



## 2002 Annual Report

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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
THE OFFICE OF RACING COMMISSIONER  
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R. ROBERT GEAKE  
COMMISSIONER

April 14, 2003

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
Governor of the State of Michigan  
State Capitol  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Governor Granholm;

In accordance with section 6(3) of Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of 1995, the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, the 2002 Annual Report of the Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) is hereby submitted.

In 2002, seven Michigan tracks presented a combined 2,247 days of live and simulcast pari-mutuel racing. Racing attracted over 1.3 million fans, who wagered \$365.2 million. With increased competition for the gaming dollar from casinos in the state and neighboring racinos, total wagering at the horse tracks in the state sustained a 2.5% decline as compared to the previous year. Despite the overall decline, a foundation has been laid for a successful 2003 racing season in Michigan.

The ORC will continue to work with industry leaders to improve Michigan's race product, to enhance the economy of Michigan racing and the agricultural industries racing supports, and to preserve the farmland dedicated to the sport. As the regulatory agency with primary oversight responsibility for racing, the ORC will take appropriate actions to ensure that any initiatives acted upon favorably by the legislature are effectively implemented. We urge your continued support to ensure that horse racing remains a viable industry in Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Robert Geake".

R. Robert Geake  
Racing Commissioner

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# The Office of Racing Commissioner

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NOTE: As of January 2003

## What Horse Racing Means to Michigan

Michigan horse racing is a \$1.2 billion industry responsible for the creation of 26,200 jobs, \$142 million in personal income, and economic output of \$443 million each year. The industry also generates about \$23.5 million annually in state tax revenues, and supports capital facilities worth an estimated \$570 million, according to a December 2002 study released by Public Sector Consultants, Inc., of Lansing.

There are an estimated 77,000 racing breed equine in the state. Horse racing is a labor-intensive activity and creates jobs on and off the tracks for trainers, drivers, jockeys, blacksmiths, grooms, veterinarians, racing officials, pari-mutuel clerks, guards, admission clerks, concessions workers, and numerous other personnel. With the addition of full-card simulcasting, Michigan tracks now offer year-round entertainment opportunities for horse racing fans, meaning that seasonal work has turned into full-time employment for track employees.

Michigan's horse racing industry reaches far beyond the grandstands of Michigan's pari-mutuel tracks. Horse racing provides economic support to many fairs through purse revenues for those fairs that offer non-betting horse racing. Racing activities also provide direct financial support to Michigan's 4H programs and premiums (awards) at fairs throughout the state.

An important part of the state's economy, horse racing interests pay local property taxes on the tracks, and on breeding and training facilities. The tracks also contribute to the economy of the surrounding communities by purchasing goods and services.

Indirectly, racing interests provide employment for farmers, transportation workers, restaurant and hotel personnel employed near the tracks, the media representatives who report on racing, and the workers who build and repair the training or track facilities, among others. Their collective contribution to the Michigan economy is substantial.

In many of the rural areas of our state, supplying the needs of race horses represents much of the local economy and helps support and preserve the rural character of smaller communities. Farmers grow and sell the feed required by our state's race horse population. Grain elevator operations make sure that feed is available year-round. Barns and training facilities are available to horsemen on a year-round basis, supplying needed employment opportunities for Michigan citizens.

Pari-mutuel horse racing began in Michigan in September, 1933, with 31 days of Thoroughbred racing offered at the Michigan State Fairgrounds track in Detroit. The inaugural season attracted 101,227 fans who wagered over \$3.5 million and generated \$123,783 in state wagering tax.

Today, Michigan has seven licensed pari-mutuel race tracks, including five harness racetracks, one Thoroughbred track and one mixed breed track. The two largest tracks are located in the Detroit metropolitan area, with the other five distributed across the lower half of the state's lower peninsula. In 2002, the tracks presented a combined 2,247 days of live and simulcast pari-mutuel racing. This racing attracted over 1.3 million fans, who wagered \$365.2 million, generating \$11.6 million in state wagering tax revenue. Local communities received over \$1.6 million to defray the costs of police and fire protection required at all pari-mutuel tracks. Financial incentives were offered to the breeders of the best Michigan-bred horses. The incentives included purse supplements and special races for Michigan-bred horses.

As demonstrated above, horse racing's payoff to Michigan is far greater than the dollars seen on the toteboard. Horse racing means jobs; horse racing means revenue; horse racing means entertainment; horse racing means investments; and horse racing means stability and continuity for our state's farming communities.

For more information about the horse racing industry in Michigan, visit our website at [www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda).

## The Commissioner's Responsibilities

The Commissioner's primary objective is to maintain the integrity of live horse racing and simulcasting in Michigan. As part of this mission, the Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) is responsible for regulating the safety and fairness of the horse racing industry through the conduct of regular monitoring, investigations and prosecutions.

The Commissioner has jurisdiction over Michigan's license holders and the authority to regulate racing at the state's seven racetracks. Activities included in the regulation of racing activities are the oversight of pari-mutuel wagering, supervising pari-mutuel operations at all the tracks and granting permits for conducting Standardbred, Thoroughbred and Mixed Breed race meetings in the state. The Commissioner also has jurisdiction over the simulcasting of horse racing activities at these racetracks.

In addition to these responsibilities, the ORC allots annual race dates to race meeting license holders. The ORC licenses, fingerprints, photographs, and screens personnel working for or connected with track operations, including management, horsemen, owners and prospective stockholders, to ensure that everyone connected with racing is of suitable character and integrity. The ORC oversees the actual conduct of races, supervises the extraction of fluid and blood specimens from horses for chemical analysis and conducts initial hearings on appeals resulting from disciplinary actions that may lead to judicial proceedings at the appellate level.

