WASHINGTON STATE
GAMBLING
COMMISSION

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PROTECT THE PUBLIC BY ENSURING THAT GAMBLING IS LEGAL AND HONEST.

Mission

Protect the public by ensuring gambling is legal and honest

Detect and remove the criminal element

Maintain a regulatory environment that promotes compliance

Washington Association of
SHERIFFS &
POLICE CHIEFS

Accredited Limited Law Enforcement Agency



Funding

Self-funded through:

- License fees
- Tribal reimbursements

$20 million annual budget

114 FTEs

Licensees

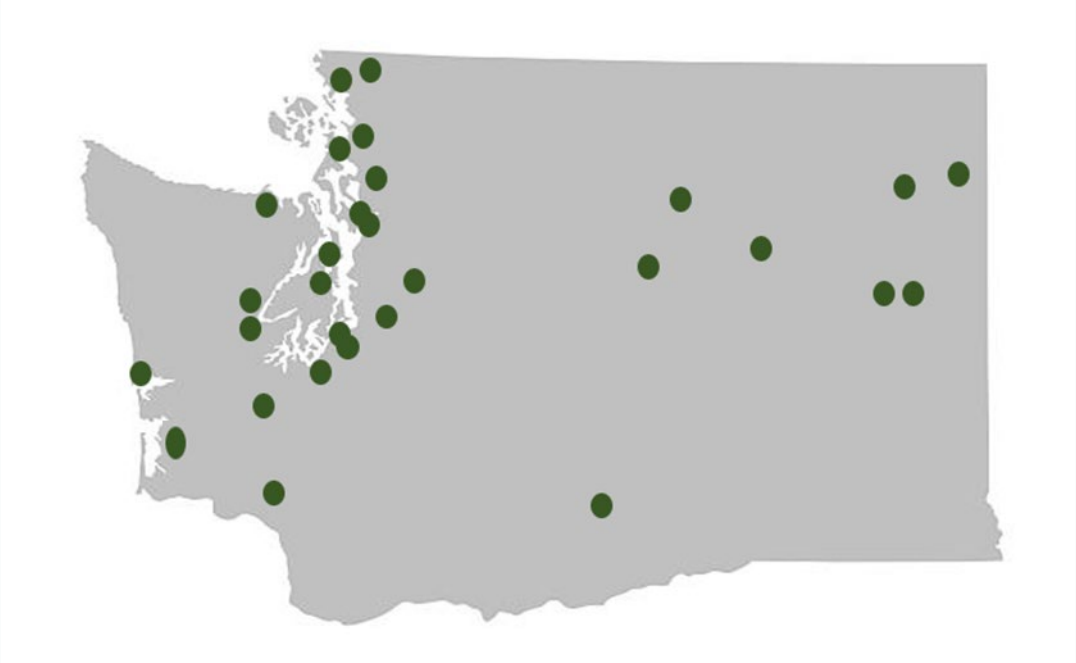
	FY 2018		FY 2023	
	Active Licenses	Net Receipts	Active Licenses	Net Receipts
Charitable and nonprofit gambling				
Raffles	966	$8,547,888	928	$13,940,535
Bingo	247	$6,665,108	231	$5,336,145
Punch board/Pull-tabs	197	$10,794,455	181	$13,104,365
Card Room	90	$84,346	74	$38,087
Amusement Games	30	$85,404	19	$60,391
TOTAL	1,530	$26,054,192	1,433	$32,479,523
Commercial licenses				
Punch board/Pull-tabs	885	$63,191,924	731	$88,020,802
Card Rooms	209	$249,183,786	143	$272,572,365
Amusement Games	78	$35,817,049	90	$76,693,927
TOTAL	1,172	$338,192,759	964	$437,287,094

