



March 2, 2026

The Honorable Abigail Spanberger
Governor
Commonwealth of Virginia
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd floor
1111 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: January 2026 Sports Betting Report

Dear Governor Spanberger:

I am pleased to provide our report of legal sports betting activity for the month of January 2026, as required in Virginia Code § 58.1-4031 (2020).

During the month of January, eligible players wagered nearly \$688 million on sports activities across eleven mobile sports betting operators and three land-based casinos. Although January handle (total amount wagered) represented a 3.2% decrease from the prior month, total tax collections year-to-date increased 20% year over year due to an increase in the overall wagers and hold (operator's win percentage).

Sports betting activity is taxed based on a permit holder's adjusted gross revenue. Adjusted gross revenue is calculated as wagers **minus** cash winnings, eligible noncash winnings during an operator's first twelve months of operation, voided and cancelled wagers, Federal excise taxes, and certain allowable adjustments. The adjusted gross revenue for operators may be negative for a month, and if so, that negative balance may be carried forward to the following month, for up to one year. These calculations adhere to the statutory provisions in Virginia Code §58.1-4030 et seq., as enacted by the General Assembly in the 2020 Regular Session, and the language included in the 2025 Appropriation Act (Chapter 725, 2025 Virginia Acts of Assembly).

Virginia aggregate numbers:

	January Activity	FY26 Total
Total wagers	\$687,946,666.18	\$4,705,976,998.53
Winnings	(\$608,405,098.24)	(\$4,181,202,840.81)
Noncash Winnings (eligible promotions)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Void and Cancelled wagers	(\$2,680,371.50)	(\$19,677,704.80)
Federal excise taxes	(\$1,665,531.74)	(\$11,213,239.52)
Adjustments	\$0.00	(\$460,469.80)
Total, Virginia Adjusted Gross Revenues	\$75,195,664.70	\$493,422,743.60

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For the month of January, ten operators reported cumulative positive taxable adjusted gross revenue. At the 15% statutory tax rate (Virginia Code § 58.1-4037), total sports betting tax collections in January were \$11,247,778. From these taxes, the required 2.5% was apportioned to the Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund, with the remaining 97.5% directed to the general fund as required by Virginia Code § 58.1-4038.

	January 2026	FY2026 YTD
General Fund	\$10,966,583.45	\$80,505,656.26
Problem Gambling Treatment and Support Fund	\$281,194.45	\$2,064,247.61
Total Taxes	\$11,247,777.90	\$82,569,903.87

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if you would like more information.

Respectfully,



Khalid R. Jones

- c: The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, Chairwoman, Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee
- The Honorable Luke E. Torian, Chairman, House Appropriations Committee
- The Honorable Vivian E. Watts, Chairwoman, House Finance Committee
- The Honorable Bonnie Krenz-Schnurman, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
- The Honorable Mark D. Sickles, Secretary of Finance
- Michael Maul, Director, Department of Planning & Budget
- Sharon Lawrence, State Comptroller
- April Kees, Director, Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee
- Anne E. Oman, Staff Director, House Appropriations Committee
- Ferhan Hamid, Chairman, Virginia Lottery Board