

Commission Retains Current Tax Structure

The Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission on May 20 voted to retain the current gaming tax structure established in Rule 14 for the upcoming gaming year starting July 1.

The tax structure remains at 0.25 percent for the first \$2 million in AGP; 2 percent from \$2 million to \$5 million; 9 percent for \$5 million to \$8 million; 11 percent for \$8 million to \$10 million; 16 percent for \$10 million to \$13 million; and 20 percent above \$13 million.

Commission Approves 2 Additional Troopers

The Gaming Commission on May 20 approved an additional \$272,365 for two additional FTE for the Colorado State Patrol for fiscal year 2011.

Jackpot Determined

The Division of Gaming has determined that a patron would have been awarded \$20.18 had the penny slot machine she was playing at a Central City casino on March 26 not displayed an erroneous \$42.9 million jackpot award.

A forensic investigation isolated the error as being the result of two community bonus game awards occurring quickly in succession while a bonus feature was already in play, thus creating an error in mathematical calculations built into the game software.

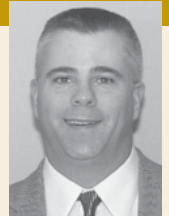
Casino Revenues Grow in April

Revenues at Colorado casinos grew by more than 20 percent in April compared to the same month in 2009. Casinos statewide reported \$62.8 million in AGP in April, up 21.4 percent from \$51.6 million in April 2009, but down 0.9 percent from \$63.2 million in March. Overall, revenues have increased 9.4 percent since the implementation of Amendment 50 in July 2009.

Black Hawk's 20 casinos generated \$47.2 million in AGP in April, up 27.2 percent from \$37.1 million in April 2009 and up 1.4 percent from \$46.5 million in March. Cripple Creek's 15 casinos produced \$10.5 million in AGP in April, up 6.7 percent from \$9.8 million the previous April, but down 5.7 percent from \$11.1 million in March. Central City's six casinos totaled \$4.9 million in AGP in April, up 6.1 percent from \$4.6 million in April 2009, but down 10.7 percent from \$5.5 million the previous month.

Casinos statewide paid \$11.0 million in gaming tax proceeds in April, up from \$10.7 million in March.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



No other gaming jurisdiction in the country goes through the dance we call the annual gaming tax setting process. Colorado is unique in the fact that the Gaming Commission establishes the tax rates on casino revenues—and it does so on an annual basis. Tax rates in other jurisdictions are set in statute and are not subject to an annual review process.

The Colorado statute that lists the factors the Commission must consider when establishing the gaming tax rate requires the Commission to be Solomon by splitting the needs of Limited Gaming Fund recipients with the needs of the casino industry that generates those funds. During the first eight years of gaming, the Commission changed the rates five times. At the time, the industry called for stability in the tax structure because constant change caused uncertainty in the lending markets. Stability came when the Commission did not change the rates between 1999 and 2008, when the Commission modified the rates and structure to assist mid-sized casinos. The cry for stability has been replaced by annual appeals for tax relief for the difficult times caused first by the smoking ban and then by the economy.

Indeed, one of the factors the Commission must consider is to permit casinos a “fair and just profit” under “normal business conditions.” The industry has not operated under “normal” conditions the past three years, given the aforementioned smoking ban and economy, along with Amendment 50. The industry asked “If not now, when?” when seeking tax relief this year. The Commission’s answer was “not now,” but possibly in the future, once events play out and the new “normal” becomes established.