### Investigations

Horse racing in Michigan is a dynamic sport constantly challenged by competitive forces. The ORC employs an in-house investigative unit which works to preserve the integrity of the sport. The unit conducts inquiries on potential licensees, administers license checks at racetracks, investigates racehorse abuse complaints, inspects licensed off-track farms where racehorses are stabled, provides testimony in litigated matters, and assists other law enforcement authorities and the track security organizations in conducting their duties.

In 2002, ORC investigators administered 2,279 alcohol breath tests and 206 drug screens as part of the monitoring program to ensure that no illegal or banned substances are being used. Of the tests administered, two positive alcohol tests and 21 positive drug screens were recorded.

In addition to human testing, ORC investigators processed 100 application investigations and conducted 35 special operations that included searches and surveillances of restricted race-track areas.

### Licensing

The ORC continued its annual licensing program for Standardbred, Thoroughbred, and Mixed Breed (Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint). Each type of racing requires a separate license. All applicants must be participants in pari-mutuel horse racing in Michigan and must meet the standards and criteria set forth in the laws and regulations. In 2002, the ORC issued 8,594 occupational licenses (see page 4).

Also in 2002, in an effort to streamline the licensing process for owners, the ORC began participation in the National Racing Compact licensing program. This enables a potential licensee who desires to be licensed in several states to complete the license process one time only.

### Horse Racing Hotline

The Commissioner remains committed to developing programs directly related to providing a safe and equitable environment for racehorses and industry participants. Individuals who believe that a racehorse is being mistreated have the opportunity to call a 24-hour Hotline (1-800-973-5000) to report each incident. The matter is then investigated by the ORC. The hotline also allows individuals to anonymously inform the ORC of any illegal practices that may be occurring.

## 2002 Occupational Licenses

Type of License	Number
Industry Representative	10
Commission/ORC Staff	6
Pony Rider	34
Authorized Agent/Thoroughbred	43
Vendor/Contractor	77
Vendor Employee	60
Groom -Mixed	68
Groom - Standardbred	920
Groom - Thoroughbred	253
Driver	113
Driver/Trainer	232
Jockey - Thoroughbred	64
Owner-Mixed	181
Owner - Standardbred	1,428
Owner - Thoroughbred	673
Restricted Area Pass	229
Stable - Mixed	7
Stable - Standardbred	61
Stable - Thoroughbred	50
Pari-Mutuel Clerk	354
Exercise Rider	101
Racing Official	56
Valet	5
Stable Employee	1
Trainer - Mixed	24
Trainer - Standardbred	177
Trainer - Thoroughbred	76
Assistant Trainer - Mixed	3
Assistant Trainer - Standardbred	10
Assistant Trainer - Thoroughbred	36
Owner/Trainer - Mixed	72
Owner/Trainer - Standardbred	664
Owner/Trainer - Thoroughbred	202
Veterinarian	40
Track Security	54
Owner/Trainer/Driver	840
Track Employee	173
Track Management	4
Apprentice Jockey	1
Jockey Agent	10
Owner/Groom - Mixed	32
Owner/Groom - Standardbred	200
Owner/Groom - Thoroughbred	12
Vet Assistant	13
Outrider	10
Mutuel Manager	6
Announcer	7
Owner/Driver	8
Other	17
Corporation/Syndicate	101
Partnership	776
<b>Total Licenses Issued</b>	<b>8,594</b>

## Sampling and Testing for Equines and Humans

The Office of Racing Commissioner's (ORC) equine and human blood/urine testing programs are important parts of the Commissioner's regulatory functions. The programs are conducted by the ORC and the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Equine Drug Testing Laboratory. The program involves the post-race collection of urine and/or blood samples from every pari-mutuel horse race conducted in Michigan and human testing for drugs and alcohol.

Equine samples are collected by ORC field staff from the winner of every race, and any other horse designated for testing by officials. The samples are then tested by the MDA Equine Drug Testing Laboratory to detect any prohibited drugs or foreign substances present.

Any drug or other substance not naturally present in the horse's system may either enhance or hinder its performance. It is the duty of the Commissioner to ensure the wagering public that drugs or other foreign substances are not administered to or are not present in any race horse, except as authorized by law. The post-race analysis is an important part of this process.

Dr. Brad Skiba, supervisor of the MDA Equine Drug Testing Laboratory, oversees a team of trained and experienced scientists and technicians who analyze each blood, urine or other sample. Utilizing sophisticated testing methods and equipment, this drug detection group represents a valuable link in the Racing Commissioner's regulatory chain.

A total of 19,329 post-race samples were tested during 2002 (12,796 TCO<sub>2</sub>; 5,382 urine; 1,131 blood and 20 miscellaneous samples). The total number of positives or instances of permitted medication over the approved level was 44.

As part of its regulatory efforts, the ORC employs a team of stewards, detention crew workers, veterinarians, licensed veterinarians, veterinarian technicians and investigators to ensure the integrity of the horse racing industry. Sample collection workers (usually three per track) collect the blood and urine samples from the horses for testing.

The ORC's veterinarians make sure the horses are sound and capable of racing, and supervise the horse sample collections. ORC veterinarians do not have equine practices of their own. Additional veterinarians, licensed by the ORC for practice in restricted areas at the race tracks, prescribe and administer medications to horses who may be at the tracks but are not scheduled to race. These licensed veterinarians have private equine practices.

