

# THE AVERAGE BIG LAS VEGAS STRIP CASINO, 2009

In fiscal 2009, 23 casinos in the Las Vegas Strip area produced gaming revenue of more than \$72 million. The averages for several key financial statistics produce a picture of the statistically 'average' big Strip casino and give a good snapshot of the industry standard.

### **Definitions**

All Casinos: Total for all 23 Las Vegas Strip casinos earning \$72 million and over in fiscal 2009.

Average Casino: Total for "All Casinos" divided by 23.

Daily Average: "Average Casino" total divided by 365, for the average daily revenue/expense for the category in

question.

**Available/Occupied Rooms**: Total annual room nights in the respective category.

Comps: Expenses recorded for complimentary items.

**Payroll**: Total payroll taxes, employee benefits, and officer and employee pay.

% of Rev: Expense or revenue items as a percentage of total gaming or rooms revenue.

### **Revenues by Department**

Department	All Casinos	Average Casino	Daily Average	% of Total
Gaming	4,853,898,541	211,039,067	578,189	38.3%
Rooms	3,129,426,479	136,062,021	372,773	24.7%
Food	1,921,229,921	83,531,736	228,854	15.2%
Beverage	746,563,305	32,459,274	88,930	5.9%
Other	2,027,630,606	88,157,852	241,528	16.0%
Total	12,678,748,852	551,249,950	1,510,274	100.0%

#### **Casino Revenues**

Revenue	All Casinos	Average Casino	Daily Average	% of Total
Pit*	2,077,976,474	90,346,803	247,525	42.8%
Slots	2,577,663,294	112,072,317	307,047	53.1%
Poker	107,273,493	4,664,065	12,778	2.2%
Race Book	35,818,949	1,557,346	4,267	0.7%
Sports Book	55,166,331	2,398,536	6,571	1.1%
Total	4,853,898,541	211,039,067	578,189	100.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Includes keno and bingo

### **Casino Expenses**

Expenses	All Casinos	Average Casino	Daily Average	% of Rev.
Bad Debt	176,266,915	7,663,779	20,997	3.6%
Comps*	1,317,582,040	57,286,176	156,948	27.1%
<b>Gaming Taxes</b>	332,471,428	14,455,279	39,604	6.8%
Payroll	918,013,970	39,913,651	109,352	18.9%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	3,404,515,567	148,022,416	405,541	3.6%

<sup>\*</sup> Includes preferred guest expense



## **Room Revenues & Occupancy**

Category	All Rooms	Average Casino	Daily Average	% of Rev.
Sales	2,455,882,325	106,777,492	292,541	78.5%
Comp Rooms	673,544,154	29,284,528	80,232	21.5%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	3,129,426,479	136,062,021	372,773	100.0%
Available Rooms	25,515,657	1,109,376	3,039	0
Rooms Occupied	23,311,839	1,013,558	2,777	0
Occupancy Rate	91.4%	0	0	0

## **Per Room Per Day Statistics**

Average	Dollars
Pit revenue	89.14
Slot revenue	110.57
Food Sales	82.41
Beverage Sales	32.03
Rooms Payroll	32.13
Room Rate	134.24

## **Average Number of Employees**

Department	All Casinos	Per Casino	Percentage
Casino	20,754	902	23.76%
Rooms	16,959	737	19.41%
Food	22,939	997	26.26%
Beverage	6,534	284	7.48%
G & A	11,239	489	12.86%
Other	8,940	389	10.23%
Total	87,365	3,798	100.00%

#### **Ratios**

Total Current Assets to Total Current Liabilities Ratio: 248.4%

Total Capital to Total Liabilities: 67.5%

Total Complimentary Expense to Gaming Revenue: 30.5%

Total Revenue to Average Total Assets: 27.5%

Return on Invested Capital: -4.3%

All data as for fiscal (July 1-June 30) years.

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