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# The MICHIGAN GAMING Newsletter



## MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD RELEASES DETROIT CASINO REVENUES FOR OCTOBER 2009

The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) released the October, 2009 total adjusted revenue figures for the three Detroit casinos – MGM Grand Detroit Casino, MotorCity Casino, and Greektown Casino. Overall, revenue was down .77% from the same reporting period last year. Specifically, revenue for Greektown Casino was up by 18.42%, while revenue for MGM Grand and MotorCity Casino was down by 7.23% and 5.03% respectively, in comparison to the same month last year.

Month in 2009	Total Adjusted Revenue 2009		
	MGM Grand Detroit	MotorCity Casino	Greektown Casino
	Total Adjusted Revenue	Total Adjusted Revenue	Total Adjusted Revenue
January	\$45,760,680.80	\$36,824,138.17	\$24,331,489.11
February	\$49,452,574.79	\$40,001,069.14	\$27,507,991.91
March	\$48,417,844.13	\$41,632,619.57	\$29,974,562.14
April	\$44,249,852.45	\$38,539,338.93	\$28,589,866.54
May	\$47,216,927.68	\$40,457,965.75	\$30,153,069.06
June	\$43,772,027.46	\$36,881,519.22	\$28,849,029.46
July	\$47,805,123.70	\$35,770,492.65	\$31,736,529.31
August	\$44,169,556.35	\$36,926,854.50	\$30,615,372.25
September	\$41,894,202.01	\$33,465,389.73	\$28,196,948.76
October	\$44,911,699.01	\$35,992,326.21	\$29,300,520.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$457,650,488.06</b>	<b>\$376,491,713.87</b>	<b>\$289,255,378.80</b>

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Month in 2009	Total Tax Revenue 2009		
	All Detroit Casinos		
	Total Adjusted Gross Receipts	Total State Wagering Tax	Total Detroit Wagering Tax
January	\$106,916,307.76	\$9,633,480.49	\$11,897,192.47
February	\$116,961,635.84	\$10,574,212.18	\$13,023,898.23
March	\$120,025,025.84	\$10,921,009.58	\$13,382,473.44
April	\$111,379,057.92	\$10,165,298.35	\$12,426,215.98
May	\$117,827,962.49	\$10,750,187.72	\$13,144,778.60
June	\$109,502,576.14	\$10,023,669.85	\$12,224,271.09
July	\$115,312,145.66	\$10,609,744.97	\$12,886,389.17
August	\$111,573,519.10	\$10,262,069.94	\$12,482,738.08
September	\$103,556,540.50	\$9,515,957.73	\$11,569,632.40
October	\$110,204,545.48	\$10,098,588.99	\$12,305,300.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,123,397,580.73</b>	<b>\$102,565,419.18</b>	<b>\$125,342,890.09</b>

The figures above do not include: 1) wages and benefits paid to casino employees; and 2) payments to suppliers, service providers or vendors.

For Greektown Casino, the State of Michigan's share of the wagering tax reflected in the numbers released by the MGC B is 12.1% and the City of Detroit's share is 11.9%, for a total tax of 24%. This 24% tax historically applied to all three Detroit casinos. Greektown Casino has applied for a tax reduction effective as of the opening of its permanent facility earlier this year.

MGM Grand Detroit and MotorCity Casino have received a tax base reduction certification as a result of their facilities being declared "fully operational" by the MGC B. These properties are now subject to a wagering tax of 19%, with a 10.9% of this levy to go to the City of Detroit and 8.1% to be paid to the State of Michigan.

## POKAGON LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD DISTRIBUTES \$6.2 MILLION

On Tuesday, November 10, the Pokagon Band-New Buffalo Area Local Revenue Sharing Board ("LRSB") distributed \$6.2 million to a number of local municipalities and school districts. These funds

represented two percent (2%) of the electronic gaming profit earned by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians' ("Pokagon Band") Four Winds Casino for the 12-month period ending July, 2009. This 2% payment to local municipalities is mandated by the Pokagon Band's Class III Gaming Compact with the State of Michigan. The Four Winds Casino Resort is located in New Buffalo, Michigan, in the southwest corner of the state.

The New Buffalo Public School System received the largest total distribution (\$2,183,926), followed by New Buffalo Township (\$841,410), Berrien County (\$742,665), the City of New Buffalo (\$364,307), the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency (\$275,742) and Lake Michigan College (\$212,227). A number of other local municipalities received distributions between \$35,000-\$183,000.

According to a report in *The Herald Palladium*, a member of the LRSB has said publicly that they are open to suggestions and input from any entity represented by the board to revise the bylaw formula and percentages for future disbursements "if solid facts can be shown that the impact on the unit is more or less than originally perceived and the current percentages are not fair and equitable."

Though the LRSB will continue to meet on a monthly basis, it will not have any additional funds to distribute until August, 2010, when the next round of accumulated electronic gaming profits will be released.

## DAILY AGA SMARTBRIEFS

The American Gaming Association (AGA), which produces the Global Gaming Expo, has recently introduced *AGA SmartBriefs*, a free daily e-newsletter which keeps the gaming industry up to date on the latest gaming news. Sign up and stay ahead of the curve with updates on products, technologies, amenities, industry happenings and more. You can register to receive the free *AGA SmartBriefs* by visiting [www.smartbrief.com/aga/](http://www.smartbrief.com/aga/).