



## **Gambling and Older Adults**

Gambling addiction is a significant problem in the United States impacting adults of all ages and their families. Until recently legal casino and sports betting were limited to two states. The traditional game of chance for seniors is bingo, a pastime that serves as a recreational event in many communities. The growth of riverboat and Indian casinos, state and national lotteries, and Internet access to off-shore sports and parlor betting, has dramatically increased access for all adults including seniors. Older adults are, perhaps, more vulnerable than other age groups given their greater dependence on fixed incomes and more limited ability to recover to secure debt or recover from gambling losses.

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### **National Organizations**

**National Senior Problem Gambling Task Force**

<http://www.seniorproblemgambling.org/>

**National Council on Problem Gambling**

<http://www.ncpgambling.org/>

**National Center for Responsive Gaming**

<http://www.ncrg.org/>

**North American Training Institute**

<http://www.nati.org/>

**Institute for Research on Pathological Gambling and Related Disorders**

Harvard University

<http://www.hms.harvard.edu/doa/>

**Gamblers Anonymous**

<http://www.gamblersanonymous.org/>

**Problem Gambling Education Association**

<http://www.gamblingproblem.org/>

**Alberta Gambling Research Institute [Canada]**

<http://www.abgaminginstitute.ualberta.ca/>

**State and Local Associations – Older Adult Gamblers**

**Arizona**

**Seniors and Gambling**

(Arizona Council on Compulsive Gambling)

<http://www.azccg.org/seniors.htm>

**Connecticut**

**Senior Problem Gambling: Trends, Prevention, and Treatment**

(Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling)

[http://www.ccp.org/common\\_cents/200102.asp](http://www.ccp.org/common_cents/200102.asp)

**Florida**

**All About Seniors and Gambling**

(Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling)

<http://www.gamblinghelp.org/seniors/seniors.htm>

**Indiana**

**Keeping Your Balance – Gambling is Entertainment, Not a Way of Life (brochure)**

(Indiana Criminal Justice Institute)

[http://www.state.in.us/cji/gambling/forms/senior\\_gamble\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.state.in.us/cji/gambling/forms/senior_gamble_brochure.pdf)

**Nebraska**

**Gambling with Their Golden Years**

(Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling)

[http://net.unl.edu/~swi/pers/senior\\_gambling.html](http://net.unl.edu/~swi/pers/senior_gambling.html)

**New Jersey**

**Senior Outreach Program**

(The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey)

[http://www.800gambler.org/testimony\\_ron.htm](http://www.800gambler.org/testimony_ron.htm)

**Senior Times**

(The Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey)

[http://www.800gambler.org/senior\\_times.html](http://www.800gambler.org/senior_times.html)

**Massachusetts**

**Gambling and the Golden Years**

(Massachusetts Counsel on Compulsive Gambling)

<http://www.thewager.org/Backindex/vol5pdf/wager550.pdf>

## Wisconsin

### **The Stakes are High: Seniors and Gambling**

(Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services)

[http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aging/age\\_news/NO115/gambling.htm](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/aging/age_news/NO115/gambling.htm)

### **Senior Citizens and Gambling**

(Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling)

<http://www.wi-problemgamblers.org/seniors.htm>

## State and Local Associations – Other Sites

## California

### **Symptoms of the Problem Gambler**

(California Council on Problem Gambling)

<http://www.calproblemgambling.org/symptoms.html>

## Connecticut

### **Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling**

<http://www.ccp.org/>

## Mississippi

### **A Report to the Mississippi Council on Problem Gambling**

(Mississippi Council on Problem and Compulsive Gambling)

<http://www.msgambler.org/pdf/srrs97-1.pdf>

## Nebraska

### **Nebraska Compulsive Gambling Program**

(Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services)

<http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/beh/gam/gam.htm>

## New Jersey

### **The Council on Compulsive Gambling in New Jersey**

<http://www.800gambler.org/>

## Nevada

### **Nevada Council on Problem Gambling**

<http://www.nevadacouncil.org/>

## Congressional Oversight

### **Internet Gambling: An Overview of the Issues. GAO-03-89 December, 2002**

(U.S. General Accounting Office)

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-03-89>

<http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d0389high.pdf> Highlights

### **Interim Report on Internet Gambling. GAO-02-1101R, September 23, 2002.**

<http://www.gao.gov/atext/d021101r.txt>

**Impact of Gambling: Economic Effects More Measurable than Social Effects - April, 2000 [GGD-00-78]**

(U.S. General Accounting Office)

<http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/useftp.cgi?IPaddress=162.140.64.21&filename=gg00078.pdf&directory=/diskb/wais/data/gao>

**The Internet Gambling Prohibition Act – 1999 [S. 692, 106th Congress, 1st Session]**

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=106\\_cong\\_reports&docid=f:sr121.106.pdf](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=106_cong_reports&docid=f:sr121.106.pdf)