—Ron Kammerzell

COLORADO STATE GAMING STATISTICS

	April 2010	March 2010	April 2009	Tax Year to Date
1¢ SLOTS	7,644	7,668	7,844	77,114
COINS IN	308,560,684.68	318,582,528.77	282,649,494.11	3,082,420,249.40
AGP	28,974,514.83	29,530,159.57	25,753,378.56	286,384,983.09
AVG DAILY AGP	126.35	124.33	109.53	122.25
HOLD %	9.39%	9.27%	9.11%	9.29%
25¢ SLOTS	1,795	1,809	2,148	19,099
COINS IN	83,052,078.08	88,438,428.06	96,832,667.22	934,494,845.03
AGP	4,633,265.43	4,951,606.83	5,071,188.42	53,145,398.69
AVG DAILY AGP	86.04	88.37	78.76	91.60
HOLD %	5.58%	5.60%	5.24%	5.69%
\$1 SLOTS	1,869	1,871	2,262	19,782
COINS IN	153,563,509.29	160,855,580.38	169,847,653.56	1,641,890,911.97
AGP	8,142,868.97	8,027,881.53	8,009,992.90	85,751,001.83
AVG DAILY AGP	145.23	138.52	118.14	142.69
HOLD %	5.30%	4.99%	4.72%	5.22%
MULTI-DENOM	2,165	2,127	2,015	21,788
COINS IN	198,035,571.81	192,226,759.86	119,042,575.35	1,903,510,308.88
AGP	8,817,292.09	9,273,739.82	5,490,139.14	89,040,930.36
AVG DAILY AGP	135.76	140.76	90.90	134.52
HOLD %	4.45%	4.82%	4.61%	4.68%
OTHER SLOTS	1,586	1,619	1,783	16,997
COINS IN	96,371,313.15	93,638,716.68	89,017,520.70	959,039,430.47
AGP	5,662,988.54	5,387,256.29	4,524,210.51	57,257,846.63
AVG DAILY AGP	119.02	107.43	84.65	110.89
HOLD %	5.88%	5.75%	5.08%	5.97%
BJ TABLES	125	126	79	1,315
BJ DROP	14,346,719.76	14,800,834.65	2,652,024.55	146,541,566.09
AGP	2,355,371.51	2,079,076.40	546,907.30	21,841,516.04
AVG DAILY AGP	628.10	532.72	230.96	546.74
HOLD %	16.42%	14.05%	20.62%	14.90%
CRAPS TABLES	28	28	0	284
CRAPS DROP	6,219,906.76	6,087,495.55	0.00	63,838,487.51
AGP	1,149,149.01	1,139,131.30	0.00	12,453,129.01
AVG DAILY AGP	1,368.03	1,313.45	0.00	1,443.38
HOLD %	18.48%	18.71%	0.00%	19.51%
POKER TABLES	125	138	151	1,407
POKER DROP	3,589,981.75	3,647,909.30	2,242,101.00	37,693,310.48
AGP	2,380,780.08	2,257,831.16	1,756,773.25	24,845,837.66
AVG DAILY AGP	634.87	528.21	388.13	581.27
HOLD %	22.89%	22.29%	22.97%	23.64%
ROULETTE TABLES	26	26	0	268
ROULETTE DROP	2,135,899.80	2,339,422.90	0.00	24,862,532.88
AGP	564,064.80	590,587.15	0.00	5,836,743.88
AVG DAILY AGP	723.16	733.34	0.00	716.90
HOLD %	26.41%	25.24%	0.00%	23.48%
TOTAL AGP	62,680,295.26	63,237,270.05	51,631,630.74	636,557,386.79
GAMING TAXES	11,078,053.00	10,776,164.67	8,929,637.40	84,782,710.39
# OF CASINOS	39	39	40	40

CRIPPLE CREEK GAMING STATISTICS

	April 2010	March 2010	April 2009	Tax Year to Date
1¢ SLOTS	2,014	2,017	1,964	20,265
COINS IN	60,388,656.78	63,362,186.94	55,827,286.89	626,455,072.26
AGP	4,992,379.45	5,134,180.90	4,557,182.12	52,104,609.86
AVG DAILY AGP	82.63	82.11	77.35	84.69
HOLD %	8.27%	8.10%	8.16%	8.32%
25¢ SLOTS	669	679	782	7,289
COINS IN	24,251,055.00	25,052,173.00	27,818,564.49	278,908,078.86
AGP	1,061,886.10	1,156,138.41	1,279,137.08	13,073,212.28
AVG DAILY AGP	52.91	54.93	54.52	59.07
HOLD %	4.38%	4.61%	4.60%	4.69%
\$1 SLOTS	698	698	802	7,385
COINS IN	34,318,636.98	35,923,724.00	40,914,325.00	397,643,457.58
AGP	1,752,913.59	2,010,652.68	1,781,807.79	19,495,484.27
AVG DAILY AGP	83.71	92.92	74.06	86.95
HOLD %	5.11%	5.60%	4.35%	4.90%
MULTI-DENOM	492	486	532	5,061
COINS IN	24,388,049.07	21,994,161.34	17,009,848.98	240,355,487.02
AGP	1,009,927.67	1,130,104.24	786,149.76	11,319,727.68
AVG DAILY AGP	68.42	75.01	49.26	73.67
HOLD %	4.14%	5.14%	4.62%	4.71%
OTHER SLOTS	485	482	545	5,261
COINS IN	17,490,206.80	18,053,198.95	18,244,373.54	192,014,027.83
AGP	862,562.07	981,349.44	1,169,433.72	10,743,617.09
AVG DAILY AGP	59.28	65.68	71.52	67.26
HOLD %	4.93%	5.44%	6.41%	5.60%
BJ TABLES	31	31	21	321
BJ DROP	1,949,616.75	1,938,237.25	427,972.25	20,756,998.15
AGP	366,871.00	288,029.00	79,361.75	3,148,894.40
AVG DAILY AGP	394.48	299.72	125.97	323.10
HOLD %	18.82%	14.86%	18.54%	15.17%
CRAPS TABLES	8	8	0	88
CRAPS DROP	737,700.50	712,115.25	0.00	8,788,976.35
AGP	162,755.25	140,818.00	0.00	1,713,056.35
AVG DAILY AGP	678.15	567.81	0.00	641.17
HOLD %	22.06%	19.77%	0.00%	19.49%
POKER TABLES	33	33	37	346
POKER DROP	379,542.50	385,238.00	294,197.00	4,894,973.66
AGP	249,758.88	233,320.76	201,771.00	3,012,827.36
AVG DAILY AGP	252.28	228.08	181.78	286.80
HOLD %	20.92%	17.71%	14.30%	21.31%
ROULETTE TABLES	8	8	0	86
ROULETTE DROP	204,592.00	214,650.65	0.00	3,082,498.65
AGP	53,605.50	69,442.65	0.00	774,250.90
AVG DAILY AGP	223.36	280.01	0.00	296.53
HOLD %	26.20%	32.35%	0.00%	25.12%
TOTAL AGP	10,512,659.51	11,144,036.08	9,854,843.22	115,385,680.19
GAMING TAXES	1,340,260.71	1,230,234.96	1,252,102.68	6,793,410.84
# OF CASINOS	15	15	16	16

