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*Office of Racing Commissioner*

*2004 Annual Report*



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THE OFFICE OF RACING COMMISSIONER  
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ACTING COMMISSIONER

April 14, 2005

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 2004 Annual Report of the Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) is hereby submitted.

In 2004, seven Michigan tracks presented a combined 2,255 days of live and simulcast pari-mutuel racing. Racing attracted over 1.3 million fans, who wagered \$337.4 million. As compared to wagering levels of the previous year, this marks a 2.6% decline.

Despite the recent declines in wagering, the ORC is actively reviewing four racetrack applications for the construction of a new racing facility in the Detroit Metropolitan Area. Upon the granting of the license to the applicant which demonstrates the highest level of eligibility and fitness, our office will work to ensure the completion of the racetrack resulting in additional jobs for Michigan citizens, increased revenue for the state and the preservation of the farmland dedicated to sustaining the horse racing industry.

In addition to overseeing future growth opportunities, our office is committed to preserving the integrity of the sport by maintaining a strong regulatory presence throughout the industry.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine White".

Christine C. White  
Acting Racing Commissioner

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\* Appointed on January 20, 2005 by  
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## 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.

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 2004, the tracks presented a combined 2,255 days of live and simulcast pari-mutuel racing. This racing attracted over 1.3 million fans, who wagered \$337.5 million, generating \$10.9 million in state wagering tax revenue. Local communities received over \$1.4 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/horseracing](http://www.michigan.gov/horseracing)**.

## The Commissioner's Responsibilities

The Commissioner's primary objective is to maintain the integrity of live horse racing and all wagering 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, owners, trainers 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 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 2004, investigators administered alcohol breath tests and drug screens as part of the monitoring program to ensure that no illegal or banned substances are being used by horseracing participants.

In addition, investigators completed numerous application investigations and conducted special operations that included searches and surveillance of restricted racetrack areas including the use of video surveillance cameras to better monitor traffic entering and exiting restricted 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. A breakdown of licensees by county are listed on the following page.

### Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

There were 47 FOIA requests in 2004. All requests were granted. The nature of these requests relate to subjects such as racetrack license applications, existing licensees, financial statements and transcripts involving appeals. Of the 47 requests, 14 were billed for a total of \$730.14.

### 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.

## 2004 ORC Licensees by County

<u>County</u>	<u>Licensees</u>		
ALLEGAN	77	LEELANAU	1
ALPENA	2	LENAWEE	166
ARENAC	4	LIVINGSTON	158
BARRY	24	MACOMB	223
BAY	18	MANISTEE	2
BERRIEN	12	MASON	4
BRANCH	23	MECOSTA	73
CALHOUN	90	MIDLAND	21
CASS	10	MISSAUKEE	1
CHEBOYGAN	2	MONROE	136
CLARE	52	MONTCALM	68
CLINTON	14	MONTMORENCY	2
CRAWFORD	7	MUSKEGON	495
DELTA	8	NEWAYGO	35
EATON	58	OAKLAND	457
EMMET	9	OCEANA	13
GENESEE	379	OGEMAW	5
GLADWIN	15	OSCEOLA	15
GRAND TRAVERSE	7	OSCODA	5
GRATIOT	48	OTTAWA	77
HILLSDALE	67	ROSCOMMON	5
HURON	22	SAGINAW	85
INGHAM	131	SANILAC	58
IONIA	29	SCHOOLCRAFT	1
IOSCO	8	SHIAWASSEE	107
IRON	3	ST CLAIR	60
ISABELLA	107	ST JOSEPH	41
JACKSON	228	TUSCOLA	85
KALAMAZOO	36	VAN BUREN	23
KENT	99	WASHTENAW	113
LAKE	4	WAYNE	582
LAPEER	95	WEXFORD	8

A total of **4,813** licensees permanently reside in Michigan. Additionally, the ORC licensed approximately 2,000 individuals that did not indentify Michigan as their permanent address.