Samples collected by the collection technicians are delivered from the race tracks to the MDA Geagley Laboratory in East Lansing by couriers employed by the ORC. Samples are identified only by tag number to ensure confidential testing, while maintaining a chain of evidence. The ORC keeps a copy of each sample tag number and the corresponding horse information (trainer, horse name, race day, track, etc.). If any samples test positive, the Laboratory contacts the ORC for confirmation and possible disciplinary action. The cooperative efforts of the ORC and MDA Geagley Laboratory staff help ensure fairness, honesty and integrity in the horse racing industry for the betting public.

## 2002: The Year in Review

### **January**

A two year undercover investigation conducted by the Michigan Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC), the United States Attorney's Office, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Standard-bred Investigative Services (SIS) resulted in the conviction of a former horse trainer for selling a human prescription drug under the pretense of illegally affecting the performance of horses.

### **March**

The third Annual Michigan Horse of the Year Ball was held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Michigan on March 23, 2002. Michigan-bred Horse of the Year awards were presented by Commissioner Bacola to 2001's top Michigan horses in the categories of Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred, Standardbred Trotter and Standardbred Pacer. Additionally, Laura Kendrick of Marysville became Michigan's third Equestrian Princess.

### **May**

Pari-mutuel racetracks in Michigan saw a 13% increase in simulcast wagering for the three days of Triple Crown racing as compared to 2001.

### **August**

ORC hosted an industry-wide symposium entitled "Industry Views," held in Livonia on August 8, 2002. The symposium focused on the industry's need to promote the horse racing product in the increasingly competitive gaming, sports and entertainment markets. Guest speakers included Lonny Powell of the Racing Commissioners International, Michael Tew of Bear Stearns, and Mike Veeck, owner and promoter of minor league baseball.

The 2002 Michigan State Fair set the stage for the second running of the Michigan Horse Racing Exhibit in the Agriculture Building from August 20 through September 2, 2002. The exhibit, complete with horse racing games and videos, presented the sport to approximately 500,000 people. In addition, nearly 10,000 patrons rode the virtual reality jockey ride which was the highlight of the multifaceted exhibit.

On August 29, the ORC received an application to construct and operate a racetrack from the EQTAH Group Ltd. The application proposed a mixed-breed race meeting to commence the spring of 2003 in the Greater Lansing area.

On August 30, the ORC received an application to construct and operate a racetrack from Michigan Racing, a subsidiary of Magna Entertainment Corporation. The application proposed a dual-breed race meeting to commence in 2004 in Romulus, Michigan.

### **September**

The highlight of harness racing was the Michigan Sire Stakes Million Dollar Night held at Hazel Park Harness Raceway on Saturday, September 28, 2002. The combined value of the purses for these and other races on the program was over \$1 million.

### **October**

The highlight of Thoroughbred racing occurred when six Thoroughbred Sire Stakes races were run on October 5 at Great Lakes Downs.

The Toronto-based EQTAH Group withdrew their application for 2003 pari-mutuel horse racing dates from the ORC.

On October 31, Commissioner Bacola signed orders authorizing the 2003 live horse racing dates.

### **December**

On December 16, the ORC received an application to construct and operate a racetrack from Triple Creek Associates LLC. The application proposed a multi-breed race meeting to commence in 2004 in Van Buren Township.

On December 20, Annette M. Bacola resigned. Bacola, of Grosse Point Farms, served as the Michigan Racing Commissioner since she was first appointed in August 1999.

On December 21, R. Robert Geake began his term as Michigan Racing Commissioner for a term that extends through December 31, 2004.

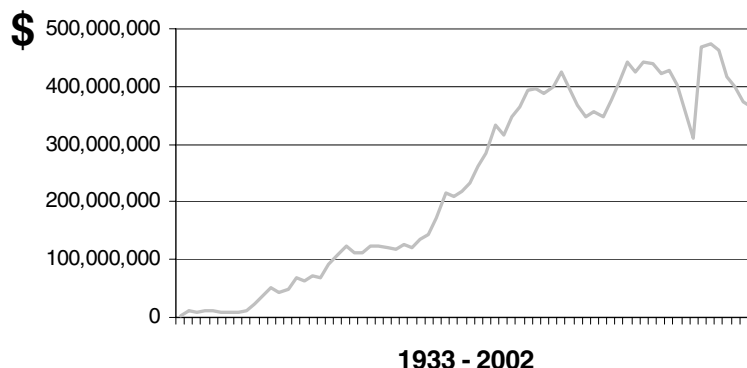
Public Sector Consultants released an Economic Impact Study on the horse racing industry in Michigan. According to the report, horse racing is a \$1.2 billion industry responsible for 26,200 jobs.

# History of Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing in Michigan

The statistical history of pari-mutuel racing in Michigan is as follows:

