

Casinos in Saskatchewan

How many casinos are there in Saskatchewan?

There are six casinos run by the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA) and two casinos run by the Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation (SGC).

Where are the SIGA casinos located?

There are six casinos operated by the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority:

- Gold Eagle opened February 1996 in North Battleford.
- Northern Lights opened March 1996 in Prince Albert.
- Bear Claw opened November 1996 on the White Bear First Nation.
- Painted Hand opened December 1996 in Yorkton.
- Dakota Dunes opened August 2007 on the Whitecap Dakota First Nation.
- Living Sky opened December 2008 in Swift Current.

How are these casinos operated?

First Nations gaming in Saskatchewan is conducted through an agreement between the provincial government and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN). The FSIN formed SIGA to operate the casinos on its behalf.

How much revenue do SIGA casinos generate?

In 2010-11, SIGA recorded a net income of \$64.4 million.

Where do SIGA profits go?

Net profits from SIGA casinos are split, with 50 per cent of net income provided to the First Nations Trust and 25 per cent provided to the provincial government's General Revenue Fund. The remaining 25 per cent is directed to Community Development Corporations (CDCs).

What are these funds?

The First Nations Trust supports economic development, social development, justice, health, education, recreation, culture and other First Nations initiatives. (The Trust is administered by an independent board of trustees. Saskatchewan First Nations and Metis Relations is responsible for monitoring administration of the Trust).

The government's General Revenue Fund helps fund government initiatives in support of social and economic objectives such as health, education and infrastructure.

Community Development Corporations (CDC) fund economic development, social development, justice, health, education, recreation, culture and other related initiatives among First Nations and non-First Nations charities in and around the communities where SIGA casinos are located. (CDCs are run by independent boards in each community and are comprised of representatives from Tribal Councils and representatives from the local community and surrounding area).

Where are SGC casinos located?

The Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation (SGC), a Treasury Board Crown Corporation established in June 1994, operates two casinos:

- Casino Regina opened January 1996.
- Casino Moose Jaw opened September 2002.

How much revenue do SGC casinos generate?

In 2010, SGC recorded a net income of \$43.0 million. (SGC fiscal year end is December 31).

Where do SGC profits go?

Net profits from SGC are split, with 50 per cent of net income retained by the provincial government's General Revenue Fund, 25 per cent to the First Nations Trust and 25 per cent provided to the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF).

What is the Community Initiatives Fund?

The Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) distributes casino profits to many different community initiatives that benefit Saskatchewan people including exhibition associations and community groups for projects that enhance human development and community vitality. The fund is administered by an independent government appointed Board of Trustees and is accountable to government through Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport.

What is done to promote responsible gaming?

In 2011-12, a total of \$5.8 million is expected to be allocated for problem gambling initiatives in Saskatchewan. (The government expects to allocate \$3.55 million and, through the Gaming Agreement with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, an additional \$2.25 million is expected to be allocated for First Nations problem gambling initiatives).