

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

<b>Estimated no. adult problem gamblers:</b>	<b>14,511</b>
<b>Number of gamblers enrolled in treatment:</b>	<b>443</b>
<b>Average age of gamblers seeking treatment:</b>	<b>43.4</b>
<b>Gender of gamblers seeking treatment:</b>	Male 52.0% Female 48%
<b>Ethnicity of gamblers seeking treatment:</b>	White 74.2% African-American 12.5%
<b>Primary gambling activity:<sup>1</sup></b>	Video Poker 74.2% Slots 15.4 % Cards 3.2%
<b>Source of referral to the treatment program:</b>	Gambling Helpline 30.5% Family/Friend 19.4%
<b>Number of family members* enrolled in treatment:</b>	<b>60</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:**

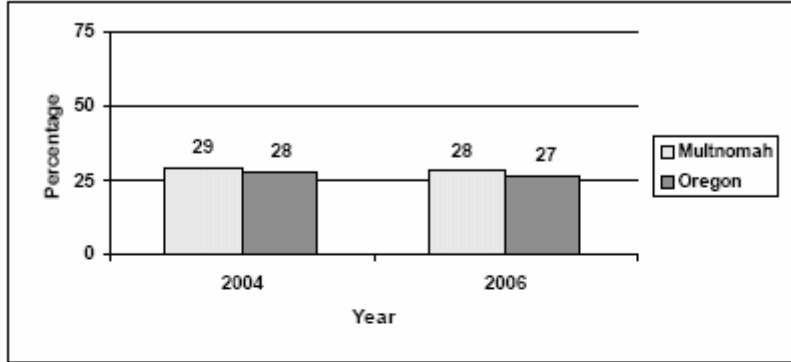
<b>Average reported gambling debt</b>	<b>\$32,000</b>
<b>Co-occurring alcohol problems</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Report committing illegal acts to obtain gambling money</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Had suicidal thoughts</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>Attempted suicide</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Work full time</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>Average annual 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.

## Multnomah County Problem Gambling Prevention

Percent of Youth Who Gambled in the Past Year

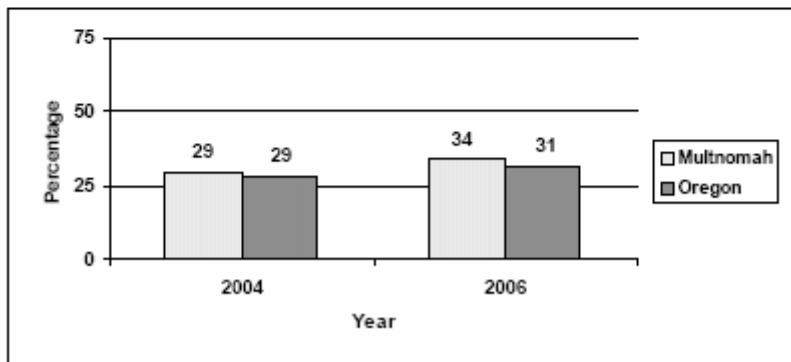
8th grade



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