Tribal Gaming –
29 Federally Recognized Tribes

First compact – August 1991

23 Tribes operate 29 casinos

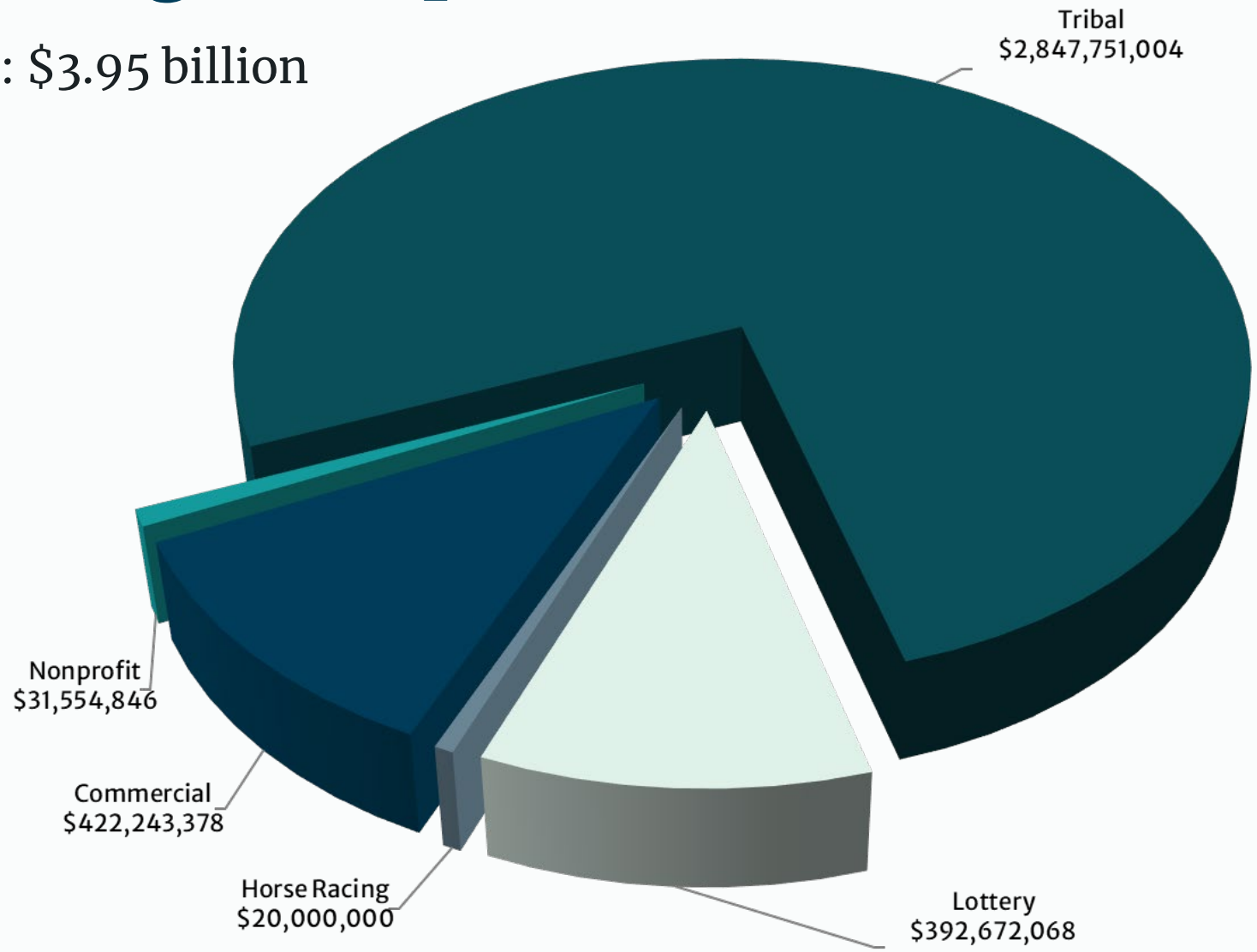
18 Tribes operate Sports Wagering



THIS IS A NEW SECTION

Net Gambling Receipts: FY24

Total: $3.95 billion



Data Sources: Mandatory Quarterly Filings (Nonprofit, Commercial), Horse Racing Commission, Washington's Lottery, Tribal net receipts (estimated, class III only, as authorized in Tribal Compacts)

