

PROBLEM GAMBLING: CLOSE CONNECTIONS

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NEW YORK STATE
RESOURCE CENTERS
— Here to Help —

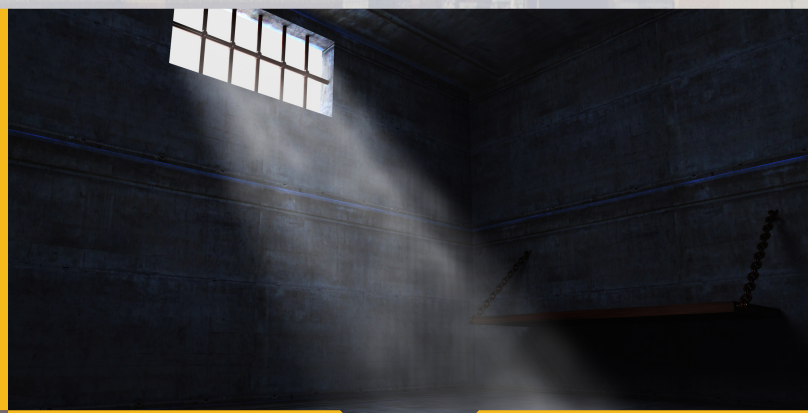
The Justice-Impacted Population

Rates of problem gambling in populations experiencing incarceration range anywhere from 5.2% to 38%, a rate 19 times higher than the general population.

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50%

of those affected by problem gambling commit a crime, such as embezzlement, forgery, theft, and selling drugs.



33%

of individuals incarcerated are affected by problem gambling and 40% of the prison population engages in gambling behavior.

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Research studies indicate recidivism rates for gambling-related crimes are reduced with treatment.



**2K to
3K**

the cost per individual in the justice system for arrests and corrections due to problem gambling.



If you are interested in more information about this topic, you can reach out to your Regional Problem Gambling Resource Center (PGRC).

**Regional PGRC information can be found at
[NYProblemGamblingHELP.org](https://www.nyproblemgamblinghelp.org)**

PROBLEM GAMBLING WARNING SIGNS:

- Constant thoughts of gambling
- Borrowing money
- Irritability, restlessness, withdrawal
- Delay payment of bills
- Neglecting household duties
- Decline in personal hygiene
- Decline in health or hygiene
- Alienation from family and friends
- Inability to cut back / stop gambling
- Extreme guilt or shame
- Disappear for long periods of time
- Suicidal thoughts

Ask Yourself:

Have you ever felt the need to bet more and more money?

Have you ever lied to people who are important to you about how much you're gambling?



**Scan the QR code or visit
NYProblemGamblingHELP.org/e-screener
for personalized feedback & info.**

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