Year Raced	Days	Total Attendance	Total Pari-Mutuel Wagering	Total State Revenue	Year	Days Raced	Total Attendance	Total Pari-Mutuel Wagering	Total State Revenue
1933	31	101,227	\$ 3,519,656	\$123,783	1976	645	3,571,312	\$395,703,781	\$27,472,556
1934	123	376,123	12,621,224	423,428	1977	647	3,250,807	387,603,160	26,056,732
1935	66	221,064	7,541,557	266,597	1978	650	3,024,127	398,674,678	27,089,834
1936	68	370,784	10,793,497	265,617	1979	673	3,035,903	425,190,904	28,845,113
1937	62	356,015	10,201,110	167,000	1980	703	3,030,257	396,396,317	27,828,645
1938	62	321,211	8,470,931	156,418	1981	688	2,728,476	368,712,526	24,211,545
1939	69	389,642	10,046,735	185,000	1982	688	2,728,476	347,489,410	22,523,956
1940	65	410,542	9,940,148	178,450	1983	695	2,557,419	355,357,249	22,998,249
1941	70	476,870	12,353,851	186,575	1984	672	2,402,562	347,600,808	22,412,751
1942	97	849,505	23,020,369	253,900	1985	686	2,420,489	375,971,988	24,407,322
1943	95	1,197,594	36,278,761	370,300	1986	743	2,547,474	408,118,864	22,015,578
1944	140	1,008,678	51,012,962	2,235,627	1987	867	2,664,362	441,745,977	22,077,702
1945	142	1,197,594	43,906,185	1,899,444	1988	891	2,506,849	424,145,150	21,221,394
1946	143	1,383,045	49,654,271	2,010,326	1989	918	2,682,457	443,113,234	22,005,832
1947	144	1,309,994	68,100,444	3,354,107	1990	906	2,660,443	440,889,684	21,988,385
1948	144	1,232,485	63,544,845	3,271,911	1991	910	2,577,991	421,382,703	20,988,295
1949	228	1,553,745	72,018,889	3,389,264	1992	918	2,563,334	428,344,299	21,330,433
1950	223	1,486,145	68,374,632	3,652,051	1993	901	2,414,670	401,865,797	19,945,112
1951	246	1,755,597	90,947,510	4,708,772	1994	865	2,065,089	356,694,463	17,834,339
1952	245	1,920,329	108,334,542	5,272,375	1995	827	1,741,325	310,522,945	15,552,692
1953	266	2,100,799	123,457,359	7,131,532	1996*	2,225	2,136,766	467,785,576	9,855,173
1954	261	2,094,627	113,063,730	6,890,294	1997	2,425	2,099,295	474,608,578	14,656,240
1955	253	2,010,795	112,712,977	7,038,099	1998	2,262	1,956,378	463,843,615	13,643,735
1956	271	2,222,256	124,349,974	7,534,306	1999	2,218	1,714,354	416,616,490	13,202,928
1957	270	2,105,540	124,133,569	7,535,106	2000	2,308	1,549,408	399,316,679	13,374,720
1958	269	2,180,516	121,250,928	7,285,377	2001	2,205	1,433,998	374,549,941	11,874,054
1959	279	2,089,199	116,776,923	7,502,281	<b>2002</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>1,367,704</b>	<b>\$365,242,287</b>	<b>\$11,657,549</b>
1960	291	2,149,416	125,028,322	8,084,554	<p>* Full-card simulcasting was authorized with the enactment of the Horse Racing Law of 1995 which allowed Michigan pari-mutuel tracks to conduct live and simulcast wagering year-round. Prior to 1996, "Days Raced" meant days of live racing only. From 1996 on, "Days Raced" indicates tracks operation for live and simulcast racing.</p>				
1961	293	2,190,046	120,721,673	7,804,478					
1962	320	2,331,166	135,815,283	8,791,784					
1963	326	2,339,232	144,601,442	11,070,550					
1964	338	2,712,769	173,696,547	13,330,165					
1965	378	3,101,890	215,211,397	16,625,041					
1966	346	2,818,805	209,218,403	16,411,328					
1967	381	2,865,996	217,452,791	16,758,121					
1968	388	2,909,311	231,472,394	17,794,513					
1969	415	3,056,834	260,353,221	19,915,465					
1970	425	3,456,422	285,056,702	21,171,098					
1971	563	3,962,318	333,182,520	24,499,748					
1972	599	3,680,632	317,330,030	24,518,898					
1973	604	3,671,168	347,284,698	26,483,391					
1974	602	3,606,982	363,840,498	27,647,189					
1975	590	3,830,260	394,925,495	28,865,055					

**Total Pari-Mutuel Wagering**



## Summary of ORC Revenues

The pari-mutuel racing program in 2002 contributed **\$12,554,181.98** in pari-mutuel taxes and other revenues to the state as follows:

Pari-Mutuel Simulcast Wagering Taxes	\$	11,657,549.00
Occupational License Fees	\$	163,981.03
"Outs" (money from outstanding uncashed winning pari-mutuel tickets)+	\$	692,865.37
Racing Fines	\$	47,015.00
Horse Race Licenses	\$	5,400.00
Fingerprint Fees	\$	8,262.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	87.48
Civil Service Assessment Fee	\$	(20,977.90)
<b>Total State Revenue:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,554,181.98</b>

"Outs" are funds received from outstanding uncashed winning pari-mutuel tickets:

Great Lakes Downs	\$	45,589.48
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$	319,681.95
Jackson Harness Raceway	\$	26,484.63
Mount Pleasant Meadows	\$	10,068.80
Northville Downs	\$	119,195.33
Northville Racing Corporation	\$	72,570.48
Saginaw Harness Raceway	\$	29,420.15
Sports Creek Raceway	\$	69,854.55
<b>Total "Outs" Revenue to Agriculture Equine Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>692,865.37*</b>

\* "Outs" are generated in 2002 and distributed in 2003.

+Public Act 505 of 1998 amended the law covering the distribution of funds from outstanding uncashed winning tickets (Outs). Previous to this amendment, all Outs funds were sent to the Michigan Department of Treasury, Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Division, for future claims and eventually reverted to the State General Fund pursuant to law. The amendment changed the distribution of Outs monies. Outstanding uncashed tickets could be cashed for only 60 days after the end of a race meeting, as opposed to an unlimited period of time under the previous law. After 60 days the race meeting licensee now retains 50% of the remaining Outs funds and deposits the other 50% to the Michigan Agriculture Equine Fund established under the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended. This makes the Outs funds available for track expenditures, purse monies, and the various programs under the Michigan Agriculture Equine Fund.

