



# Gaming History in Pennsylvania



## Key Dates

### Gaming History

**1959** Pari-mutuel wagering becomes legal with the establishment of the State Harness Racing Commission. Act 728.

**1967** Wagering on thoroughbred racing becomes legal with the establishment of the State Horse Racing Commission. Act 331.

**1971** Pennsylvania Lottery is established to benefit older Pennsylvanians. Act 91.

**2004** Legalization of slot machine gaming at casinos to support horse racing and provide property tax relief.

**2006** First casinos open in Pennsylvania, offering slot machines. Property Tax Relief Act specifies the distribution of property tax relief (Act 1 of Special Session 1 of 2006).

**2010** Table games authorized at casinos to benefit the General Fund. Act 1.

**2017** Expanded gaming enacted to include internet gaming, satellite casinos, fantasy sports, sports betting, and video gaming terminals at truck stops. Act 42.

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2017 Expanded gaming

### There are Four Categories of Casinos

**#1** Category 1 Horse Race Tracks

**#2** Category 2 Stand-alone

**#3** Category 3 Resort/Hotel

**#4** Category 4 Satellite/Mini Casinos

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