

NEW JERSEY CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

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Casino revenues pass \$5 billion mark

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ATLANTIC CITY— Casino revenues rose 4.4 percent in 2005 to a record \$5.02 billion, according to figures released Tuesday by the state Casino Control Commission. Results submitted to the commission show that slot machine revenue rose 3.3 percent to almost \$3.8 billion while table game revenue increased 7.5 percent to \$1.3 billion.

“Thirty years ago when we were debating casino gambling in the Legislature, no one could have imagined a \$5 billion industry,” Gov. Richard J. Codey said. “These figures prove that Atlantic City has become a great destination.”

Casino Control Commission Chair Linda M. Kassekert said the record revenues reflect the expansion of the casino industry over the last several years.

“Atlantic City’s casino industry has been redefining itself with more entertainment, more shopping and more restaurants and it is attracting new visitors who wouldn’t consider coming here just a few years ago,” Kassekert said. “It is the economic engine that drives much of the economy in southern New Jersey.”

The governor said the record revenues are also the result of the state’s ongoing commitment to creating a business-friendly environment for the casinos while maintaining the highest levels of integrity.

“Our efforts to help the industry develop and the state’s ability to regulate it in a responsible manner have paid enormous returns to the State of New Jersey,” he said. Those benefits include more than 80,000 direct and indirect jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars annually in taxes for local, county, state and federal governments.

“The Gross Revenue Tax alone on \$5 billion in casino revenue is \$401.5 million which goes to support programs for our seniors and people with disabilities,” Codey said. Since the first casino opened in 1978, casinos have paid \$6.6 billion in taxes on their gross revenues.

The commission chair noted that in addition to the amount of Gross Revenue Tax collected, the casinos incurred \$62.7 million in reinvestment obligations last year. They are required to reinvest 1.25 percent of gross revenues in projects approved by the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority.

In December, casino win increased 7.3 percent over December 2004 to \$387 million. Slot revenues increased 4.9 percent while table revenues rose 13 percent.

Win, or casino revenue, is the net amount of money won by casinos. It is not profit.

DECEMBER 2005 STATISTICS

CASINO WIN AND GROSS REVENUE

	2005	2004	Favorable (Unfavorable)	
			\$	%
<u>December</u>				
Casino Win	\$386,990,219	\$360,797,491	26,192,728	7.3
Uncollectible Patrons' Checks Adjustment	0	(58,021)	(58,021)	N/A
Gross Revenue	\$386,990,219	\$360,855,512	26,134,707	7.2
<u>December YTD</u>				
Casino Win	\$5,018,271,706	\$4,806,800,604	211,471,102	4.4
Uncollectible Patrons' Checks Adjustment	0	(541,934)	(541,934)	N/A
Gross Revenue	\$5,018,271,706	\$4,807,342,538	210,929,168	4.4

CASINO REVENUE FUND

	8% Tax on Gross Revenue	Interest Earned on Casino Revenue Fund
December 2005	\$30,959,218	\$1,678
January through December 2005	\$401,461,736	\$1,296,477
May 1978 through December 2005 Includes payments from tax audit deficiencies	\$6,599,084,957	\$125,845,698

CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OBLIGATIONS

(Based on 1.25% of Gross Revenue)

December 2005	\$4,837,378
January through December 2005	\$62,728,396

FIVE HIGHEST MONTHS AND YEARS-TO-DATE OF WIN FOR DECEMBER

(\$ in Millions)

December 2005	\$387.0	December YTD 2005	\$5,018.3
December 2004	\$360.8	December YTD 2004	\$4,806.8
December 2001	\$347.9	December YTD 2003	\$4,488.3
December 2003	\$320.3	December YTD 2002	\$4,381.6
December 2002	\$311.6	December YTD 2001	\$4,303.1

FIVE HIGHEST MONTHS OF WIN IN THE HISTORY OF ATLANTIC CITY

(\$ in Millions)

July 2005	\$504.8
August 2003	\$474.9
July 2004	\$473.9
August 2005	\$473.0
August 2004	\$452.1

**ATLANTIC CITY CASINO INDUSTRY
COMPARISON OF CASINO WIN
FOR THE MONTH AND YEAR-TO-DATE ENDED DECEMBER 2005 AND 2004
(PARENTHESIS INDICATE DAILY AVERAGES)***

	December 2005		December 2004	
	Month	Year-to-Date	Month	Year-to-Date
AC Hilton (a)	19,593,681 (632,054)	289,415,122 (792,918)	22,999,825 (741,930)	295,433,182 (807,194)
Bally's AC	50,156,417 (1,617,949)	645,633,528 (1,768,859)	47,434,868 (1,530,157)	644,728,387 (1,761,553)
Borgata	58,477,781 (1,886,380)	704,358,317 (1,929,749)	54,955,431 (1,772,756)	636,540,845 (1,739,183)
Caesars	41,701,080 (1,345,196)	523,544,263 (1,434,368)	36,155,321 (1,166,301)	495,965,726 (1,355,098)
Harrah's Marina	36,567,351 (1,179,592)	476,254,420 (1,304,807)	32,175,495 (1,037,919)	449,861,703 (1,229,130)
Resorts	20,592,437 (664,272)	271,983,724 (745,161)	16,648,679 (537,054)	252,785,105 (690,670)
Sands	11,563,556 (373,018)	176,647,163 (483,965)	14,477,716 (467,023)	190,208,971 (519,697)
Showboat	30,866,681 (995,699)	414,379,475 (1,135,286)	28,089,041 (906,098)	392,580,550 (1,072,624)
Tropicana	34,553,611 (1,114,633)	441,914,962 (1,210,726)	29,036,625 (936,665)	363,949,112 (994,396)
Trump Marina	18,150,518 (585,501)	250,660,490 (686,741)	18,157,018 (585,710)	263,030,274 (718,662)
Trump Plaza	21,321,703 (687,797)	303,547,972 (831,638)	24,100,644 (777,440)	318,434,974 (870,041)
Trump Taj Mahal	43,445,403 (1,401,465)	519,932,270 (1,424,472)	36,566,828 (1,179,575)	503,281,775 (1,375,087)
Industry	<u>\$386,990,219</u> (12,483,555)	<u>\$5,018,271,706</u> (13,748,690)	<u>\$360,797,491</u> (11,638,629)	<u>\$4,806,800,604</u> (13,133,335)

* Industry daily averages may not foot due to rounding.

