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# UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL CASINO EMPLOYEES

STATES WITH COMMERCIAL AND RACETRACK CASINOS, 1998-2012

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## Executive Summary

Casinos are frequently touted as job creators. This report compiles data from the American Gaming Association's annual State of the States reports to provide a single source of longitudinal data for casino employment by state and nationwide. It has information for commercial casinos and racetrack casinos, but not Native American tribal government casinos.

As of 2012, 2006 was the high point for national casino employment, with 386,548 total employees. Since then, total casino employment has fallen to 336,272, a decline of approximately 13 percent.

## Notes and Definitions.

All data taken from *State of the States: The AGA Survey of Casino Entertainment, 1998-2013*. To see the originals, visit <http://www.americangaming.org>

Before 2001, the State of the States did not include information from racetrack casinos.

In many years, not all casinos provided data for the survey, so there may be some under-counting of total employment.

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**United States Casino Employment, 1998-2008**

State	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Colorado	5,191	5,923	7,669	7,132	7,132	7,364	7,703	8,029	7,829	7,925	9,073
Delaware	--	--	--	1,782	2,287	2,585	2,370	2,854	2,924	2,891	2,582
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,528	2,270	2,201
Illinois	9,909	10,566	11,000	11,000	10,923	9,101	8,628	8,987	8,819	8,337	7,711
Indiana	12,300	13,880	17,023	16,000	16,555	16,555	17,377	15,060	15,600	15,671	16,040
Iowa	6,590	9,550	10,000	9,226	8,799	28,764	8,799	8,561	9,732	10,434	9,946
Louisiana	14,917	15,432	18,430	18,620	18,329	20,775	20,048	18,471	17,859	18,009	17,268
Maine	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	137	180	167	324
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mississippi	31,671	36,306	34,209	32,510	31,343	30,377	28,932	28,820	29,529	20,572	28,740
Michigan	--	4,895	7,835	7,599	8,286	8,087	7,572	7,187	6,961	7,650	8,568
Missouri	12,000	12,000	10,339	10,516	11,500	10,700	11,200	11,100	10,900	12,160	11,658
Nevada	182,621	198,992	204,874	205,151	191,759	192,812	191,620	202,209	215,041	201,953	202,216
New Jersey	48,372	47,366	47,426	45,592	44,820	46,159	45,501	44,542	45,043	41,672	38,585
New Mexico	--	--	--	350	803	541	518	617	1,915	1,660	1,605
New York	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,813	2,316	3,382	3,741	3,413
Oklahoma	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	909	814	822	1,050
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1,200	4,877	5,869
Kansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rhode Island	--	--	--	745	778	825	1,057	1,055	1,100	1,500	1,310
South Dakota	1,861	1,950	1,402	1,458	1,511	1,734	1,830	1,955	2,003	1,558	1,640
West Virginia	--	--	--	1,745	3,995	4,626	4,404	4,179	4,189	5,275	5,270
<b>Total</b>	<b>325,432</b>	<b>356,860</b>	<b>370,207</b>	<b>369,426</b>	<b>358,820</b>	<b>361,005</b>	<b>359,372</b>	<b>366,988</b>	<b>386,548</b>	<b>369,144</b>	<b>375,069</b>

**United States Casino Employment, 2003-2012**

State	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Colorado	7,364	7,703	8,029	7,829	7,925	9,073	8,821	9,589	9,263	9,278
Delaware	2,585	2,370	2,854	2,924	2,891	2,582	2,363	3,245	2,730	2,775
Florida	--	--	--	1,528	2,270	2,201	2,156	2,533	2,601	3,319
Illinois	9,101	8,628	8,987	8,819	8,337	7,711	7,083	6,892	7,911	7,687
Indiana	16,555	17,377	15,060	15,600	15,671	16,040	15,857	14,144	14,079	12,543
Iowa	8,764	8,799	8,561	9,732	10,434	9,946	9,241	8,915	9,384	9,558
Louisiana	20,775	20,048	18,471	17,859	18,009	17,268	17,610	16,873	17,207	15,061
Maine	--	--	137	180	167	324	303	385	364	879
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	309	290	499
Mississippi	30,377	28,932	28,820	29,529	20,572	28,740	25,739	24,707	23,721	23,377
Michigan	8,087	7,572	7,187	6,961	7,650	8,568	8,122	8,067	7,303	7,972
Missouri	10,700	11,200	11,100	10,900	12,160	11,658	10,961	11,071	10,435	9,631
Nevada	192,812	191,620	202,209	215,041	201,953	202,216	177,397	175,024	174,381	170,206
New Jersey	46,159	45,501	44,542	45,043	41,672	38,585	36,377	34,145	32,823	34,726
New Mexico	541	518	617	1,915	1,660	1,605	1,446	1,423	1,447	918
New York	--	1,813	2,316	3,382	3,741	3,413	3,180	3,465	5,082	5,233
Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4,197
Oklahoma	--	--	909	814	822	1,050	1,097	770	905	870
Pennsylvania	--	--	--	1,200	4,877	5,869	9,126	12,664	13,050	10,162
Kansas	--	--	--	--	--	--	278	303	--	1,344
Rhode Island	825	1,057	1,055	1,100	1,500	1,310	1,300	--	--	--
South Dakota	1,734	1,830	1,955	2,003	1,558	1,640	1,593	1,512	1,647	1,686
West Virginia	4,626	4,404	4,179	4,189	5,275	5,270	4,688	4,528	4,475	4,351
<b>Total</b>	<b>361,005</b>	<b>359,372</b>	<b>366,988</b>	<b>386,548</b>	<b>369,144</b>	<b>375,069</b>	<b>344,738</b>	<b>340,564</b>	<b>339,098</b>	<b>336,272</b>