

Gambling Across State Lines

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Gambling interests have contributed more than \$21.8 million to state-level politics since 1990, according to a National Institute on Money in State Politics survey of state campaign contributions conducted recently. That figure is conservative because state-level campaign-finance data is scarce for the earlier election cycles examined. Contribution data from 34 states was included in the survey.

Of the \$21,805,060 given to candidates and PACs by gaming interests, \$13,061,437 came directly from casinos and other gaming establishments. The remaining \$8,743,623 came from Native American tribes that have been developing casinos and other gaming on their reservations. The Institute separated the tribal contributions from other gambling contributions because it could not easily determine if all tribal contributions came directly from the tribes gambling companies.

A complete list of the states and years surveyed, along with the totals from casinos and tribal interests, is below. The Institute will be updating its survey periodically as data becomes available. States that will be added include Connecticut, Hawaii, Ohio, North Dakota, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Vermont. (Additional analysis and information can be accessed via the Institutes web site, www.followthemoney.org. Gambling interests are included in the general sector Misc Business.)

Who Received

The following chart shows 1990 to 1998 totals for winners, Democrats, Republicans, third party candidates and PACs and includes contributions from both gambling and Native American interests. The "% TOTAL" represents the calculated percentage of \$21,805,060 for each figure. Again these totals are conservative because of the lack of early data for all states and the preliminary and incomplete status of other state data (i.e. winner and party identification have not been completed in all of the databases).

1990- 1998	TOTAL	% TOTAL
WINNERS	\$12,366,524	57%
DEMO	\$11,636,189	53%
REPUB	\$7,668,508	35%
3RD PARTY & NONPARTISAN	\$399,536	2%
PAC (CO,IL,MN,NY)	\$1,897,204	9%

The State of Gaming in the States

California, which recently saw a bitter initiative campaign to liberally expand Native American tribal casinos at a cost of over \$88 million, leads the list of states in which the most gambling money was contributed. Nevada comes up a distant second.

The following table lists the gambling and Native American contribution totals for the years that the Institute currently has data available. The information is sorted by the state with the highest total dollars to the lowest. Please refer to the chart at the end of this study for the exact status of the data in a particular state and year.

STATE & YEARS OF AVAILABLE DATA	TOTAL GAMBLING & NATIVE AMERICAN CONTRIB
CA 94-98	\$9,992,095
NV 90-98	\$4,672,741
IL 96-98	\$2,340,739
CO 92-98	\$1,042,435
FL 98	\$630,355
NM 92-98	\$505,593
MT 90-98	\$281,271
ID 90-98	\$281,059
MN 96-98	\$269,049
MI 94-98	\$241,856
WA 90-98	\$241,456
OR 90-98	\$207,435
AK 90-96	\$205,499
WI 89-98	\$128,437
NH 96-98	\$125,785
NY 96	\$95,533
WV 96-98	\$78,725
KS 94-98	\$66,700
MA 96-98	\$59,825
CT 96-98	\$55,780
AZ 96-98	\$52,698
KY 94-96	\$43,831

TX 98	\$37,900
ME 96-98	\$34,800
MO 96	\$23,645
RI 93-96	\$23,105
NJ 91-97	\$22,050
OH 96	\$18,534
IN 94-98	\$9,850
IA 98	\$9,279
OK 98	\$3,250
GA 96	\$1,950
NC 96-98	\$1,550
TN 96	\$250
TOTAL	\$21,805,060

The Major Players

More than a third of the casino-industrys \$13,061,437 total came from its top 10 companies.

The following table lists the top 10 corporate gambling contributors from 1990 to 1998. It does not include tribal contributions.