(a) AC Hilton was under Caesars Entertainment Inc. ownership until April 25, 2005 and under Colony investors VI, L.P., et al. ownership since April 26, 2005.

**THE ATLANTIC CITY CASINO INDUSTRY
CASINO WIN ANALYSIS
FOR THE MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 2005 VERSUS 2004**

	<u>SLOT MACHINE WIN</u>		<u>INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>	<u>TABLE GAME WIN</u>		<u>INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>	<u>TOTAL CASINO WIN</u>		<u>INCREASE (DECREASE)</u>
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>%</u>
AC Hilton	15,017,106	15,023,059	0.0	4,576,575	7,976,766	(42.6)	19,593,681	22,999,825	(14.8)
Bally's AC	35,587,409	32,743,489	8.7	14,569,008	14,691,379	(0.8)	50,156,417	47,434,868	5.7
Borgata	33,862,281	30,981,291	9.3	24,615,500	23,974,140	2.7	58,477,781	54,955,431	6.4
Caesars	26,539,746	25,178,141	5.4	15,161,334	10,977,180	38.1	41,701,080	36,155,321	15.3
Harrah's Marina	31,732,475	28,882,194	9.9	4,834,876	3,293,301	46.8	36,567,351	32,175,495	13.6
Resorts	13,450,140	12,329,112	9.1	7,142,297	4,319,567	65.3	20,592,437	16,648,679	23.7
Sands	8,862,633	10,222,540	(13.3)	2,700,923	4,255,176	(36.5)	11,563,556	14,477,716	(20.1)
Showboat	26,445,763	24,468,965	8.1	4,420,918	3,620,076	22.1	30,866,681	28,089,041	9.9
Tropicana	24,211,954	19,356,707	25.1	10,341,657	9,679,918	6.8	34,553,611	29,036,625	19.0
Trump Marina	13,605,890	15,253,231	(10.8)	4,544,628	2,903,787	56.5	18,150,518	18,157,018	0.0
Trump Plaza	15,596,284	16,643,195	(6.3)	5,725,419	7,457,449	(23.2)	21,321,703	24,100,644	(11.5)
Trump Taj Mahal	23,488,890	24,784,190	(5.2)	19,956,513	11,782,638	69.4	43,445,403	36,566,828	18.8
Total	<u><u>\$268,400,571</u></u>	<u><u>\$255,866,114</u></u>	4.9	<u><u>\$118,589,648</u></u>	<u><u>\$104,931,377</u></u>	13.0	<u><u>\$386,990,219</u></u>	<u><u>\$360,797,491</u></u>	7.3

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	SLOT MACHINE WIN		INCREASE (DECREASE)	TABLE GAME WIN		INCREASE (DECREASE)	TOTAL CASINO WIN		INCREASE (DECREASE)
	2005	2004	%	2005	2004	%	2005	2004	%
AC Hilton (a)	205,075,541	200,292,984	2.4	84,339,581	95,140,198	(11.4)	289,415,122	295,433,182	(2.0)
Bally's AC	477,973,519	471,786,040	1.3	167,660,009	172,942,347	(3.1)	645,633,528	644,728,387	0.1
Borgata	437,871,396	403,839,339	8.4	266,486,921	232,701,506	14.5	704,358,317	636,540,845	10.7
Caesars	362,964,443	349,422,405	3.9	160,579,820	146,543,321	9.6	523,544,263	495,965,726	5.6
Harrah's Marina	422,955,800	402,391,669	5.1	53,298,620	47,470,034	12.3	476,254,420	449,861,703	5.9
Resorts	202,790,252	188,881,066	7.4	69,193,472	63,904,039	8.3	271,983,724	252,785,105	7.6
Sands	137,009,344	149,840,222	(8.6)	39,637,819	40,368,749	(1.8)	176,647,163	190,208,971	(7.1)
Showboat	366,586,059	349,562,307	4.9	47,793,416	43,018,243	11.1	414,379,475	392,580,550	5.6
Tropicana	306,357,790	255,768,558	19.8	135,557,172	108,180,554	25.3	441,914,962	363,949,112	21.4
Trump Marina	197,991,350	210,527,327	(6.0)	52,669,140	52,502,947	0.3	250,660,490	263,030,274	(4.7)
Trump Plaza	223,675,878	235,514,048	(5.0)	79,872,094	82,920,926	(3.7)	303,547,972	318,434,974	(4.7)
Trump Taj Mahal	332,703,826	338,689,087	(1.8)	187,228,444	164,592,688	13.8	519,932,270	503,281,775	3.3
Total	<u>\$3,673,955,198</u>	<u>\$3,556,515,052</u>	3.3	<u>\$1,344,316,508</u>	<u>\$1,250,285,552</u>	7.5	<u>\$5,018,271,706</u>	<u>\$4,806,800,604</u>	4.4

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