



# INDIANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION



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# Indiana Racetracks & OTB's



## HOOSIER PARK RACING • CASINO

a Centaur Gaming Destination

### Mailing Address

4500 Dan Patch Circle, Anderson, Indiana 46013  
Telephone: 765-642-RACE (7223) Fax: 765-683-2599

### Meet Period

March 28, 2014 - November 15, 2014  
(160 Standardbred race days)

### Track Stats

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 1,750  
Barn Area Stall Space: 980  
Size of Track: Length: 7/8 mile, Width: 90 feet

### Off Track Betting Parlor Locations

**Ft Wayne OTB** - 1820 West Washington Center Rd, Ft. Wayne IN; (260) 490-9006  
**Winner's Circle OTB** - 20 N Pennsylvania St., Suite 2 Indianapolis IN; (317) 656-7223  
**Merrillville OTB** - 7610 Broadway St., Merrillville IN; (219)-755-0000



### Mailing Address

4200 N Michigan Rd, Shelbyville, Indiana 46176  
Telephone: 317-421-0000 Fax: 317-421-0100

### Meet Period

May 6, 2014 - November 1, 2014  
120 race days (mixed meet)  
(114 Thoroughbred & Quarter Horse days; 6 Quarter Horse Only days)

### Track Stats

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 800  
Barn Area Stall Space: 948  
Size of Track: Length: 1 mile, Width: 80 feet;  
7 Furlong Turf Course, Width: 98 feet

### Off Track Betting Parlor Locations

**Clarksville OTB** - 650 Eastern Blvd.; (812) 473-8910

# Indiana Horse Racing Commission

## Commissioners

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**Tom Weatherwax**  
Chairman

Thomas Weatherwax . . . . . Chairman  
Greg Schenkel . . . . . Vice Chairman  
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## Commission Senior Staff

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Joe Gorajec . . . . . Executive Director  
Deena Pitman . . . . . Assistant Executive Director  
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Debria Brown . . . . . Administrative Assistant



**Joe Gorajec**  
Executive Director

## Coordinating Support Staff

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Donna Aitken . . . . . Accountant  
Rachel Rosenberg . . . . . Standardbred Breed Development Coordinator  
Tabitha Saltzman . . . . . TB and QH Breed Development Coordinator  
Frankie Edmonds . . . . . Standardbred Breed Development Clerk  
Sarah Sobieski . . . . . Breed Development Residency Coordinator

## Race Track Staff

Mike McKinley . . . . . Investigator  
Toni Lucente Sperle . . . . . Investigator  
Abi Meister . . . . . Licensing Supervisor  
Erin Hardebeck . . . . . Indiana Downs Licensing Manager  
Karen Osornio . . . . . Hoosier Park Licensing Manager

### Standardbred Judges

Timothy Schmitz, Presiding Judge  
Richard (Dick) DiSantis, Associate Judge  
Renee Sheward, Associate Judge

### Thoroughbred Stewards

Stanley Bowker, Sr. State Steward  
Tim Day, Associate Steward  
William Troilo, Associate Steward

### Commission Veterinarians

Katy Ivester, DVM  
Rick Lyons, DVM  
Anthony Dalessandro, DVM  
Brittany Hall, DVM

### Veterinary Technicians

Stephanie Adams, RVT  
Yvonne Stephens, RVT  
Renee Knapp, RVT  
Jill Wise, RVT  
Abigail Whitaker, RVT

### Laboratory Technicians

Lou Ann Barnett  
Janet Curran  
Bobbi Hazelbaker

### Racing Inspectors

Karla Vaughn  
Shelley Rania

# Live Racing at Tracks

Live Handle		
<b>Hoosier Park - Standardbred Racing</b>	Number of Dates	160
	Total Handle	\$3,766,486
	Average Daily Handle	\$23,541
<b>Indiana Downs - Thoroughbred Racing</b>	Number of Dates	113
	Total Handle	\$3,334,710
	Average Daily Handle	\$29,511
<b>Indiana Downs - Quarter Horse Racing</b>	Number of Races	195
	Total Handle	\$684,624
	Average Per-Race Handle	\$3,511
<b>Total Live Handle:</b>		<b>\$7,785,820</b>