## 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.

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 18,791 post-race samples were tested during 2004 (13,030 TCO<sub>2</sub>; 4,763 urine; 989 blood and 9 miscellaneous samples). The total number of positives or instances of permitted medication over the approved level was 32.

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.



## 2004: The Year in Review

### **February**

On February 27, Hazel Park Harness Raceway announced plans for a \$35 million expansion including a 70,000-square foot, single-story addition designed after New Orleans' Bourbon Street with a musical stage, two simulcast facilities, three bars and a 180-seat restaurant. The recently demolished grandstand would be replaced with a 500-seat grandstand.

### **March**

The Michigan Horse of the Year Awards Ceremony was held at the Michigan Horse Council's International Stallion Expo at the Michigan State University Agriculture Pavillion in East Lansing on March 13. Michigan's leading 2003 state-bred horses were honored by Commissioner Geake in the categories of Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred, Standardbred Trotter and Standardbred Pacer.

### **April**

On April 29, Michigan Senators voted in favor of House Bill 4609 which would legalize Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs) at Michigan's horse racing tracks.

### **August**

On August 9, Commissioner Geake authorized the transfer of the track license for Great Lakes Downs located in Fruitport Township near Muskegon from MI Racing Inc., a fully owned subsidiary of Magna Entertainment, to Richmond Racing Co., LLC.

The 2004 Michigan State Fair featured the fourth annual Michigan Horse Racing Exhibit in the Agriculture Building from August 11 through August 22. The exhibit was highlighted by horse racing games, educational materials, and a Winner's Circle sponsored by the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and Dodge.

### **September**

On September 9, MTR Gaming Group, Inc. announced an agreement to purchase 90 percent of Jackson Trotting Association, the company that operates Jackson Harness Raceway.

On September 21, ORC held a public hearing regarding the applications of Magna Entertainment,

Triple Creek Associates, Xanadu World and Meritis, for a license to operate a pari-mutuel horse racetrack at a location within the Detroit Metro Area.

The highlight of harness racing was the Michigan Sire Stakes Million Dollar Night held at Hazel Park Harness Raceway on Saturday, September 25. 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 2 at Great Lakes Downs.

On October 6, Commissioner Geake announced the granting of a track license to Platinum Partners, LLC, doing business as Windsor Downs, to operate a new pari-mutuel horse racetrack. The track is to be constructed in Windsor Township near the intersection of I-96 and I-69, on the southwest side of Lansing. Platinum Partners is a single member limited liability company with real estate developer Dorian Lange as its principal.

On October 29, Commissioner Geake signed orders authorizing the 2005 live horse racing dates.

### **November**

On November 2, Michigan voters approved passage of Proposal 1, a Proposal to amend the Michigan Constitution to require both statewide and local voter approval for "any new state lottery games utilizing table games or player operated mechanical or electronic devices introduced after January 1, 2004." This amendment excludes the three Detroit casinos and Michigan's Native American casinos.

### **December**

Racing Commissioner R. Robert Geake's term expired at the end of December. Former Governor Engler appointed Geake to complete the remaining two years of Annette M. Bacola's term.

# History of Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing in Michigan

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

Year	Days Raced	Total Attendance	Total Pari-Mutuel Wagering	Total State Revenue	Year	Days Raced	Total Attendance	Total Pari-Mutuel Wagering	Total State Wagering 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	2002	2,247	1,367,704	365,242,287	11,657,549
1960	291	2,149,416	125,028,322	8,084,554	2003	2,244	1,333,514	346,577,964	11,086,489
1961	293	2,190,046	120,721,673	7,804,478	<b>2004</b>	<b>2,255</b>	<b>1,328,829</b>	<b>\$337,473,462</b>	<b>\$10,978,970</b>
1962	320	2,331,166	135,815,283	8,791,784	<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/or simulcast racing.</p> <p><b>Total Pari-Mutuel Wagering</b></p> <p>1933 - 2004</p>				
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					

