

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

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| <b>Estimated no. adult problem gamblers:</b>   | <b>2152</b>                                       |
| <b>Number of gamblers enrolled in treatment:</b>   | <b>51</b>   |
| <b>Average age of gamblers seeking treatment:</b>  | <b>50.1</b>                                       |
| <b>Gender of gamblers seeking treatment:</b>   | Female 66.7%<br>Male 33.3%                        |
| <b>Ethnicity of gamblers seeking treatment:</b>  | White 94.1%<br>Native American 5.9%               |
| <b>Primary gambling activity*:</b><br><small>*Game of choice of gamblers enrolled in treatment during the year.</small>  | Slots 47.1%<br>Video Poker 43.1%<br>Cards 7.8%    |
| <b>Source of referral to the treatment program:</b>  | Gambling Helpline<br>31.4<br>Previous client 19.6 |
| <b>Number of family members* enrolled in treatment:</b><br><small>*family members are eligible for free treatment with or without the problem gambler's involvement in treatment</small> | <b>8</b>  |

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

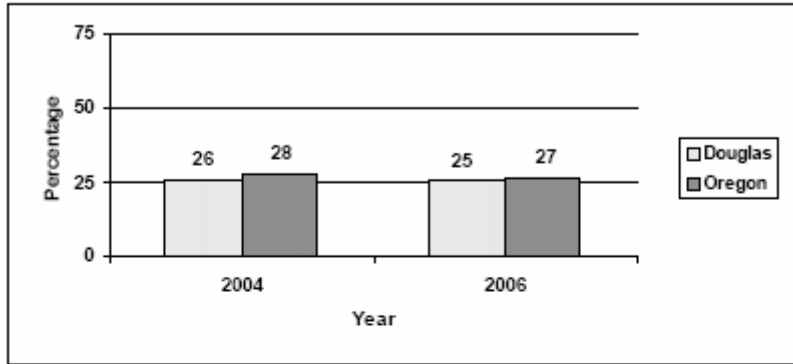
**Among clients in problem gambling treatment statewide:**

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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> |                 |

## Douglas County Problem Gambling Prevention

Percent of Youth Who Gambled in the Past Year

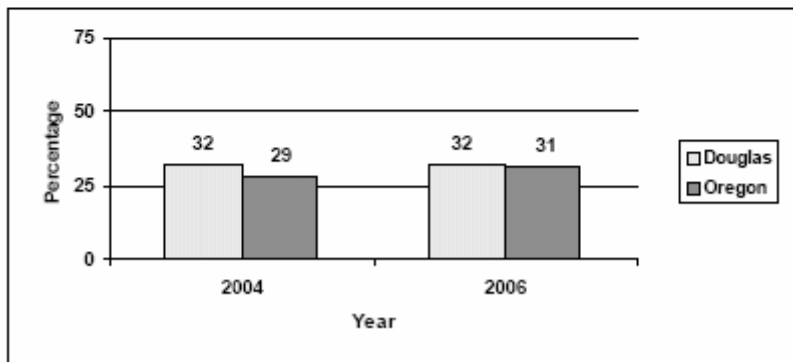
8th grade



Data Source: Oregon Healthy Teens Survey

Percent of Youth Who Gambled in the Past Year

11th grade



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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