## Summary of ORC Expenditures

January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002

Salaries, Wages, Retirement & Fringes	\$ 2,988,908.19
Total Contractual Services, Supplies & Materials	\$ 635,734.17
Travel	\$ 113,837.84
Equipment	\$ 12,961.34
Fingerprint Fees	\$ 8,262.00
Grants	\$ 21,743.34
Other	\$ 61,387.97
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 3,842,834.85</b>

# Summary of Total Wagering

2002

## Live Wagering

### Thoroughbred

Great Lakes Downs \$ 3,475,023

### Mixed Breed

(Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint)

Mount Pleasant Meadows 225,989

### Standardbred

Hazel Park Harness Raceway 16,806,599

Jackson Harness Raceway 954,593

Northville Downs 4,034,692

Northville Racing Corp. 3,218,032

Saginaw Harness Raceway 1,083,749

Sports Creek Raceway 2,372,784

**Total Live Wagering \$ 32,171,461**

## Simulcast Wagering

### Thoroughbred

Great Lakes Downs \$ 15,079,760

### Mixed Breed

(Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint)

Mount Pleasant Meadows 2,607,131

### Standardbred

Hazel Park Harness Raceway 143,923,009

Jackson Harness Raceway 13,084,062

Northville Downs 68,567,796

Northville Racing Corp. 44,691,470

Saginaw Harness Raceway 13,135,553

Sports Creek Raceway 31,982,045

**Total Simulcast Wagering \$ 333,070,826\***

**Total Simulcast and Live Racing \$ 365,242,287**

Note: Total Simulcast and Live Wagering for 2001 was \$374,549,941.

\*This amount reflects simulcast wagers made at Michigan tracks only. It does not include out of state wagers, which are bets placed on Michigan races received at tracks and other wagering sites outside Michigan. Total out of state wagers on Michigan races were \$69,827,344 in 2002.

## Summary of State Tax

	2002	2001
<b>Thoroughbred:</b>		
Great Lakes Downs	\$ 527,804	\$ 480,453
<b>Mixed Breed (Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa, and American Paint)</b>		
Mount Pleasant	\$ 91,257	\$ 77,904
<b>Standardbred:</b>		
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$ 5,037,305	\$ 5,220,239
Jackson Harness Raceway	457,943	429,160
Northville Downs	2,399,883	2,484,525
Northville Racing Corporation	1,564,209	1,567,645
Saginaw Harness Raceway	459,759	464,271
Sports Creek Raceway	1,119,389	1,149,857
<b>Standardbred Totals</b>	<b>\$ 11,038,488</b>	<b>\$ 11,315,697</b>
<b>Total State Tax on Simulcast Wagering:</b>	<b>\$ 11,657,549</b>	<b>\$ 11,874,054</b>

## Purse Pool Distribution

Michigan pari-mutuel horse racing associations endeavor to promote the best in racing. Purses paid by the licensed associations are largely responsible for accomplishing this task. The 2002 amounts exclude supplements and fees provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). In 2002, MDA reported \$4.9 million provided by the Agriculture Equine Fund directly to the pari-mutuel purse pool for supplements.

	<b>2002</b>
<b>Thoroughbred:</b>	
Great Lakes Downs	\$ 7,824,606
<b>Mixed Breed</b> <b>(Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint )</b>	
Mount Pleasant	\$ 1,037,730
<b>Standardbred:</b>	
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$ 7,426,473
Jackson Harness Raceway	501,292
Northville Downs	2,853,232
Northville Racing Corporation	1,943,508
Saginaw Harness Raceway	425,119
Sports Creek Raceway	1,338,213
 Standardbred Totals:	 \$ 14,487,837
 <b>Total Purse Distribution:</b>	 <b>\$ 23,350,173</b>

## Distribution of Pari-Mutuel Wagering Revenues to Cities/Townships

	2002	2001
Hazel Park:		
*Revenue	\$ 752,468.00	\$ 804,066.93
**Expenditures	752,468.00	125,695.41
Jackson:		
*Revenue	\$ 60,581.38	\$ 75,773.24
**Expenditures	27,363.45	23,515.23
Isabella Township (Mount Pleasant):		
*Revenue	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 15,313.41
**Expenditures	4,650.00	5,249.41
Fruitport Township (Great Lakes Downs):		
*Revenue	\$ 75,358.09	\$ 74,427.39
**Expenditures	31,232.20	69,597.06
Northville:		
*Revenue	\$ 552,036.91	\$ 558,367.16
**Expenditures	196,796.00	196,177.00
Saginaw:		
*Revenue	\$ 58,196.24	\$ 58,662.24
**Expenditures	128,455.02	123,624.66
Swartz Creek:		
*Revenue	\$ 169,324.35	\$ 152,554.00
**Expenditures	29,879.56	45,600.00
<b>Total:</b>		
*Revenue	<b>\$ 1,675,764.97</b>	<b>\$ 1,739,164.37</b>
**Expenditures	<b>\$ 1,170,844.23</b>	<b>\$ 589,458.77</b>

All figures are for the calendar year.

\* Revenue equals all breakage generated during the calendar year.

\*\* Expenditures represent the amount of money reported by local units of government to the ORC for services provided pursuant to Section 21 of the Horse Racing Law of 1995.

Note: Breakage is the amount that is subtracted from wager payout calculations when they are rounded down to the nearest dime (or nickel in a minus pool situation). For example, if a winning bet is computed to pay \$3.11, the bettor receives \$3.10 and the \$.01 in breakage is distributed to cities and/or townships in which the track is located.