## Summary of ORC Revenues

The pari-mutuel racing program in 2004 contributed **\$11,878,452.33** in pari-mutuel taxes and other revenues to the state as follows:

Pari-Mutuel Simulcast Wagering Taxes	\$	10,978,970.00
Occupational License Fees	\$	151,769.60
Outs (money from outstanding uncashed winning pari-mutuel tickets)	\$	710,338.81
Racing Fines	\$	38,280.00
Horse Race Licenses	\$	10,800.00
Fingerprint Fees	\$	5,610.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	(75.00)
Civil Service Assessment Fee	\$	(17,241.08)
<b>Total State Revenue:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,878,452.33</b>

Outs are uncashed winning pari-mutuel tickets that are deposited into the Agriculture Equine Fund as mandated by Public Act 505(1).

Great Lakes Downs	\$	49,457.48
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$	318,786.43
Jackson Harness Raceway	\$	28,478.88
Mount Pleasant Meadows	\$	12,155.55
Northville Downs	\$	118,588.21
Northville Racing Corporation	\$	78,002.40
Saginaw Harness Raceway	\$	24,797.48
Sports Creek Raceway	\$	80,072.38
<b>Total Outs Revenue to Agriculture Equine Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>710,338.81<sup>(2)</sup></b>

(1) Public Act 505 of 1998 amended the law covering the distribution of funds from outstanding uncashed winning tickets (Outs). Patrons have 60 days after the close of a race meeting to redeem any uncashed winning ticket. After 60 days, the race meeting licensee retains 50% of the Outs for track operations and deposits the other 50% into the Michigan Agriculture Equine Fund established under the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended.

(2) In accordance with P.A. 505, the funds were received as revenue in 2004.

## Summary of ORC Expenditures

January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004

Salaries, Wages, Retirement & Fringes	\$ 2,920,423.29
Total Contractual Services, Supplies & Materials	\$ 203,433.33
Travel	\$ 98,973.27
Equipment	\$ -0-
Fingerprint Fees	\$ 5,610.00
Grants	\$ -0-
Other	\$ 131,830.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,360,269.89

## Summary of Total Wagering

2004

### Live Wagering

#### Thoroughbred

Great Lakes Downs	\$ 3,149,332
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#### Mixed Breed

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

Mount Pleasant Meadows	183,625
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#### Standardbred

Hazel Park Harness Raceway	11,350,256
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Jackson Harness Raceway	933,454
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Northville Downs	3,582,057
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Northville Racing Corp.	2,023,926
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Saginaw Harness Raceway	884,758
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Sports Creek Raceway	1,826,827
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### Total Live Wagering

\$ 23,934,235

### Simulcast Wagering

#### Thoroughbred

Great Lakes Downs	\$ 12,283,763
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#### Mixed Breed

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

Mount Pleasant Meadows	2,295,668
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#### Standardbred

Hazel Park Harness Raceway	136,460,414
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Jackson Harness Raceway	12,314,292
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Northville Downs	67,684,067
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Northville Racing Corp.	39,820,037
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Saginaw Harness Raceway	11,967,393
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Sports Creek Raceway	30,713,593
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### Total Simulcast Wagering

\$ 313,539,227\*

### Total Simulcast and Live Racing

\$ 337,473,462

Note: Total Simulcast and Live Wagering for 2003 was \$346,577,964.

\*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 \$59,938,651 in 2004.