GAMBLING CORPORATION	STATE	CONTRIBUTION TOTAL
CIRCUS CIRCUS ENTERPRISES	TOTAL	\$786,019
	NV	\$458,175
	CA	\$307,844
	IL	\$20,000
MIRAGE HOTEL & CASINO	TOTAL	\$649,938
	NV	\$438,438
	CA	\$206,500
	IL	\$5,000

EMPRESS RIVER CASINO	TOTAL IL	\$526,550
HILTON HOTELS/GAMING CORP	TOTAL	\$491,450
	NV	\$490,050
	MO	\$800
	NY	\$600
INLAND ENTERTAINMENT CORP	TOTAL CA	\$456,134
HARRAHS	TOTAL	\$387,067
	NV	\$218,187
	IL	\$162,000
	KS	\$6,300
	CA	\$330
	TN	\$250
CAESARS HOTEL CASINO	TOTAL	\$353,951
	NV	\$325,450
	CA	\$28,501
BOYD GAMING CORP	TOTAL	\$350,650
	NV	\$276,400
	CA	\$45,500
	IL	\$27,000
	MO	\$1,750
PALACE BINGO	TOTAL CA	\$242,250
ARLINGTON INTL RACECOURSE INC	TOTAL IL	\$214,326

A Detailed Look at Gaming Contributions

The following table lists the gambling and Native American contributions by state and election year. The NOTES column indicates the status of the database. **Complete** indicates a database that has all available data and has been fully researched. **Incomplete** indicates a database that has been identified as missing contribution data. **Preliminary** indicates a database that is in the process of being input, audited and researched. As a result the totals listed for these databases are preliminary and it is unknown whether the data is complete. Other notations in the NOTES column indicate if the database is **General Election Only** or **Senate Only** etc.

STATEYEAR	NOTES	GAMBLING CONTRIB	NATIVE AMERICAN CONTRIB	CONTRIBUTION TOTAL
AK90	COMPLETE	\$78,045		\$78,045
AK92	COMPLETE	\$57,307		\$57,307
AK94	COMPLETE	\$35,347		\$35,347
AK96	COMPLETE	\$34,800		\$34,800
AZ96	COMPLETE	\$13,612		\$13,612
AZ98	COMPLETE	\$38,326	\$760	\$39,086
CA94	PRELIMINARY	\$528,465	\$1,137,968	\$1,666,433
CA96	PRELIMINARY	\$426,980	\$893,364	\$1,320,344
CA98	PRELIMINARY	\$1,292,496	\$5,712,822	\$7,005,318
CO92	INCOMPLETE	\$776,200		\$776,200
CO94	INCOMPLETE	\$112,050		\$112,050
CO96	INCOMPLETE	\$131,133		\$131,133
CO98	PRELIMINARY	\$23,052		\$23,052
CT96	SENATE ONLY	\$23,680		\$23,680
CT98	GOV ROWLAND ONLY	\$12,000	\$20,100	\$32,100
FL98	COMPLETE	\$592,355	\$38,000	\$630,355
GA96	COMPLETE	\$1,950		\$1,950
IA98	PRELIMINARY	\$1,279	\$8,000	\$9,279
ID90	COMPLETE	\$33,400	\$1,600	\$35,000
ID92	COMPLETE	\$33,550		\$33,550
ID94	COMPLETE	\$52,044	\$72,160	\$124,204
ID96	COMPLETE	\$7,578.00	\$2,000	\$9,578
ID98	PRELIMINARY	\$49,650	\$29,077	\$78,727
IL96	COMPLETE	\$1,047,354		\$1,047,354