## Race Meeting Summary - All Race Meetings (live and simulcast)

	2002	2001
Live Dates Allotted	567	569
Live Dates Run	562	562
Live Dates Not Run	5	7
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	2,247	2,205
Live & Simulcast Attendance	1,367,704	1,433,998
Daily Average	608	650
Live Wagering Total	\$ 32,171,461	\$ 35,293,153
Simulcast Wagering Total	333,070,826	339,256,788
Combined Wagering Total	365,242,287	374,549,941
Daily Average	162,547	169,864
Per Capita	267	261
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$ 281,930,627	\$290,745,322
Daily Average	125,470	131,857
State Revenue Total	\$ 11,657,549	\$ 11,874,054
Daily Average	5,188	5,385
* Purse Total	\$ 23,350,173	\$ 24,545,832
Daily Average	41,548	43,676
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 55,902,426	\$ 60,565,839
Daily Average	24,879	27,468

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

\*\* Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

## Race Meeting Summary - Harness Totals

	2002	2001
Live Dates Allotted	415	407
Live Dates Run	410	406
Live Dates Not Run	5	1
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	1,682	1,677
Live & Simulcast Attendance	1,277,225	1,304,924
Daily Average	759	778
Live Wagering Total	\$ 28,349,674	\$ 31,393,799
Simulcast Wagering Total	315,383,935	323,304,199
Combined Wagering Total	343,733,609	354,697,998
Daily Average	204,360	211,508
Per Capita	269	272
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$ 265,428,600	\$275,500,307
Daily Average	157,805	164,282
State Revenue Total	\$ 11,038,488	\$ 11,315,697
Daily Average	6,563	6,748
* Purse Total	\$ 14,487,837	\$ 15,382,051
Daily Average	35,336	37,887
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 52,569,279	\$ 57,379,022
Daily Average	31,254	34,215

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

\*\* Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

## Race Meeting Summary - Thoroughbred Totals

	2002	2001
Live Dates Allotted	118	129
Live Dates Run	118	128
Live Dates Not Run	0	1
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	313	277
Live & Simulcast Attendance	75,277	112,365
Daily Average	241	406
Live Wagering Total	\$ 3,475,023	\$ 3,695,608
Simulcast Wagering Total	15,079,760	13,726,941
Combined Wagering Total	18,554,783	17,422,549
Daily Average	59,281	62,897
Per Capita	247	155
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$ 14,286,785	\$ 13,338,843
Daily Average	45,645	48,155
State Revenue Total	\$ 527,804	\$ 480,453
Daily Average	1,686	1,735
* Purse Total	\$ 7,824,606	\$ 8,268,456
Daily Average	66,310	64,597
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 2,969,980	\$ 2,849,044
Daily Average	9,489	10,285

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

\*\* Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Note: The 2002 and 2001 Thoroughbred figures represent the "Track Summary" of Great Lakes Downs.

## Race Meeting Summary - Mixed Racing Totals

	2002	2001
Live Dates Allotted	34	33
Live Dates Run	34	28
Live Dates Not Run	0	5
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	252	251
Live & Simulcast Attendance	14,572	16,709
Daily Average	58	67
Live Wagering Total	\$ 225,989	\$ 203,746
Simulcast Wagering Total	2,607,131	2,225,648
Combined Wagering Total	2,833,120	2,429,394
Daily Average	11,243	9,679
Per Capita	194	145
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$ 2,215,242	\$1,906,172
Daily Average	8,791	7,594
State Revenue Total	\$ 91,257	\$ 77,904
Daily Average	362	310
* Purse Total	\$ 1,037,730	\$ 895,325
Daily Average	30,522	31,976
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 394,716	\$ 337,773
Daily Average	1,566	1,346

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

\*\* Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Note: The 2002 and 2001 Mixed Racing figures represent the "Track Summary" of Mount Pleasant Meadows. The Mixed breed race horses include Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa, and American Paint.



## Track Summaries - Hazel Park Harness Raceway

	2002	2001
Live Dates Allotted	140	141
Live Dates Run	140	140
Live Dates Not Run	0	1
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	361	360
Live & Simulcast Attendance	629,411	658,797
Daily Average	1,744	1,830
Live Wagering Total	\$ 16,806,599	\$ 20,008,149
Simulcast Wagering Total	143,923,009	149,149,676
Combined Wagering Total	160,729,608	169,157,825
Daily Average	445,234	469,883
Per Capita	255	257
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$123,455,580	\$130,708,588
Daily Average	341,982	363,079
State Revenue Total	\$ 5,037,305	\$ 5,220,239
Daily Average	13,954	14,501
* Purse Total	\$ 7,426,473	\$ 8,086,372
Daily Average	53,046	57,760
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 24,696,670	\$ 26,354,330
Daily Average	68,412	73,207

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

\*\* Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Hazel Park Harness Raceway raced 140 dates in 2002, from April 1 through October 12, and 140 dates in 2001, from April 2 through October 13. One allocated date was cancelled in 2001 due to the September 11 attack.