**News Articles and Reports**

**Gambling with Their Golden Years**

(Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling)

[http://net.unl.edu/~swi/pers/senior\\_gambling.html](http://net.unl.edu/~swi/pers/senior_gambling.html)

**Gambling Problems Grow Among the Elderly**

(Citizens for a Stronger Pennsylvania)

<http://www.strongerpa.org/gamblingdamage/gamblingamongedlery.htm>

**Senior Gambling Addition Found to be 11%**

(New Mexico Coalition Against Gambling)

<http://www.ncalg.org/nmcag/topical/elders2.htm>

**More Elderly Are Having Problems with Gambling**

(Global Action on Aging)

<http://www.globalaging.org/elderrights/us/elderlygambling.htm>

**Gambling Frenzy Feeds on Seniors, Too**

(Kiplingers)

<http://www.kiplinger.com/retreport/archives/2001/September/living3.html>

**Problem Gambling and Senior Women**

(Valley Recovery Support Association)

<http://www.cobra-net.com/peardonvillegamb/senior.htm>

**Los Vegas Seniors Vulnerable to Gambling Addiction**

(Las Vegas Sun)

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/sun/2000/jul/31/510573680.html>

**Casino Excitement Attracts the Elderly**

(McGill Reporter)

<http://www.mcgill.ca/public/reporter/32/12/gupta/>

**Senior Gambling Getting Attention**

(Senior Journal)

<http://www.seniorjournal.com/NEWS/Features/2-09-25SeniorGamble.htm>

### **Gambling and the Older Adult**

(Missouri Gaming Commission)

<http://www.mgc.state.mo.us/senior.html>

### **Gambling addiction as real as alcoholism**

(CNN)

<http://www.cnn.com/HEALTH/9906/18/gambling.addiction/>

### **Health Center Hosts Symposium on Problem Gambling in Older Adults**

(University of Connecticut Health Center)

<http://www.uchc.edu/ocomm/newsreleases01/march01/problemgambling.html>

### **Gambling Gets Grip on Seniors**

(Salt Lake Tribune)

<http://www.sltrib.com/2002/oct/10012002/business/2858.htm>

### **Problem Gambling by Elderly A Concern**

(Reno Gazette Journal)

<http://www.rgj.com/news2/stories/business/961300676.php>

### **Wagering – Boon or Blight of Retirement?**

(St. Petersburg Times)

[http://www.sptimes.com/News/040201/Worldandnation/Wagering\\_boon\\_or\\_bli.shtml](http://www.sptimes.com/News/040201/Worldandnation/Wagering_boon_or_bli.shtml)

### **Seniors and Gambling**

(VHI Health)

<http://www.vhi.ie/article/primer/100192293>

### **Gambling Becoming a Problem for More Seniors, Panel Says**

(Las Vegas Review Journal)

[http://www.lvrj.com/lvrj\\_home/1998/Jun-19-Fri-1998/business/7708517.html](http://www.lvrj.com/lvrj_home/1998/Jun-19-Fri-1998/business/7708517.html)

## **Research and Statistics**

### **Gambling At Any Age**

(Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling)

<http://www.thewager.org/Backindex/vol7pdf/wager725.pdf>

### **Prevalence of Problem Gambling**

(Connecticut Clearinghouse)

<http://www.ctclearinghouse.org/FactSheets/fgambleprevalence.pdf>

### **Studies Reveal Misperceptions about Seniors' Gambling Habits**

(Amherst H. Wilder Foundation)

<http://www.wilder.org/goodage/Features/gamble501.html>

### **Seniors and Gambling: Only a Game?**

(Massachusetts Office of Elder Health)

<http://www.state.ma.us/dph/bfch/bfchpubs/chp/oeh/gamble.pdf>

**Heads I Win [Canada]**

(Windsor Regional Problem Gambling Services)

[http://www.thechase.ca/summer\\_2001/page2.html](http://www.thechase.ca/summer_2001/page2.html)

**Petry Wins Major Grant to Study Gambling Addiction (University of Connecticut)**

<http://vm.uconn.edu/~advance/00022804.htm>

**Gambling and Health**

(Division on Addictions, Harvard Medical School)

<http://www.hms.harvard.edu/doa/html/gamblingandhealth.htm>

**Promotion [Examples of web sites encouraging gambling]****Association of Senior Gamblers**

<http://www.seniorgamblers.org/home.html>

**North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries**

<http://www.naspl.org/>

**Other Resources****Problem Gambling – A Bibliography**

<http://www.naspl.org/bibliog.html>

**Prevention Tools for Older Adults**

(North American Training Institute)

[http://www.nati.org/prevention\\_tools/olderadults.html](http://www.nati.org/prevention_tools/olderadults.html)

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