

PA Casino Expansion Drives Economic Growth And New Jobs In 2021-22

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The economic impact of Pennsylvania's new land-based casinos during fiscal year 2021/22 is evident in the PGCB's [Annual Diversity Report](#) for the state's casinos.

These new retail casinos (along with increased online betting options) have helped contribute to new **record PA gaming revenue** as well as economic benefits like increased number of jobs and employees.

In July, the PGCB reported combined Fiscal Year 2021/2022 revenue figures, which runs from July 1st to June 30th, [reached a record level of \\$5 billion](#) for the first time ever. The combined **tax revenue** from all forms of legal gambling in PA **topped \$2 billion** for the first time.

In its recent report, the PGCB highlights some of the **economic impact** deriving from the state's continued gaming expansion, which includes **14,829** people employed by PA's casinos as of June 30, 2022.

Online gambling and land-based casinos drive overall PA gaming revenue growth

The previous high for gaming revenue and tax revenue in a fiscal year was during 2020/2021 when it reached \$3.87 billion and \$1.59 billion respectively.

The huge revenue increase from the previous high fiscal year can be attributed to a number of factors including record revenue for table games as well as growth in sports betting and [PA online casinos](#).

Continued **expansion in the land-based gambling** sector is another key driver.

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- FY 2021/22 taxable revenue from **slot machines** at the casinos was **\$2.4 billion**, a **27.7 % increase**

in revenue when compared to the \$1.9 billion generated in FY 2020/21.

- FY 2021/22 taxable revenue from **table games** at the casinos reached a **record high \$1 billion**, a **40.7% increase**

in revenue when compared to the \$722 million generated in Fiscal Year 2020/21.

New PA casinos create jobs, economic impact

PA is now home to **16 land-based casinos**. Here are the recent additions, including Hollywood York and Morgantown which opened during FY 2021/22:

- Live! Casino Pittsburgh (Category 4): Opened Nov. 24, 2020
- Live! Casino Philadelphia: Opened Feb. 11, 2021
- Hollywood Casino York (Category 4): Opened Aug. 12, 2021
- Hollywood Casino Morgantown (Category 4): Opened Dec. 22, 2021

Parx Shippensburg Casino is preparing for [an early 2023 opening](#), and one more mini-casino in Centre County is [awaiting approval](#)

In addition to jobs and contractor company contracts generated during construction, the newly opened casinos:

- Create permanent jobs
- Make charitable contributions
- Promote economic development through contracts with vendors and gaming service providers

PA casino employees on the rise

Retail casino employment increased 6.9% YoY with an **additional 959 people employed** as of June 30, 2022 compared to the same date in 2021.

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According to the 15th annual Diversity Report, of the total **14,829 individuals employed** by the state's licensed casinos/resorts:

- 89% residents of PA
- Approximately 43% female
- 40% racial minorities
- Table Games employees totaled 4,703 (3,907 were PA residents)

The Executive/Management/Professional Staff at the casinos increased 7.8% YoY (**172 additional employees**). Of the 2,370 individuals employed in these roles as of June 30, 2022:

- 36% were female
- 26% were racial minorities

Employment and economic impact of new PA casinos

Here's a look at the economic contributions for the Commonwealth's newest land-based casino properties **during FY 2021/22**, according to the PGCB's Annual Diversity Report.

Live! Casino Pittsburgh (opened on Nov. 24, 2020):

- Gaming service providers totaled \$13 million.
- Charitable contributions were \$92,236.
- Employed 586 (577 or 98% Pennsylvania residents); 136 table games employees (all PA residents).
- Executive/Management/Professional staff of 73 (male 70%, female 30%, minorities 14%).
- 481 positions were offered and 281 were hired.

Live! Philadelphia (opened on Feb. 11, 2021):

- Gaming service providers totaled \$48 million.
- Charitable contributions were \$134,901.
- Employed 1,240 (884 or 71% PA residents); 417 table games employees (238 PA residents).
- Executive/Management/Professional staff of 126 (male 64%, female 36%, minorities 32%).
- 736 positions were hired out of 1,015 positions offered.

Hollywood Casino York (opened on Aug. 12, 2021):

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- Gaming service providers totaled \$4 million.
- Charitable contributions were \$204,374.
- Employed 310 (301 or 97% Pennsylvania residents); 113 table games employees (105 PA residents).
- Executive/Management/Professional staff of 67 (male 61%, female 39%, minorities 31%).
- 377 positions were hired out of 445 positions offered.

Hollywood Casino Morgantown (opened on Dec. 22, 2021):

- Gaming service providers totaled \$3.2 million.
- Charitable contributions were \$132,390.
- Employed 308 (300 or 97% PA residents); 92 table games employees (86 PA residents).
- Executive/Management/Professional staff of 67 (male 76%, female 24%, minorities 31%).
- 391 positions were hired out of 621 positions offered.

Parx Casino Shippensburg

The next PA casino to open its doors will be Parx Casino in Shippensburg, PA. The [PGCB expects](#)

the new casino to create

125 permanent jobs

. Economic impact of construction in FY 2021/22:

- Contract values totaled \$11,044,201 (\$302,590 to Minority Business Enterprises and Woman Business Enterprises; \$2,613,070 to Local Business Enterprises).
- \$102,500 in community outreach and donations to charitable causes.

The economic impacts of the PA gaming industry are expected to **continue expanding** along with gambling options in the state.

Valerie Cross contributed to this article.

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