## Summary of State Tax

	2004	2003
<b>Thoroughbred:</b>		
Great Lakes Downs	\$ 429,944	\$ 451,334
<b>Mixed Breed (Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa, and American Paint)</b>		
Mount Pleasant	\$ 80,356	\$ 87,065
<b>Standardbred:</b>		
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$ 4,776,135	\$ 4,805,106
Jackson Harness Raceway	431,001	438,034
Northville Downs	2,368,954	2,276,831
Northville Racing Corporation	1,393,710	1,456,642
Saginaw Harness Raceway	418,873	439,029
Sports Creek Raceway	1,079,997	1,132,448
<b>Standardbred Totals</b>	<b>\$ 10,468,670</b>	<b>\$ 10,548,090</b>
<b>Total State Tax on Simulcast Wagering:</b>	<b>\$ 10,978,970</b>	<b>\$ 11,086,489</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 2004 amounts exclude supplements and fees provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). In 2004, MDA reported \$3.9 million provided by the Agriculture Equine Fund directly to the pari-mutuel purse pool for supplements.

**2004**

**Thoroughbred:**

Great Lakes Downs	\$ 7,197,791
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**Mixed Breed**

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

Mount Pleasant	\$ 1,116,727
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**Standardbred:**

Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$ 6,248,663
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Jackson Harness Raceway	513,857
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Northville Downs	2,651,223
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Northville Racing Corporation	1,656,176
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Saginaw Harness Raceway	516,742
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Sports Creek Raceway	1,263,709
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Standardbred Totals:	\$ 12,850,370
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**Total Purse Distribution:**

**\$ 21,164,888**

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

2004

Hazel Park:

*Revenue	\$ 607,202.54
**Expenditures	463,795.00

Jackson:

*Revenue	\$ 73,695.71
**Expenditures	28,426.97

Isabella Township (Mount Pleasant):

*Revenue	\$ 12,948.90
**Expenditures	4,374.08

Fruitport Township (Great Lakes Downs):

*Revenue	\$ 65,597.42
**Expenditures	20,762.32

Northville:

*Revenue	\$ 509,730.00
**Expenditures	280,819.34

Saginaw:

*Revenue	\$ 53,331.92
**Expenditures	128,177.83

Swartz Creek:

*Revenue	\$ 131,136.33
**Expenditures	12,426.81

**Total:**

*Revenue	\$ 1,453,642.82
**Expenditures	\$ 938,782.35

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)

	2004	2003
Live Dates Allotted	559	567
Live Dates Run	553	559
Live Dates Not Run	6	8
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	2,255	2,244
Live & Simulcast Attendance	1,328,829	1,333,514
Daily Average	589	594
Live Wagering Total	\$ 23,934,235	\$ 29,823,123
Simulcast Wagering Total	313,539,227	316,754,841
Combined Wagering Total	337,473,462	346,577,964
Daily Average	149,656	154,447
Per Capita	254	260
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$ 260,526,914	\$267,366,846
Daily Average	115,533	119,147
State Revenue Total	\$ 10,978,970	\$ 11,086,489
Daily Average	4,869	4,941
* Purse Total	\$ 21,164,888	\$ 22,100,941
Daily Average	38,273	39,537
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 51,080,973	\$ 52,796,973
Daily Average	22,652	23,528

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

## Race Meeting Summary - Harness Totals

	2004	2003
Live Dates Allotted	404	411
Live Dates Run	398	403
Live Dates Not Run	6	8
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	1,684	1,682
Live & Simulcast Attendance	1,245,723	1,250,996
Daily Average	740	744
Live Wagering Total	\$ 20,601,278	\$ 26,170,780
Simulcast Wagering Total	298,959,796	301,372,565
Combined Wagering Total	319,561,074	327,543,345
Daily Average	189,763	194,735
Per Capita	257	262
Amount Payable to Winning		
Ticket Holders Total	\$246,792,745	\$252,803,904
Daily Average	146,552	150,300
State Revenue Total	\$ 10,468,670	\$ 10,548,090
Daily Average	6,217	6,271
* Purse Total	\$ 12,850,370	\$ 13,702,657
Daily Average	32,287	34,002
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 48,224,290	\$ 49,790,087
Daily Average	28,637	29,602