Operational Units & Roles

Licensing	Regulation	Criminal Enforcement	Electronic Gaming Lab	Tribal Gaming
•Background checks •Source of funds •Collect fees •Process licenses	•Agents across WA •Compliance checks •Audit licensees •Criminal investigations	•Working undercover •Long-term investigations •Work with local, state and federal law enforcement •Train other agencies •Investigations criminal complaints connected with gambling	•Evaluate new technology •Investigations •Risk Analysis •Training •Inspections •Internal controls •Security standards & practice	•Cooperative regulatory partnership •Tribal relations •Compact negotiation process •Criminal investigations

Gambling-Related Offenses

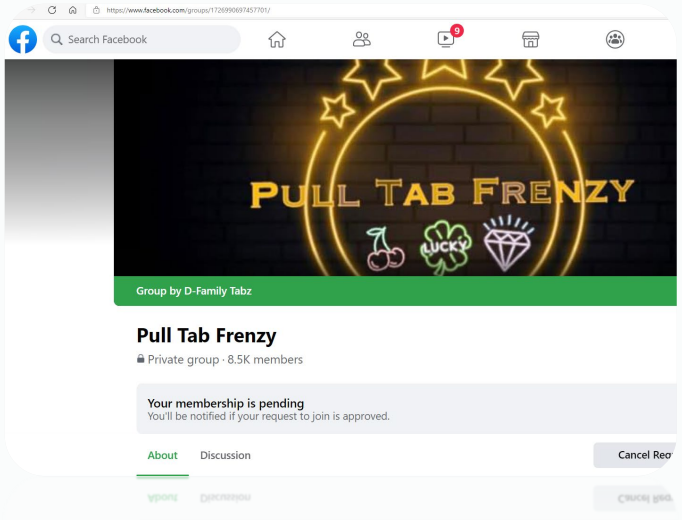
Cheating & Fraud

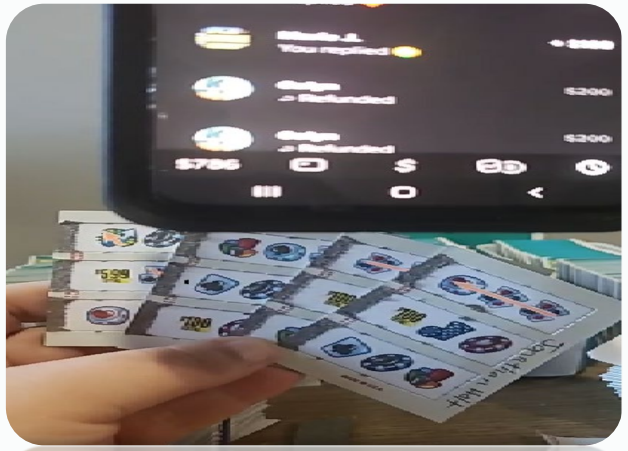
Theft & identity theft

Money laundering & structuring

Bookmaking

Illegal card games/gambling machines







Gambling-Related Offenses

- Loan sharking
- Financial exploitation of vulnerable adults
- Internet gambling
- Animal fighting
- Prostitution

Example: Illegal Horse Racing







Problem Gambling – RCW 9.46.071

- Signage Requirements
- Statewide Self-Exclusion Program



Agency Request Legislation – SB 5196

Public Records Act Exemption

- We want to keep proprietary financial and security information of our Tribal partners and licensees secure
- Clearly identify the exempt proprietary financial and security information to decrease the risk of targeted attacks on tribal partners and commercial and nonprofit licensees.
- This is a public safety issue – this legislation protects licensees and tribal gaming facilities by limiting their exposure to fraud, robberies and cyber security attacks.

Questions

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