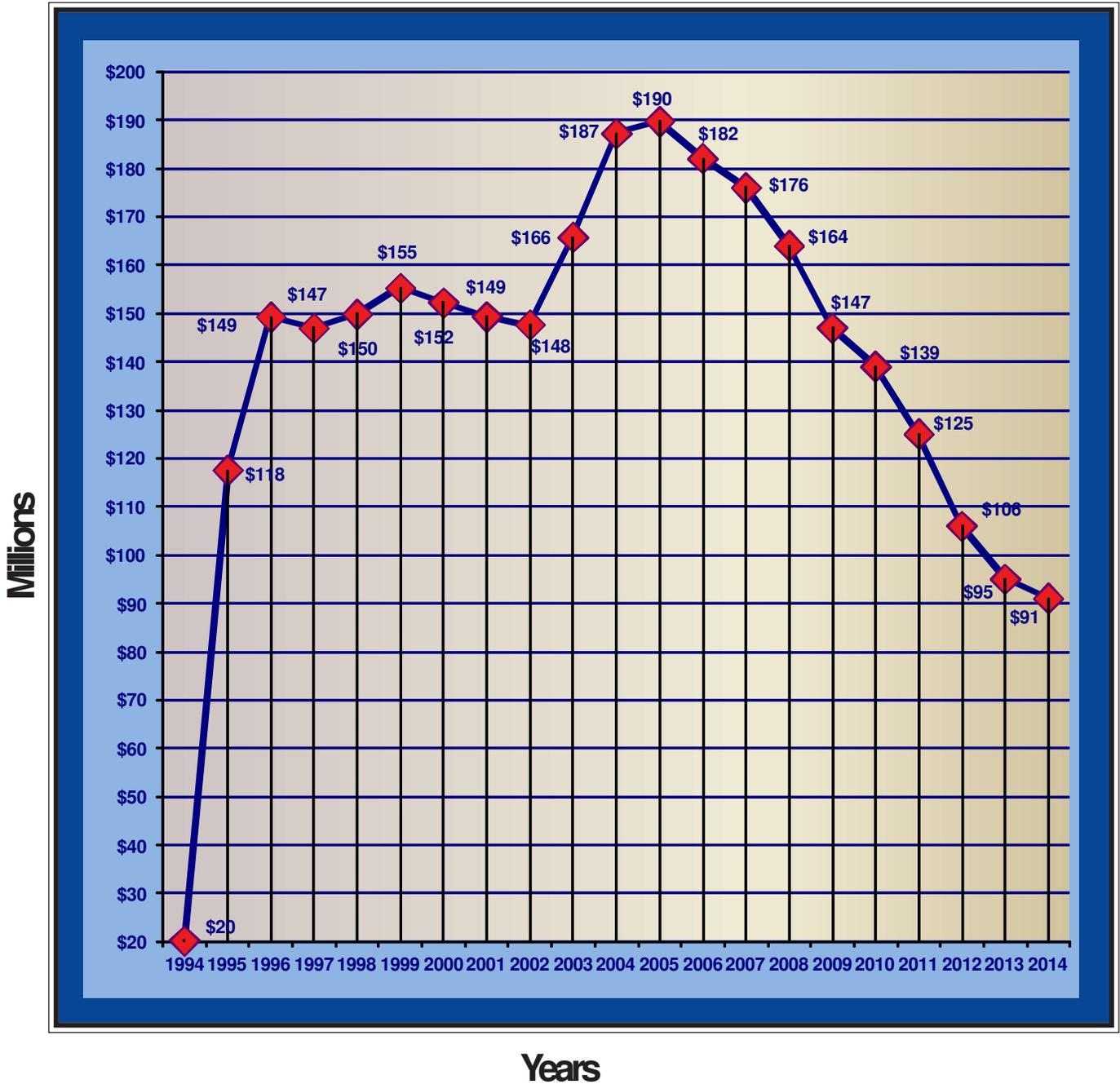
# Simulcast Handle

Export Handle (1)		Average Daily Export Handle	
	Total		Total
Standardbred	\$80,788,444	Standardbred	\$504,928
Thoroughbred	86,511,229	Thoroughbred	765,586
Quarter Horse	10,116,574	Quarter Horse*	51,880
<b>Total Simulcast Handle</b>	<b>\$177,416,247</b>	<i>* Quarter Horse handle is calculated on a per race basis, not daily.</i>	