## Track Summaries - Jackson Harness Raceway

	2002	2001
Live Dates Allotted	24	20
Live Dates Run	24	20
Live Dates Not Run	0	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	239	238
Live & Simulcast Attendance	82,791	79,390
Daily Average	346	334
Live Wagering Total	\$ 954,593	\$ 746,226
Simulcast Wagering Total	13,084,062	12,261,710
Combined Wagering Total	14,038,655	13,007,936
Daily Average	58,739	54,655
Per Capita	170	164
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$10,754,264	\$9,863,451
Daily Average	44,997	41,443
State Revenue Total	\$ 457,943	\$ 429,160
Daily Average	1,916	1,803
* Purse Total	\$ 501,292	\$ 506,328
Daily Average	20,887	25,316
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 2,156,799	\$ 2,020,163
Daily Average	9,024	8,488

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

\*\* Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Jackson Harness Raceway (JHR) presented 24 live race dates in 2002 from April 17 through June 8. In 2001, JHR ran 20 live race dates from April 27 through June 9. JHR was originally granted 35 dates of live racing in 2001. Subsequently, JHR requested a reduction to 20 dates which was supported by the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association and granted by the ORC.

## Track Summaries - Mount Pleasant Meadows

	2002	2001
Live Dates Allotted	34	33
Live Dates Run	34	28
Live Dates Not Run	0	5
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	252	251
Live & Simulcast Attendance	14,572	16,709
Daily Average	58	67
Live Wagering Total	\$ 225,989	\$ 203,746
Simulcast Wagering Total	2,607,131	2,225,648
Combined Wagering Total	2,833,120	2,429,394
Daily Average	11,243	9,679
Per Capita	194	145
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$2,215,242	\$1,906,172
Daily Average	8,791	7,594
State Revenue Total	\$ 91,257	\$ 77,904
Daily Average	362	310
* Purse Total	\$ 1,037,730	\$ 895,325
Daily Average	30,522	31,976
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 394,716	\$ 337,773
Daily Average	1,566	1,346

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

\*\* Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Mount Pleasant Meadows raced 34 dates in 2002, from May 4 through September 28, and 28 dates in 2001, from May 5 to September 30.



## Track Summaries - Northville Racing Corporation

	2002	2001
Live Dates Allotted	54	54
Live Dates Run	53	54
Live Dates Not Run	1	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	150	148
Live & Simulcast Attendance	133,991	139,758
Daily Average	893	944
Live Wagering Total	\$ 3,218,032	\$ 3,476,333
Simulcast Wagering Total	44,691,470	44,789,637
Combined Wagering Total	47,909,502	48,265,970
Daily Average	319,397	326,121
Per Capita	358	345
Amount Payable to Winning		
Ticket Holders Total	\$ 37,637,814	\$ 37,998,321
Daily Average	250,919	256,745
State Revenue Total	\$ 1,564,209	\$ 1,567,645
Daily Average	10,428	10,592
* Purse Total	\$ 1,943,508	\$ 1,946,024
Daily Average	36,670	36,038
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 7,227,068	\$ 7,280,806
Daily Average	48,181	49,195

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

\*\* Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Northville Racing Corporation (NRC) presented 53 dates in 2002, from October 14 through December 28. One allotted date was not run in 2002. In 2001, NRC ran 54 live racing dates from October 15 through December 29.

## Track Summaries - Saginaw Harness Raceway

	2002	2001
Live Dates Allotted	33	33
Live Dates Run	33	33
Live Dates Not Run	0	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	361	360
Live & Simulcast Attendance	60,699	62,274
Daily Average	168	173
Live Wagering Total	\$ 1,083,749	\$ 1,063,621
Simulcast Wagering Total	13,135,553	13,264,463
Combined Wagering Total	14,219,302	14,328,084
Daily Average	39,389	39,800
Per Capita	234	230
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$10,732,225	\$ 10,868,066
Daily Average	29,729	30,189
State Revenue Total	\$ 459,759	\$ 464,271
Daily Average	1,274	1,290
* Purse Total	\$ 425,119	\$ 587,388
Daily Average	12,882	17,800
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 2,264,795	\$ 2,296,344
Daily Average	6,274	6,379

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

\*\* Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Saginaw Harness Raceway presented 33 dates in 2002, from June 14 through August 25. Saginaw presented 33 dates of live racing in 2001, from June 15 through August 26. No allotted dates were cancelled in 2002 or 2001.

## Track Summaries - Sports Creek Raceway

	2002	2001
Live Dates Allotted	94	95
Live Dates Run	94	95
Live Dates Not Run	0	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	361	361
Live & Simulcast Attendance	158,463	155,924
Daily Average	439	432
Live Wagering Total	\$ 2,252,009	\$ 2,447,613
Simulcast Wagering Total	31,982,045	32,852,586
Combined Wagering Total	34,234,054	35,300,199
Daily Average	94,831	97,785
Per Capita	216	226
Amount Payable to Winning		
Ticket Holders Total	\$26,172,201	\$26,901,471
Daily Average	72,499	74,519
State Revenue Total	\$ 1,119,389	\$ 1,149,857
Daily Average	3,101	3,185
* Purse Total	\$ 1,338,213	\$ 1,300,678
Daily Average	14,236	13,691
** Track Share Commission Total	\$ 5,334,427	\$ 5,569,731
Daily Average	14,777	15,429

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

\*\* Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

Sports Creek Raceway presented two separate live race meetings in 2002. The first ran 24 dates, from January 2 through February 10. The second ran 70 dates, from August 31 through December 31. Sports Creek Raceway also presented two separate live race meetings in 2001. The first ran 24 dates, from January 3 through February 11. The second race meeting ran 71 dates, from September 1 through December 31.

