

## Wallowa County Problem Gambling Treatment 08-09

<b>Estimated no. adult problem gamblers:</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>Number of gamblers enrolled in treatment:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Average age of gamblers seeking treatment:</b>	<b>50.0</b>
<b>Gender of gamblers seeking treatment:</b>	<b>Male 60.0%</b> <b>Female 40.0%</b>
<b>Ethnicity of gamblers seeking treatment:</b>	<b>White 100%</b>
<b>Primary gambling activity:<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Video Poker 100%</b>
<b>Source of referral to the treatment program:</b>	<b>Parole 20.0%</b> <b>Probation 20,0%</b>
<b>Number of family members* enrolled in treatment:</b>	<b>0</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

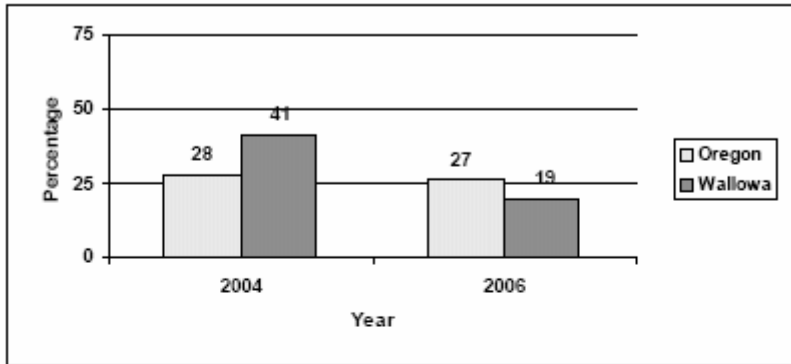
Among clients in problem gambling treatment statewide:

<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.

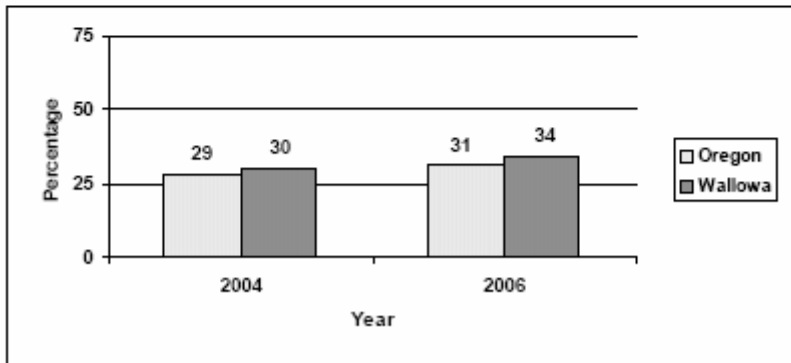
## Wallowa County Problem Gambling Prevention

**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:

