

**Deschutes County Problem Gambling Treatment 08-09**

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| <b>Estimated no. adult problem gamblers:</b>   | <b>3184</b>                                    |
| <b>Number of gamblers enrolled in treatment:</b>   | <b>41</b>                                      |
| <b>Average age of gamblers seeking treatment:</b>  | <b>46.8</b>                                    |
| <b>Gender of gamblers seeking treatment:</b>   | Male 41.5%<br>Female 58.5%                     |
| <b>Ethnicity of gamblers seeking treatment:</b>  | White 87.5%<br>Native American 5.0%            |
| <b>Primary gambling activity:<sup>1</sup></b>  | Video Poker 63.4%<br>Slots 31.7%<br>Cards 2.4% |
| <b>Source of referral to the treatment program:</b>  | Gambling Helpline 46.3%<br>Parole 12.2%        |
| <b>Number of family members* enrolled in treatment:</b>  | <b>6</b>                                       |
| *family members are eligible for free treatment with or without the problem gambler's involvement in treatment |  |

**Mental health, addiction and other correlates of problem gambling that should be taken into account in planning for service delivery**

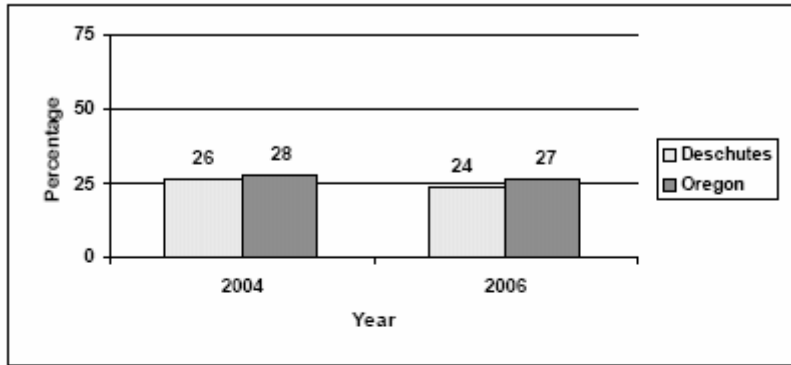
Among clients in problem gambling treatment statewide:

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| <b>Average reported gambling debt</b>  | <b>\$32,000</b> |
| <b>Co-occurring alcohol problems</b>   | <b>34%</b>      |
| <b>Report committing illegal acts to obtain gambling money</b>   | <b>38%</b>      |
| <b>Had suicidal thoughts</b>   | <b>48%</b>      |
| <b>Attempted suicide</b>   | <b>9%</b>       |
| <b>Work full time</b>  | <b>39%</b>      |
| <b>Average annual income</b>   | <b>\$30,776</b> |
| <b>Treatment programs that are within 50 miles of a casino are significantly more likely to enroll gamblers who report their primary gambling venue as a casino than other treatment programs.</b> |                 |

<sup>1</sup> Game of choice of gamblers enrolled in treatment during the year.

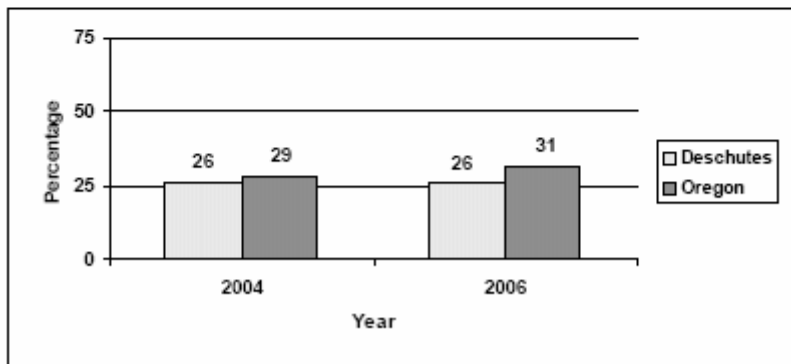
## Deschutes County Problem Gambling Prevention

**Percent of Youth Who Gambled in the Past Year**  
8th grade



*Data Source: Oregon Healthy Teens Survey*

**Percent of Youth Who Gambled in the Past Year**  
11th grade



*Data Source: Oregon Healthy Teens Survey*

Youth who gamble are much more likely to be involved in other risky behaviors.

Gambling is not a harmless alternative activity for youth.

Gambling should be included in discussions of healthy choices and risky behaviors at school, in the community and at home.

Statewide youth gambling data shows a significant correlation between youth gambling and engaging in other risk behaviors such as drinking:

**Percent who binge drank in the last 30 days, grade 11**