## Track Information

### Map of Michigan Racetracks



### Great Lakes Downs

Thoroughbred Racing

Location: 4800 S. Harvey Street  
Muskegon, MI 49444  
231-799-2400  
[www.greatlakesdowns.com](http://www.greatlakesdowns.com)

Size of Track:  
Length: 1/2 mile to 1 1/8 mile  
Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:  
Sand and clay on limestone base

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 2,350  
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 850  
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 800

Date of First Track License: February 1, 1984  
Date of Inaugural Meeting: April 23, 1999

Attendance Record:  
4,821; May 5, 2001  
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:  
\$1,104,066; May 5, 2001

### Hazel Park Harness Raceway

Harness Racing

Location: 1650 East Ten Mile Road  
Hazel Park, MI 48030  
248-398-1000  
[www.hazelparkraceway.com](http://www.hazelparkraceway.com)

Size of Track:  
Length: 5/8 mile  
Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:  
Limestone, coarse and fine

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 9,200  
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 3,000  
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 1,200

Date of First Track License: August 1949  
Date of Inaugural Meeting: August 17, 1949

Attendance Record:  
28,726; May 31, 1965  
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:  
\$2,029,028; July 10, 1977

### Jackson Harness Raceway

Harness Racing

Location: 200 West Ganson Street  
Jackson, MI 49204  
517-788-4500

Size of Track:  
Length: 1/2 mile  
Width: 70 feet

Soil of Track:  
Limestone, coarse and fine

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 6,500  
Sulky Lounge Seating Capacity: 250  
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 500  
Housing Space for Stable Help: 16

Date of First Track License: 1948  
Date of Inaugural Meeting: May 28, 1949

Attendance Record:  
6,812; August 16, 1975  
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:  
\$346,557; May 18, 1986

## Track Information

### Mount Pleasant Meadows

Mixed Breed Racing

Location: 500 North Mission Road  
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858  
989-773-0012

Size of Track:  
Length: 1/2 mile  
Width: 60 feet

Soil of Track:  
Sandy loam

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 3,000  
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 400  
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 300

Date of First Track License: May 1985  
Date of Inaugural Meeting: June 21, 1985

Attendance Record:  
1,027; May 17, 1986  
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:  
\$61,463; October 1, 1989

### Northville Downs

Harness Racing

Location: 301 South Center Street  
Northville, MI 48167  
248-349-1000  
[www.northvilledowns.com](http://www.northvilledowns.com)

Size of Track:  
Length: 1/2 mile  
Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:  
Limestone and stone mix

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 3,200  
Grandstand Standing Capacity: 2,000  
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 900  
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 493  
Housing Space for Stable Help: 80

Date of First Track License: August 1944  
Date of Inaugural Meeting: August 4, 1944

Attendance Record:  
9,610; May 15, 1950  
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:  
\$935,067; March 28, 1986

### Saginaw Harness Raceway

Harness Racing

Location: 2701 East Genesee Street  
Saginaw, MI 48601  
989-755-3451  
[www.saginawraceway.com](http://www.saginawraceway.com)

Size of Track:  
Length: 1/2 mile  
Width: 50 feet in backstretch,  
70 feet in homestretch

Soil of Track:  
Limestone, coarse and fine

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 2,500  
Grandstand Standing Capacity: 1,000  
Surrey Room Seating Capacity: 225  
Lounge Capacity: 120  
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 314

Date of First Track License: May 2, 1979

Attendance Record:  
6,000; June 16, 1980  
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:  
\$471,945; August 18, 1985

### Sports Creek Raceway

Harness Racing

Location: 4290 Morrish Road  
Swartz Creek, MI 48473  
810-635-3333

Size of Track:  
Length: 5/8 mile  
Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:  
Clay base, stone dust and limestone  
cushion

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 4,500  
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 2,000  
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 200

Date of Inaugural Meeting: November 5, 1986

Attendance Record:  
6,111; November 5, 1986  
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:  
\$626,388; March 11, 1990

## 2003 Live Racing Schedule

	<b>THOROUGHBRED RACING</b>			
<b>Great Lakes Downs</b> 4800 Harvey Street Muskegon, MI 49444 231-799-2400	April 26 (Saturday) through October 28 (Tuesday)		118	Dates
	<b>MIXED BREED RACING</b>			
<b>Mount Pleasant Meadows</b> 500 N. Mission Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-773-0012	May 3 (Saturday) through September 28 (Sunday)		37	Dates
	<b>Thoroughbred &amp; Mixed Breed Total:</b>		<b>155</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	<b>STANDARD BREED RACING</b>			
<b>Sports Creek Raceway</b> 4290 Morrish Road Swartz Creek, MI 48473 810-635-3333	January 1 (Wednesday) through February 9 (Sunday) August 30 (Saturday) through December 31 (Wednesday)		94	Dates
<b>Northville Downs</b> 301 South Center Street Northville, MI 48167 248-349-1000	January 2 (Thursday) through April 5 (Saturday)		69	Dates
<b>Hazel Park Harness Raceway</b> 1650 East Ten Mile Road Hazel Park, MI 48030 248-398-1000	April 7 (Monday) through October 18 (Saturday)		140	Dates
<b>Jackson Harness Raceway</b> 200 W. Ganson Street Box 881 Jackson, MI 49204 517-788-4500	April 16 (Wednesday) through June 7 (Saturday)		24	Dates
<b>Saginaw Harness Raceway</b> 2701 E. Genesee Street Saginaw, MI 48601 989-755-3451	June 13 (Friday) through August 24 (Sunday)		33	Dates
<b>Northville Racing Corp.</b> 301 South Center Street Northville, MI 48167 248-349-1000	October 20 (Monday) through December 30 (Tuesday)		51	Dates
	<b>Standardbred Total:</b>		<b>411</b>	<b>Dates</b>
	<b>2003 TOTAL:</b>		<b>566</b>	<b>Dates</b>

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