IL98	INCOMPLETE	\$1,293,385		\$1,293,385
IN94	GENERAL ELECTION ONLY	\$2,350		\$2,350
IN96	GENERAL ELECTION ONLY	\$4,800		\$4,800
IN98	PRELIMINARY	\$2,700		\$2,700
KS94	PRELIMINARY	\$11,000		\$11,000
KS96	COMPLETE	\$52,750		\$52,750
KS98	PRELIMINARY	\$2,950		\$2,950
KY94	COMPLETE	\$12,350		\$12,350
KY95	COMPLETE	\$8,100		\$8,100
KY96	COMPLETE	\$23,381		\$23,381
MA96	INCOMPLETE	\$47,175		\$47,175
MA98	PRELIMINARY	\$12,650		\$12,650
ME96	COMPLETE	\$5,875	\$125	\$6,000
ME98	COMPLETE	\$27,800	\$1,000	\$28,800
MI94	PRELIMINARY	\$26,575	\$3,300	\$29,875
MI96	COMPLETE	\$133,206	\$2,150	\$135,356
MI98	INCOMPLETE	\$76,625		\$76,625
MN96	COMPLETE	\$11,190	\$23,228	\$34,418
MN98	INCOMPLETE	\$21,304	\$213,327	\$234,631
MO96	WINNERS ONLY	\$23,645		\$23,645
MT90	COMPLETE	\$42,380		\$42,380
MT92	COMPLETE	\$129,128	\$50	\$129,178
MT94	COMPLETE	\$30,170	\$1,790	\$31,960
MT96	COMPLETE	\$46,619	\$751	\$47,370
MT98	PRELIMINARY	\$29,938	\$445	\$30,383
NC96	SENATE ONLY	\$1,000		\$1,000
NC98	PRELIMINARY	\$250	\$300	\$550
NH96	SENATE ONLY	\$56,535		\$56,535
NH98	PRELIMINARY	\$69,250		\$69,250
NJ91	PRELIMINARY	\$8,300		\$8,300
NJ93	PRELIMINARY	\$3,500		\$3,500
NJ97	PRELIMINARY	\$10,250		\$10,250
NM92	INCOMPLETE	\$50,775	\$7,950	\$58,725

NM94	INCOMPLETE	\$34,460	\$23,300	\$57,760
NM96	INCOMPLETE	\$42,720	\$122,163	\$164,883
NM98	PRELIMINARY	\$88,225	\$136,000	\$224,225
NV90	COMPLETE	\$1,916,943	\$1,000	\$1,917,943
NV92	COMPLETE	\$923,016		\$923,016
NV94	NO STATEWIDES	\$497,439		\$497,439
NV96	COMPLETE	\$560,082	\$1,500	\$561,582
NV98	PRELIMINARY	\$772,761		\$772,761
NY96	SENATE & PARTY PACS ONLY	\$26,033	\$69,500	\$95,533
OH96	GENERAL ELECTION ONLY	\$18,534		\$18,534
OK98	PRELIMINARY	\$0	\$3,250	\$3,250
OR90	GENERAL ELECTION ONLY	\$1,285	\$500	\$1,785
OR92	COMPLETE	\$21,710		\$21,710
OR94	COMPLETE	\$56,473	\$5,000	\$61,473
OR96	COMPLETE	\$2,900	\$2,450	\$5,350
OR98	COMPLETE	\$48,121	\$68,995	\$117,116
RI93	COMPLETE	\$8,875		\$8,875
RI94	COMPLETE	\$7,780		\$7,780
RI95	COMPLETE	\$1,125		\$1,125
RI96	COMPLETE	\$5,325		\$5,325
TN96	SENATE ONLY	\$250		\$250
TX98	PRELIMINARY	\$37,900		\$37,900
WA90	COMPLETE	\$49,100	\$1,745	\$50,845
WA92	COMPLETE	\$14,075	\$23,505	\$37,580
WA94	COMPLETE	\$1,200	\$3,860	\$5,060
WA96	COMPLETE	\$15,600	\$29,547	\$45,147
WA98	PRELIMINARY	\$21,783	\$81,040	\$102,823
WI89	PRELIMINARY	\$1,450		\$1,450
WI90	PRELIMINARY	\$2,975		\$2,975
WI91	PRELIMINARY	\$15,445		\$15,445
WI92	PRELIMINARY	\$13,405		\$13,405
WI93	PRELIMINARY	\$20,675		\$20,675
WI94	PRELIMINARY	\$35,505		\$35,505

WI95	PRELIMINARY	\$5,775		\$5,775
WI96	PRELIMINARY	\$19,097		\$19,097
WI97	PRELIMINARY	\$5,472		\$5,472
WI98	PRELIMINARY	\$8,638		\$8,638
WV96	PRELIMINARY	\$36,125		\$36,125
WV98	PRELIMINARY	\$42,600		\$42,600
TOTALS		\$13,061,437	\$8,743,623	\$21,805,060