

Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services Ohio Gambling Survey 2016-17 Highlights

Prevalence of Gambling: Geauga County and Ohio						
	Do not gamble	Non-problem gambler	Low risk	Moderate risk	Problem gambler	Total
Geauga county	26.7%	66.1%	5.7%	1.1%	0.4%	100.0%
Ohio	25.1%	64.6%	6.4%	3.0%	0.9%	100.0%
Geauga county (est.)	19,274	47,685	4,097	770	321	72,146

- An estimated 5,187 Geauga county adult residents can be categorized as low-risk, moderate-risk, or problem gamblers; 7.2% of the general adult population. Statewide, the percentage is 10.3% of the general adult population.
- The prevalence of problem gambling in Geauga county is 0.4%, which equates to an estimated 321 individuals in the target population of 72,146 (18 years and older).

Demographics and Gambling Behavior of Sample: Geauga County					
	Entire sample	Do not gamble	Non-problem Gamblers	At-risk/ problem gamblers	Total
Male	49.0%	23.3%	67.1%	9.6%	100.0%
Female	51.0%	30.0%	65.1%	4.9%	100.0%
White	97.3%	26.1%	67.1%	6.8%	100.0%
African American	1.3%				
Other race*	1.4%	47.5%	30.1%	22.4%	100.0%
18-24	11.5%	17.5%	63.1%	19.4%	100.0%
25-44	24.2%	26.2%	66.1%	7.6%	100.0%
45-64	40.0%	26.6%	69.5%	3.8%	100.0%
65+	24.3%	31.7%	61.8%	6.5%	100.0%

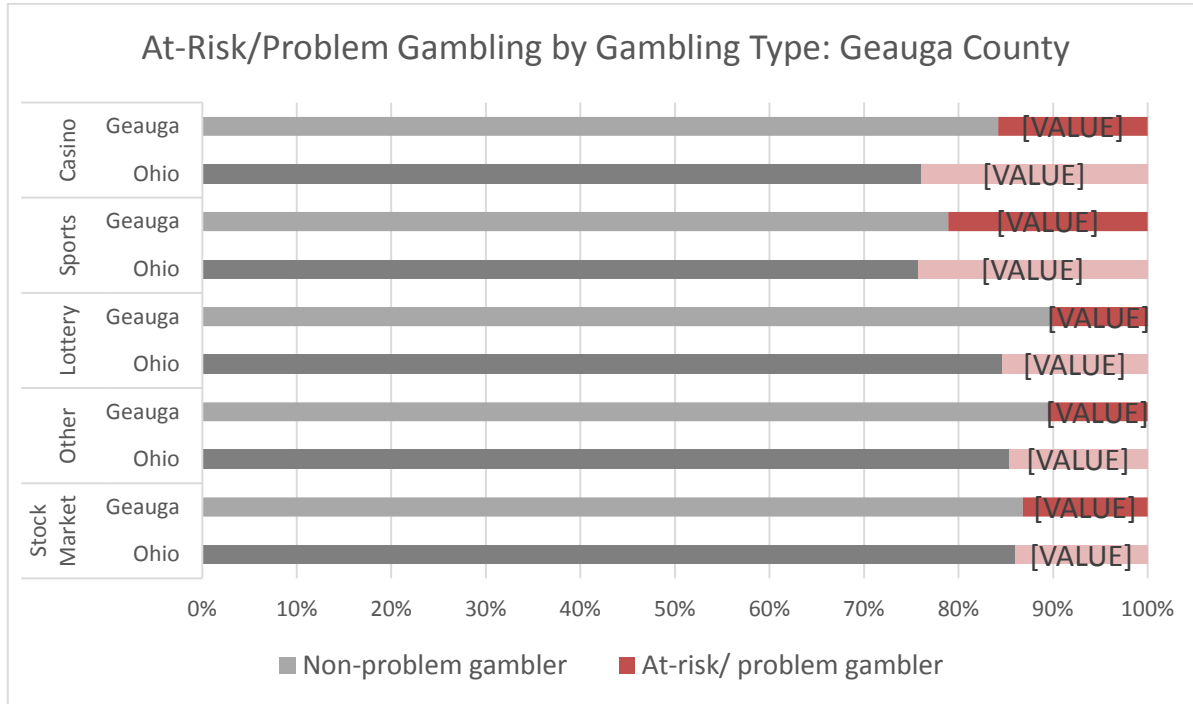
*"Other race" comprised Asian, American Indian and Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, Other, and more than one race.

- Because of the low numbers of African American and "Other race" individuals, these categories were combined for analysis.
- Men had a higher rate of at-risk/problem gambling (9.6%) than women (4.9%).
- African American/Other race individuals had a higher rate of at-risk/problem gambling than White individuals. Among White individuals, men had higher rates of at-risk/ problem gambling than women; among African American/Other race individuals, women had a higher rate than men.
- Young adults (18-24) had the highest rate of at-risk/problem gambling; more than twice the rate of any other age group.
- African American/Other race individuals had a higher rate of abstaining from gambling than White individuals. African American men had the highest rate of abstaining from gambling. Among age groups, older adults (65+) had the highest rate of abstaining from gambling.

Gambling Participation in the Last 12 Months: Geauga County and Ohio						
	Lottery	Casino	Sports	Stock Market	Other*	Any gambling

Geauga county	54.9%	18.6%	15.2%	10.8%	57.6%	73.3%
Ohio	58.2%	23.5%	16.2%	9.3%	54.4%	74.9%
Geauga county (est.)	39,610	13,425	10,953	7,761	41,578	52,872

*“Other” gambling includes: betting on card and board games with family and friends; raffle/fundraising tickets; bingo; arcade/video games; gaming machines (non-casino); Internet café gambling, and Internet gambling (non-café). The participation rate for Other types of gambling may be due to the many diverse activities in this category.



- Sports gamblers had the highest rate of at-risk/problem gambling (21.1%), followed by casino gamblers (15.8%).
- Statewide, the at-risk/problem gambling rates for all types of gambling were slightly higher.

Problem Gambling Correlates: Geauga County				
	Non gamblers	Non-problem gamblers	At-risk/ problem gamblers	All participants
Family history of gambling problem (lifetime)	3.3%	10.8%	21.5%	9.5%
Have used alcohol or drugs while gambling (last 12 months)	N/A	15.5%	38.6%	13.1%
Have gambled while intoxicated (last 12 months)	N/A	4.1%	28.4%	4.7%
Serious depression (last 12 months)	5.3%	12.9%	32.4%	12.2%
Under doctor’s care due to stress (last 12 months)	10.4%	12.4%	13.8%	12.0%