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

## Track Summaries - Great Lakes Downs

	2004	2003
Live Dates Allotted	118	118
Live Dates Run	118	118
Live Dates Not Run	0	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	315	312
Live & Simulcast Attendance	65,992	63,418
Daily Average	210	203
Live Wagering Total	\$ 3,149,332	\$ 3,448,860
Simulcast Wagering Total	12,283,763	12,894,893
Combined Wagering Total	15,433,095	16,343,753
Daily Average	48,994	52,384
Per Capita	234	258
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$ 11,883,765	\$ 12,492,898
Daily Average	37,726	40,041
State Revenue Total	\$ 429,944	\$ 451,334
Daily Average	1,365	1,447
* Purse Total	\$ 7,197,791	\$ 7,333,325
Daily Average	60,998	62,147
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 2,505,054	\$ 2,640,974
Daily Average	7,953	8,465

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Great Lakes Downs raced 118 dates in 2004 from April 25 through October 30.  
Great Lakes Downs raced 118 dates from April 26 through October 28 in 2003.

Note: The Track Summary of Great Lakes Downs represents the Thoroughbred Race Meeting Summary. Great Lakes Downs is the only all-Thoroughbred track in Michigan.

## Track Summaries - Hazel Park Harness Raceway

	2004	2003
Live Dates Allotted	140	140
Live Dates Run	140	137
Live Dates Not Run	0	3
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	362	360
Live & Simulcast Attendance	759,106	702,547
Daily Average	2,097	1,952
Live Wagering Total	\$ 11,350,256	\$ 15,303,702
Simulcast Wagering Total	136,460,414	137,288,742
Combined Wagering Total	147,810,670	152,592,444
Daily Average	408,317	423,868
Per Capita	195	217
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$113,114,497	\$117,967,136
Daily Average	312,471	327,687
State Revenue Total	\$ 4,776,135	\$ 4,805,106
Daily Average	13,194	13,348
* Purse Total	\$ 6,248,663	\$ 6,825,117
Daily Average	44,633	49,818
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 22,341,503	\$ 23,318,816
Daily Average	61,717	64,775

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Hazel Park Harness Raceway raced 140 dates in 2004, from April 5 through October 16. Hazel Park Harness Raceway raced 137 dates in 2003, from April 7 through October 18. Opening day was cancelled due to inclement weather and two allocated dates were cancelled in August due to the Blackout.

## Track Summaries - Jackson Harness Raceway

	2004	2003
Live Dates Allotted	24	24
Live Dates Run	22	23
Live Dates Not Run	2	1
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	239	243
Live & Simulcast Attendance	79,458	83,616
Daily Average	333	344
Live Wagering Total	\$ 933,454	\$ 895,533
Simulcast Wagering Total	12,314,292	12,515,252
Combined Wagering Total	13,247,746	13,410,785
Daily Average	55,430	55,188
Per Capita	167	160
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$10,161,356	\$10,278,579
Daily Average	42,516	42,299
State Revenue Total	\$ 431,001	\$ 438,034
Daily Average	1,803	1,803
* Purse Total	\$ 513,857	\$ 513,927
Daily Average	23,357	22,345
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 1,970,587	\$ 2,024,584
Daily Average	8,245	8,332

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Jackson Harness Raceway (JHR) presented 22 live race dates in 2004 from April 21 through June 12. Two allocated race dates were cancelled due to inclement weather and power outages. JHR presented 23 live race dates in 2003 from April 16 through June 7. One allocated race date on April 19 was cancelled due to a shortage in horse supply.

