MAY 2004</u>	<u>TAX YTD</u>
1¢ SLOTS	2,001	1,888	1,121	16,529
COINS IN	117,940,015.64	110,151,254.10	70,550,236.43	993,592,010.19
AGP	10,509,430.53	9,408,136.91	5,760,802.49	82,779,386.99
AVG DAILY AGP	169.42	166.37	165.77	167.87
HOLD %	8.91%	8.54%	8.17%	8.33%
5¢ SLOTS	2,119	2,267	2,938	27,244
COINS IN	111,544,877.50	114,957,807.90	168,095,481.10	1,429,208,713.86
AGP	7,500,626.56	7,676,214.64	11,688,433.37	97,894,307.60
AVG DAILY AGP	114.18	113.05	128.33	120.44
HOLD %	6.72%	6.68%	6.95%	6.85%
25¢ SLOTS	2,210	2,293	2,605	26,388
COINS IN	187,235,207.66	185,328,323.35	207,349,627.20	2,062,525,118.49
AGP	9,626,729.93	9,087,995.33	10,490,236.94	104,504,087.26
AVG DAILY AGP	140.52	132.32	129.90	132.74
HOLD %	5.14%	4.90%	5.06%	5.07%
\$1 SLOTS	1,601	1,592	1,751	18,492
COINS IN	199,530,047.52	192,687,885.00	222,526,514.00	2,231,046,584.02
AGP	9,740,109.72	8,873,908.39	10,430,544.51	104,890,104.65
AVG DAILY AGP	196.25	186.10	192.16	190.12
HOLD %	4.88%	4.61%	4.69%	4.70%
\$5 SLOTS	201	210	203	2,264
COINS IN	41,088,539.00	44,834,215.00	44,179,720.00	461,943,774.00
AGP	1,728,448.40	1,974,096.23	2,047,484.70	19,385,967.56
AVG DAILY AGP	277.40	313.85	325.36	287.01
HOLD %	4.21%	4.40%	4.63%	4.20%
OTHER SLOTS*	1,156	1,114	810	11,593
COINS IN	92,441,086.78	85,117,118.48	77,365,325.90	946,005,781.33
AGP	5,656,993.43	5,196,299.38	4,575,286.46	54,988,884.03
AVG DAILY AGP	157.86	155.73	182.21	158.99
HOLD %	6.12%	6.10%	5.91%	5.81%
BJ TABLES	60	59	56	625
BJ DROP	3,000,657.05	2,959,276.75	3,472,391.55	34,490,446.26
AGP	599,379.10	655,262.25	664,886.30	6,962,542.56
AVG DAILY AGP	322.25	370.79	383.00	373.40
HOLD %	19.97%	22.14%	19.15%	20.19%
POKER TABLES	88	83	51	724
POKER DROP	2,159,190.35	2,116,243.80	2,204,351.75	23,575,731.70
AGP	1,273,675.90	1,240,181.80	1,062,037.00	13,231,830.75
AVG DAILY AGP	466.89	498.86	671.75	612.59
HOLD %	19.77%	19.17%	16.46%	17.71%
TOTAL AGP	46,635,393.57	44,112,094.93	46,719,711.77	484,637,111.40
GAMING TAXES	8,581,189.65	7,953,659.25	8,726,684.84	71,433,629.71
# OF CASINOS	21	21	22	21
AVG. DAYS OPEN	31.00	29.95	31.00	29.83
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS

	<u>MAY 2005</u>	<u>APR 2005</u>	<u>MAY 2004</u>	<u>TAX YTD</u>
1¢ SLOTS	586	555	75	3,772
COINS IN	24,034,648.10	21,635,028.92	3,159,132.32	172,717,675.18
AGP	1,862,539.88	1,566,102.17	258,518.63	13,118,564.61
AVG DAILY AGP	102.53	94.51	111.19	115.88
HOLD %	7.75%	7.24%	8.18%	7.60%
5¢ SLOTS	613	621	666	6,413
COINS IN	15,205,346.10	14,736,552.40	17,232,890.95	171,448,270.96
AGP	1,105,904.60	1,066,325.73	1,306,339.90	12,696,303.53
AVG DAILY AGP	58.20	57.51	63.27	65.96
HOLD %	7.27%	7.24%	7.58%	7.41%
25¢ SLOTS	545	525	457	4,994
COINS IN	27,211,685.75	26,061,506.00	20,925,905.00	262,689,407.13
AGP	1,468,844.76	1,474,317.17	1,110,409.73	14,335,213.80
AVG DAILY AGP	86.94	94.06	78.38	95.64
HOLD %	5.40%	5.66%	5.31%	5.46%
\$1 SLOTS	380	399	313	3,493
COINS IN	27,749,310.25	26,990,717.09	20,398,763.00	273,947,504.94
AGP	1,216,634.33	1,256,993.54	776,006.15	12,162,117.96
AVG DAILY AGP	103.28	105.51	79.98	116.01
HOLD %	4.38%	4.66%	3.80%	4.44%
\$5 SLOTS	26	33	24	277
COINS IN	2,244,245.00	2,319,810.00	1,456,745.00	22,990,640.00
AGP	159,242.25	155,613.05	110,645.00	1,197,763.40
AVG DAILY AGP	197.57	157.94	148.72	144.07
HOLD %	7.10%	6.71%	7.60%	5.21%
OTHER SLOTS*	114	0	15	915
COINS IN	8,820,022.45	0.00	326,042.40	66,081,525.55
AGP	546,173.04	0.00	36,768.30	3,511,235.58
AVG DAILY AGP	154.55	0.00	79.07	0.00
HOLD %	6.19%	0.00%	11.28%	0.00%
BJ TABLES	9	9	10	95
BJ DROP	251,758.00	257,153.75	123,875.75	2,149,430.75
AGP	38,177.25	38,939.25	18,951.50	329,229.25
AVG DAILY AGP	136.84	144.91	61.13	115.47
HOLD %	15.16%	15.14%	15.30%	15.32%
POKER TABLES	15	15	14	160
POKER DROP	281,207.00	328,360.75	228,640.60	2,980,431.85
AGP	215,283.50	222,526.30	144,373.60	2,074,226.16
AVG DAILY AGP	462.98	496.87	332.66	431.94
HOLD %	21.67%	23.41%	19.90%	18.85%
TOTAL AGP	6,612,799.61	6,196,373.05	3,762,012.81	59,424,654.29
GAMING TAXES	997,935.62	898,199.78	599,356.06	7,625,207.04
# OF CASINOS	7	7	5	6
AVG. DAYS OPEN	31.00	29.86	31.00	30.01
*10¢, 50¢, \$2 and Multi-Denomination Slots				

MAY AGP BY DEVICE

Statewide

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	16,320	\$63,713,297	\$125.94	5.92%
Tables	217	\$2,498,852	\$371.47	19.47%
TOTAL	16,537	\$66,212,149	\$129.16	6.11%

Cripple Creek

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	4,768	\$12,591,620	\$85.19	5.69%
Tables	45	\$372,336	\$266.91	17.44%
TOTAL	4,813	\$12,963,956	\$86.89	5.83%

Black Hawk

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	9,288	\$44,762,339	\$155.46	5.97%
Tables	148	\$1,873,055	\$408.25	19.89%
TOTAL	9,436	\$46,635,394	\$159.43	6.18%

Central City

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	2,264	\$6,359,339	\$90.61	6.04%
Tables	24	\$253,461	\$340.67	18.60%
TOTAL	2,288	\$6,612,800	\$93.23	6.25%

Average daily AGP per device is calculated by dividing the total AGP by the number of devices, further divided by the average number of days open for all establishments open in May. Hold percentage does not include player-banked poker tables.

GAMING ♦ UPDATE

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ July 4 • Independence Day, Division offices closed
- ✓ July 15 • June gaming tax returns due
- ✓ July 21 • Gaming Commission meeting, 1881 Pierce St., Suite 110, Lakewood

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