

FACT SHEET



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GAMBLING ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

KEY FACTS

- Approximately 75 percent of college students gambled during the past year (whether legally or illegally) with about 18 percent gambling weekly or more frequently.¹
- The most frequently chosen gambling activities by college students include lotteries, card games, pools (including raffles charitable small stakes gambling), sports betting and games of skill (e.g., bowling, basketball, pool, golf, backgammon, darts).¹
- While the most recent research estimates that 6 percent of college students have a gambling problem, college students appear to mature out of these problems, as they do with alcohol and drug use, after college. This is evidenced by the fact that only 1 percent of the adult population has a gambling disorder in the U.S.¹
- Casino nights, poker tournaments and other gambling activities are popular at special events sponsored by campus organizations and fraternities and sororities.²
- Despite the prevalence of gambling activities on college campuses, only 22 percent of U.S. colleges and universities have formal policies on gambling.³
- Research has shown that both student athletes and students who are sports fans gamble more than other students.⁴
- The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has identified gambling by athletes as a major threat to the integrity of intercollegiate athletics and responded with the development of a comprehensive education program for student athletes at NCAA member schools.⁵

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