## Track Summaries - Mount Pleasant Meadows

	2004	2003
Live Dates Allotted	37	38
Live Dates Run	37	38
Live Dates Not Run	0	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	256	250
Live & Simulcast Attendance	17,114	19,100
Daily Average	67	76
 Live Wagering Total	 \$ 183,625	 \$ 203,483
Simulcast Wagering Total	2,295,668	2,487,383
Combined Wagering Total	2,479,293	2,690,866
Daily Average	9,685	10,764
Per Capita	145	141
 Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	 \$1,850,404	 \$2,070,044
Daily Average	7,228	8,280
 State Revenue Total	 \$ 80,356	 \$ 87,065
Daily Average	314	348
 * Purse Total	 \$ 1,116,727	 \$1,064,959
Daily Average	30,182	28,025
 Track Share Commission Total	 \$ 351,629	 \$ 365,912
Daily Average	1,374	1,464

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Mount Pleasant Meadows raced 37 dates in 2004, from May 1 through September 26, and 38 dates in 2003, from May 3 to September 28.

Note: The Track Summary of Mount Pleasant Meadows represents the Mixed Breed Race Meeting Summary. Mixed Breed race horses include Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa, and American Paint.

## Track Summaries - Northville Downs

	2004	2003
Live Dates Allotted	66	69
Live Dates Run	65	67
Live Dates Not Run	1	2
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	211	210
Live & Simulcast Attendance	134,240	161,193
Daily Average	636	768
 Live Wagering Total	 \$ 3,582,057	 \$ 4,111,653
Simulcast Wagering Total	67,684,067	65,052,009
Combined Wagering Total	71,266,124	69,163,662
Daily Average	337,754	329,351
Per Capita	531	429
 Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	 \$56,288,835	 \$53,821,266
Daily Average	266,772	256,292
 State Revenue Total	 \$ 2,368,954	 \$ 2,276,831
Daily Average	11,227	10,842
 * Purse Total	 \$ 2,651,223	 \$ 2,769,810
Daily Average	40,788	41,341
 Track Share Commission Total	 \$10,509,635	 \$10,301,813
Daily Average	49,809	49,056

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Northville Downs raced 65 dates in 2004 from January 3 through April 3. One date was cancelled due to inclement weather on January 27. Northville Downs raced 67 dates in 2003 from January 2 through April 5. Two allotted dates were cancelled in 2003 due to inclement weather.

## Track Summaries - Northville Racing Corporation

	2004	2003
Live Dates Allotted	53	51
Live Dates Run	51	50
Live Dates Not Run	2	1
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	148	148
Live & Simulcast Attendance	80,572	96,936
Daily Average	544	655
Live Wagering Total	\$ 2,023,926	\$ 2,782,652
Simulcast Wagering Total	39,820,037	41,618,129
Combined Wagering Total	41,843,963	44,400,781
Daily Average	282,730	300,005
Per Capita	519	458
Amount Payable to Winning		
Ticket Holders Total	\$ 32,564,475	\$ 34,515,429
Daily Average	220,030	233,212
State Revenue Total	\$ 1,393,710	\$ 1,456,642
Daily Average	9,417	9,842
* Purse Total	\$ 1,656,176	\$ 1,804,192
Daily Average	32,474	36,084
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 6,285,419	\$ 6,668,929
Daily Average	42,469	45,060
* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.		

Northville Racing Corporation (NRC) presented 51 dates in 2004, from October 18 through December 30. Two allotted dates were not run in 2004 due to inclement weather. In 2003, NRC ran 50 live racing dates from October 20 through December 30. One allotted date was not run in 2003 due to inclement weather.



## Track Summaries - Saginaw Harness Raceway

	2004	2003
Live Dates Allotted	33	33
Live Dates Run	33	33
Live Dates Not Run	0	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	362	360
Live & Simulcast Attendance	51,095	55,327
Daily Average	141	154
 Live Wagering Total	 \$ 884,758	 \$ 923,984
Simulcast Wagering Total	11,967,393	12,543,290
Combined Wagering Total	12,852,151	13,467,274
Daily Average	35,503	37,409
Per Capita	252	243
 Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	 \$ 9,780,474	 \$ 10,066,323
Daily Average	27,018	27,962
 State Revenue Total	 \$ 418,873	 \$ 439,029
Daily Average	1,157	1,220
 * Purse Total	 \$ 516,742	 \$ 528,800
Daily Average	15,659	16,024
 Track Share Commission Total	 \$ 2,029,358	 \$ 2,112,314
Daily Average	5,606	5,868

\* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Saginaw Harness Raceway presented 33 dates in 2004, from June 18 through August 29. Saginaw presented 33 dates of live racing in 2003, from June 13 through August 24. No allotted dates were cancelled in 2004 or 2003.

