

Community Perceptions about the Horseshoe Casino in Baltimore

A research study conducted by the University of Maryland School of Medicine

Background

The Horseshoe Casino in Baltimore opened in August 2014. In the weeks before the casino opened, researchers at the University of Maryland School of Medicine conducted a survey asking members of the surrounding community what kinds of concerns they had about the casino. Also, the researchers asked members of the community if they had any signs of problem gambling.

Now that the casino has been open for about a year, University researchers are again going into the community to ask about people's views toward the casino. We would like to know how the casino has impacted your everyday life, and we would also like to know whether more people in the area have shown signs of problem gambling now than before.

Both this year's and last year's surveys are completely anonymous. But, we would like to share with you some of the overall results from last summer's survey.

The community surrounding the Horseshoe Casino



Location of casino shown with a star.

Summer 2014 Survey

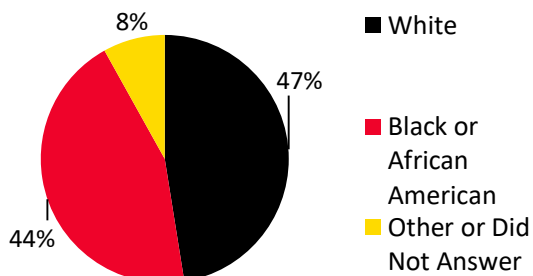
Number of participants: 1,107

Sex: 43% male, 57% female

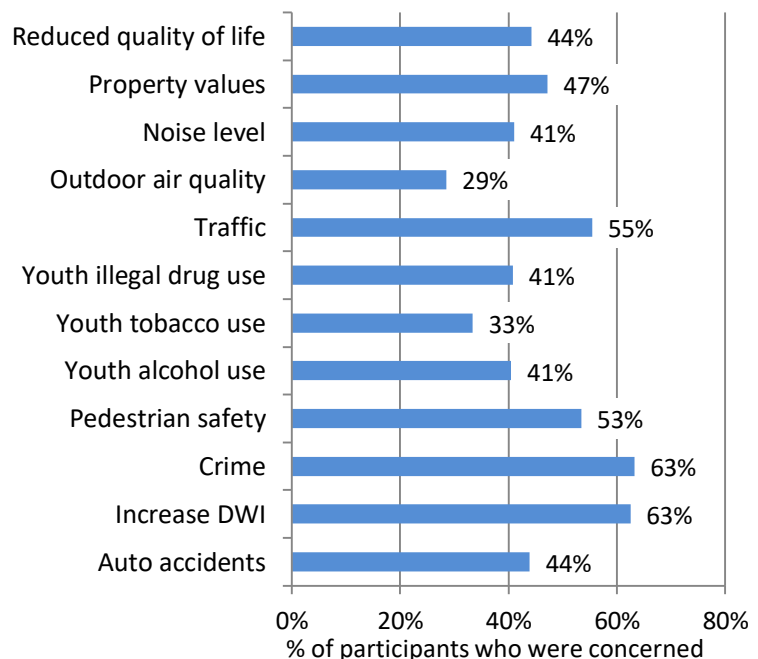
Prevalence of gambling behavior:

- **Likely problem gambler:** 5.9%
 - **At least one gambling issue:** 26.2%
 - **No gambling issues:** 67.9%
- (South Oaks Gambling Screen)

Racial makeup of survey participants



Community concerns about the incoming casino



For more information, please visit the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling at: mdproblemgambling.org
If you think you might have a gambling problem, please call the free and confidential National Problem Gambling Helpline:
1-800-GAMBLER