

# Charitable Gaming

Charitable Gaming includes licensed bingo and other associated games such as pull-tabs, merchandise coin boards, and event tickets. Bingo was legalized in 1980 and came under the Missouri Gaming Commission on July 1, 1994. The operation of bingo and the other associated games is restricted to qualified licensed religious, charitable, fraternal, veteran, and service organizations. The Charitable Games Division also licenses hall providers, suppliers, and manufacturers of bingo products.

All proceeds over and above the actual cost of conducting bingo must be used for charitable, religious, or philanthropic purposes of the organization, and no part of the net earnings may benefit any individual member of the organization. Bingo proceeds collected by not-for-profit organizations are used to fund various projects such as veterans homes, drug awareness programs, prevention of child abuse, cancer care and research, Alzheimer's care and research, Boy & Girl Scouts, various religious organizations, scholarships, sight and hearing care for impoverished citizens, and many more.

More than \$100 million has been generated in tax revenue since bingo was legalized. The chart below represents the actual tax reported for bingo paper and pull-tabs for the past five fiscal years. All bingo tax is deposited into the Proceeds for Education Fund. Although pull-tab sales have fluctuated, a comparison of tax paid per file period continues to show a decline in the overall taxes reported for bingo paper and pull-tab sales combined.

Actual Tax Reported For File Period					
YEAR	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20*
PAPER	\$885,509.67	\$820,607.40	\$795,776.15	\$755,346.72	\$547,503.81
PULL-TAB	\$861,580.95	\$830,425.39	\$819,718.21	\$814,344.31	\$639,051.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,747,090.62</b>	<b>\$1,651,032.79</b>	<b>\$1,615,494.36</b>	<b>\$1,569,691.03</b>	<b>\$1,186,555.71</b>

\*Tax amounts for March through June of 2020 were significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The charts below reflect the total bingo taxes deposited and the total number of licensees over the past four years. The bingo tax deposited is different than the tax reported per file period because of the due date of reporting. Reports are due the last day of the month following the month in which the bingo card or pull-tab was sold; therefore, the tax collected for certain file periods during the fiscal year may be included in different fiscal year deposits.

Total Deposits into Proceeds For Education				
Year	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20*
<b>Tax Collected</b>	\$1,751,735.76	\$1,452,759.42	\$1,533,142.99	\$1,389,953.04
<b>Interest Earned</b>	\$663.32	\$1,201.95	\$11,235.14	\$8,592.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,752,399.08</b>	<b>\$1,453,961.37</b>	<b>\$1,544,378.13</b>	<b>\$1,398,545.59</b>

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TYPE OF LICENSE	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
<b>REGULAR BINGO</b>	227	227	212	207
<b>SPECIAL BINGO</b> (Valid for one event from 1 to 7 days)	278	276	290	212*
<b>ABBREVIATED PULL-TAB</b> (Valid for 24 hours, limit 15 per calendar year)	130	127	132	76*
<b>SUPPLIER</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	5	4	4	4
<b>HALL PROVIDER</b>	68	68	61	59

\*The decrease in special and abbreviated licenses can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic which affected social gatherings during 2020, causing a decline in bingo activity.