BLACK HAWK GAMING STATISTICS

	April 2010	March 2010	April 2009	Tax Year to Date
1¢ SLOTS	4,654	4,682	4,900	46,924
COINS IN	218,418,142.62	223,030,955.47	199,176,766.86	2,152,639,516.27
AGP	21,202,997.37	21,395,876.01	18,737,191.42	206,252,273.77
AVG DAILY AGP	151.86	147.68	127.46	144.61
HOLD %	9.71%	9.59%	9.41%	9.58%
25¢ SLOTS	861	865	1,077	9,086
COINS IN	51,693,555.58	55,244,105.81	60,340,321.43	576,625,052.67
AGP	3,168,059.29	3,349,108.58	3,346,701.05	35,579,056.41
AVG DAILY AGP	122.65	125.12	103.58	128.83
HOLD %	6.13%	6.06%	5.55%	6.17%
\$1 SLOTS	945	953	1,206	10,038
COINS IN	106,339,046.31	109,881,933.38	111,543,020.10	1,106,315,920.39
AGP	5,994,727.77	5,492,226.07	5,508,966.28	60,421,576.71
AVG DAILY AGP	211.45	186.24	152.27	198.04
HOLD %	5.64%	5.00%	4.94%	5.46%
MULTI-DENOM	1,429	1,393	1,242	13,997
COINS IN	156,389,765.74	151,157,924.02	88,372,191.60	1,472,129,609.66
AGP	7,108,958.59	7,338,697.32	4,175,669.03	69,684,637.93
AVG DAILY AGP	165.83	170.25	112.07	163.80
HOLD %	4.55%	4.85%	4.73%	4.73%
OTHER SLOTS	900	927	1,000	9,480
COINS IN	73,747,667.45	69,563,038.73	65,779,897.31	712,077,187.89
AGP	4,492,266.46	4,063,692.60	3,041,296.06	43,356,274.67
AVG DAILY AGP	166.38	141.66	101.38	150.47
HOLD %	6.09%	5.84%	4.62%	6.09%
BJ TABLES	81	82	46	827
BJ DROP	11,824,854.26	12,330,640.40	2,056,847.80	119,602,880.03
AGP	1,912,992.76	1,720,757.15	432,897.30	17,844,135.48
AVG DAILY AGP	787.24	678.15	313.69	709.90
HOLD %	16.18%	13.96%	21.05%	14.92%
CRAPS TABLES	17	17	0	166
CRAPS DROP	4,958,158.76	4,847,057.30	0.00	48,970,196.36
AGP	930,020.26	887,973.30	0.00	9,600,726.86
AVG DAILY AGP	1,823.57	1,687.98	0.00	1,902.84
HOLD %	18.76%	18.32%	0.00%	19.61%
POKER TABLES	77	90	96	901
POKER DROP	2,677,949.00	2,751,703.30	1,676,433.75	27,583,165.57
AGP	1,945,533.95	1,829,599.40	1,405,869.75	19,965,525.19
AVG DAILY AGP	842.22	656.95	488.15	729.06
HOLD %	23.46%	22.73%	24.36%	24.61%
ROULETTE TABLES	14	14	0	134
ROULETTE DROP	1,819,970.55	2,009,215.00	0.00	19,875,214.88
AGP	478,957.05	493,099.75	0.00	4,572,284.13
AVG DAILY AGP	1,140.37	1,138.21	0.00	1,122.62
HOLD %	26.32%	24.54%	0.00%	23.00%
TOTAL AGP	47,234,513.50	46,571,030.18	37,127,631.55	467,276,491.15
GAMING TAXES	8,926,615.55	8,691,603.77	6,914,629.10	72,227,305.15
# OF CASINOS	18	18	18	18