## Track Summaries - Sports Creek Raceway

	2004	2003
Live Dates Allotted	88	94
Live Dates Run	87	93
Live Dates Not Run	1	1
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	362	361
Live & Simulcast Attendance	141,252	151,377
Daily Average	390	419
Live Wagering Total	\$ 1,826,827	\$ 2,153,256
Simulcast Wagering Total	30,713,593	32,355,143
Combined Wagering Total	32,540,420	34,508,399
Daily Average	89,891	95,591
Per Capita	230	228
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$24,883,108	\$26,155,171
Daily Average	68,738	72,452
State Revenue Total	\$ 1,074,997	\$ 1,132,448
Daily Average	2,970	3,137
* Purse Total	\$ 1,263,709	\$ 1,260,811
Daily Average	14,525	13,557
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 5,087,788	\$ 5,363,631
Daily Average	14,055	14,858
* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.		

Sports Creek Raceway presented two separate live race meetings in 2004. The first ran 21 dates, from January 3 through February 8. One allotted date was cancelled on January 14 due to inclement weather. The second ran 66 dates, from September 4 through December 31. Sports Creek Raceway also presented two separate live race meetings in 2003. The first ran 23 dates, from January 1 through February 9. The second race meeting ran 70 dates, from August 30 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 Harness Meeting: May 25, 1989  
Date of Inaugural Thoroughbred Mtg: 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  
Date of Inaugural Meeting: June 16, 1980  
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 First Track License: April, 26, 1984  
Date of Inaugural Meeting: November 5, 1986  
Attendance Record:  
6,111; November 5, 1986  
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:  
\$626,388; March 11, 1990

## 2005 Live Racing Schedule

<b>Great Lakes Downs</b> 4800 Harvey Street Muskegon, MI 49444 231-799-2400	<b>THOROUGHBRED RACING</b> May 16 (Monday) through November 5 (Saturday)	105 Dates
	<b>MIXED BREED RACING</b> May 7 (Saturday) through September 25 (Sunday)	36 Dates
<b>Mount Pleasant Meadows</b> 500 N. Mission Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-773-0012		
<b>Thoroughbred &amp; Mixed Breed Total:</b>		<b>141 Dates</b>
<b>STANDARD BREED RACING</b>		
<b>Sports Creek Raceway</b> 4290 Morrish Road Swartz Creek, MI 48473 810-635-3333	January 1 (Saturday) through February 6 (Sunday)	90 Dates
	September 3 (Saturday) through December 31 (Saturday)	
<b>Northville Downs</b> 301 South Center Street Northville, MI 48167 248-349-1000	January 1 (Saturday) through April 2 (Saturday)	66 Dates
<b>Hazel Park Harness Raceway</b> 1650 East Ten Mile Road Hazel Park, MI 48030 248-398-1000	April 4 (Monday) through October 15 (Saturday)	140 Dates
<b>Jackson Harness Raceway</b> 200 W. Ganson Street Box 881 Jackson, MI 49204 517-788-4500	April 20 (Wednesday) through June 11 (Saturday)	24 Dates
<b>Saginaw Harness Raceway</b> 2701 E. Genesee Street Saginaw, MI 48601 989-755-3451	June 17 (Friday) through August 28 (Sunday)	33 Dates
<b>Northville Racing Corp.</b> 301 South Center Street Northville, MI 48167 248-349-1000	October 17 (Monday) through December 30 (Friday)	54 Dates
<b>Standardbred Total:</b>		<b>407 Dates</b>
<b>2005 TOTAL:</b>		<b>548 Dates</b>

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