CENTRAL CITY GAMING STATISTICS

	April 2010	March 2010	April 2009	Tax Year to Date
1¢ SLOTS	976	969	980	9,925
COINS IN	29,753,885.28	32,189,386.36	27,645,440.36	303,325,660.87
AGP	2,779,138.01	3,000,102.66	2,459,005.02	28,028,099.46
AVG DAILY AGP	94.92	99.87	84.11	92.95
HOLD %	9.34%	9.32%	8.89%	9.24%
25¢ SLOTS	265	265	289	2,724
COINS IN	7,107,467.50	8,142,149.25	8,673,781.30	78,961,713.50
AGP	403,320.04	446,359.84	445,350.29	4,493,130.00
AVG DAILY AGP	50.73	54.33	51.65	54.29
HOLD %	5.67%	5.48%	5.13%	5.69%
\$1 SLOTS	226	220	254	2,359
COINS IN	12,905,826.00	15,049,923.00	17,390,308.46	137,931,534.00
AGP	395,227.61	525,002.78	719,218.83	5,833,940.85
AVG DAILY AGP	58.29	76.98	94.91	81.40
HOLD %	3.06%	3.49%	4.14%	4.23%
MULTI-DENOM	244	248	241	2,730
COINS IN	17,257,757.00	19,074,674.50	13,660,534.77	191,025,212.20
AGP	698,405.83	804,938.26	528,320.35	8,036,564.75
AVG DAILY AGP	95.41	104.70	73.48	96.89
HOLD %	4.05%	4.22%	3.87%	4.21%
OTHER SLOTS	201	210	238	2,256
COINS IN	5,133,438.90	6,022,479.00	4,993,249.85	54,948,214.75
AGP	308,160.01	342,214.25	313,480.73	3,157,954.87
AVG DAILY AGP	51.10	52.57	44.15	46.07
HOLD %	6.00%	5.68%	6.28%	5.75%
BJ TABLES	13	13	12	167
BJ DROP	572,248.75	531,957.00	167,204.50	6,181,687.91
AGP	75,507.75	70,290.25	34,648.25	848,486.16
AVG DAILY AGP	193.61	174.42	96.78	167.22
HOLD %	13.19%	13.21%	20.72%	13.73%
CRAPS TABLES	3	3	0	30
CRAPS DROP	524,047.50	528,323.00	0.00	6,079,314.80
AGP	56,373.50	110,340.00	0.00	1,139,345.80
AVG DAILY AGP	626.37	1,186.45	0.00	1,249.97
HOLD %	10.76%	20.88%	0.00%	18.74%
POKER TABLES	15	15	18	160
POKER DROP	532,490.25	510,968.00	271,470.25	5,215,171.25
AGP	185,487.25	194,911.00	149,132.50	1,867,485.11
AVG DAILY AGP	412.19	419.16	277.71	384.15
HOLD %	21.45%	23.33%	23.74%	20.67%
ROULETTE TABLES	4	4	0	48
ROULETTE DROP	111,337.25	115,557.25	0.00	1,904,819.35
AGP	31,502.25	28,044.75	0.00	490,208.85
AVG DAILY AGP	262.52	226.17	0.00	336.13
HOLD %	28.29%	24.27%	0.00%	25.74%
TOTAL AGP	4,933,122.25	5,522,203.79	4,649,155.97	53,895,215.45
GAMING TAXES	811,176.74	854,325.94	762,905.62	5,761,994.40
# OF CASINOS	6	6	6	6

APRIL AGP BY DEVICE

Statewide

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	15,059	\$56,230,930	\$124.47	6.70%
Tables	304	\$6,449,365	\$707.17	18.60%
TOTAL	15,363	\$62,680,295	\$136.00	7.06%

Cripple Creek

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	4,358	\$9,679,669	\$74.04	6.02%
Tables	80	\$832,991	\$347.08	20.26%
TOTAL	4,438	\$10,512,660	\$78.96	6.30%

Black Hawk

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	8,789	\$41,967,009	\$159.16	6.92%
Tables	189	\$5,267,504	\$929.01	18.56%
TOTAL	8,978	\$47,234,514	\$175.37	7.31%

Central City

<u>Device</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>AGP</u>	<u>Avg. Daily AGP/Device</u>	<u>Hold %</u>
Slots	1,912	\$4,584,252	\$79.92	6.35%
Tables	35	\$348,871	\$332.26	15.95%
TOTAL	1,947	\$4,933,122	\$84.46	6.58%

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 April. Hold percentage does not include player-banked poker tables.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✓ June 15 • May gaming tax returns due
- ✓ June 17 • Gaming Commission meeting, Lakewood, 9:15 a.m.

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