In-State Handle (2)			
	Hoosier Park	Indiana Downs	Total
Standardbred	\$11,859,506	\$4,457,044	\$16,316,550
Thoroughbred/Quarter Horses	40,806,789	25,772,598	66,579,387
<b>Total In-State Handle</b>	<b>\$52,666,295</b>	<b>\$30,229,642</b>	<b>\$82,895,937</b>

- (1) Hoosier Park wagered \$1,144,483 on Indiana Downs' Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse simulcast signal. Indiana Downs wagered \$760,615 on Hoosier Park's Standardbred simulcast signal. These handle numbers are included in the "Export Handle" above by source of signal and in "In-State Handle" by location of wager.
- (2) Handle at Indiana OTB's on racing originating in-state is accounted for in "In-State Handle" source of wager (i.e. Hoosier Park's OTB handle on Hoosier Park's live racing is attributed to Hoosier Park).

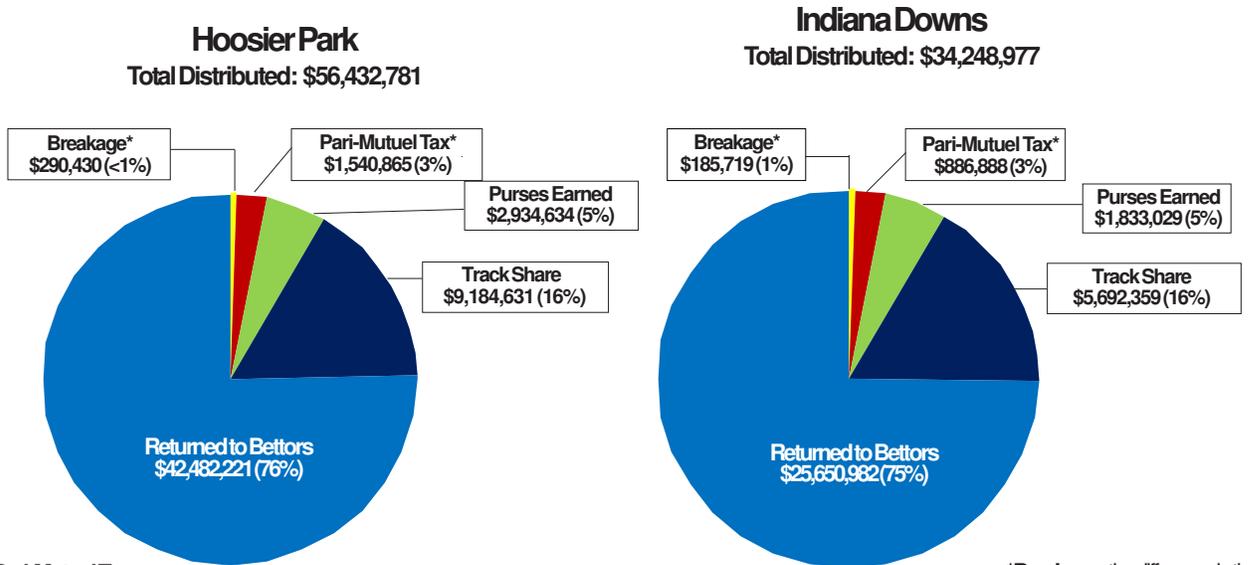
# Total In-State Handle



(Handle - money wagered by the betting public on pari-mutuel races.)

# Distribution of the Wagering Dollar

The following is a breakdown of the distribution of all monies wagered at both Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs and their satellite facilities:



\*Pari-Mutuel Tax - includes satellite facility tax.

\*Breakage - the difference in the rounding off of pari-mutuel payoffs.

## State Revenues

The following revenue is collected in accordance with pari-mutuel statute IC 4-31, and is directed to the general fund unless otherwise noted:

Hoosier Park	
Pari-Mutuel Tax	\$1,334,760
Track Reimbursement for Officials	292,707
Occupational License Fees	111,240
Satellite Facility Tax* (1/2% on OTB handle)	206,105
Fines and Civil Penalties Paid	27,650
Track Permit and License Fees	8,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,980,462</b>

\*50% to livestock industry promotion and development fund and 50% to State Fair Commission

Indiana Grand	
Pari-Mutuel Tax	\$ 785,934
Track Reimbursement for Officials	244,639
Occupational License Fees	181,965
Satellite Facility Tax* (1/2% on OTB handle)	100,954
Fines and Civil Penalties Paid	40,769
Track Permit and License Fees	6,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,360,261</b>

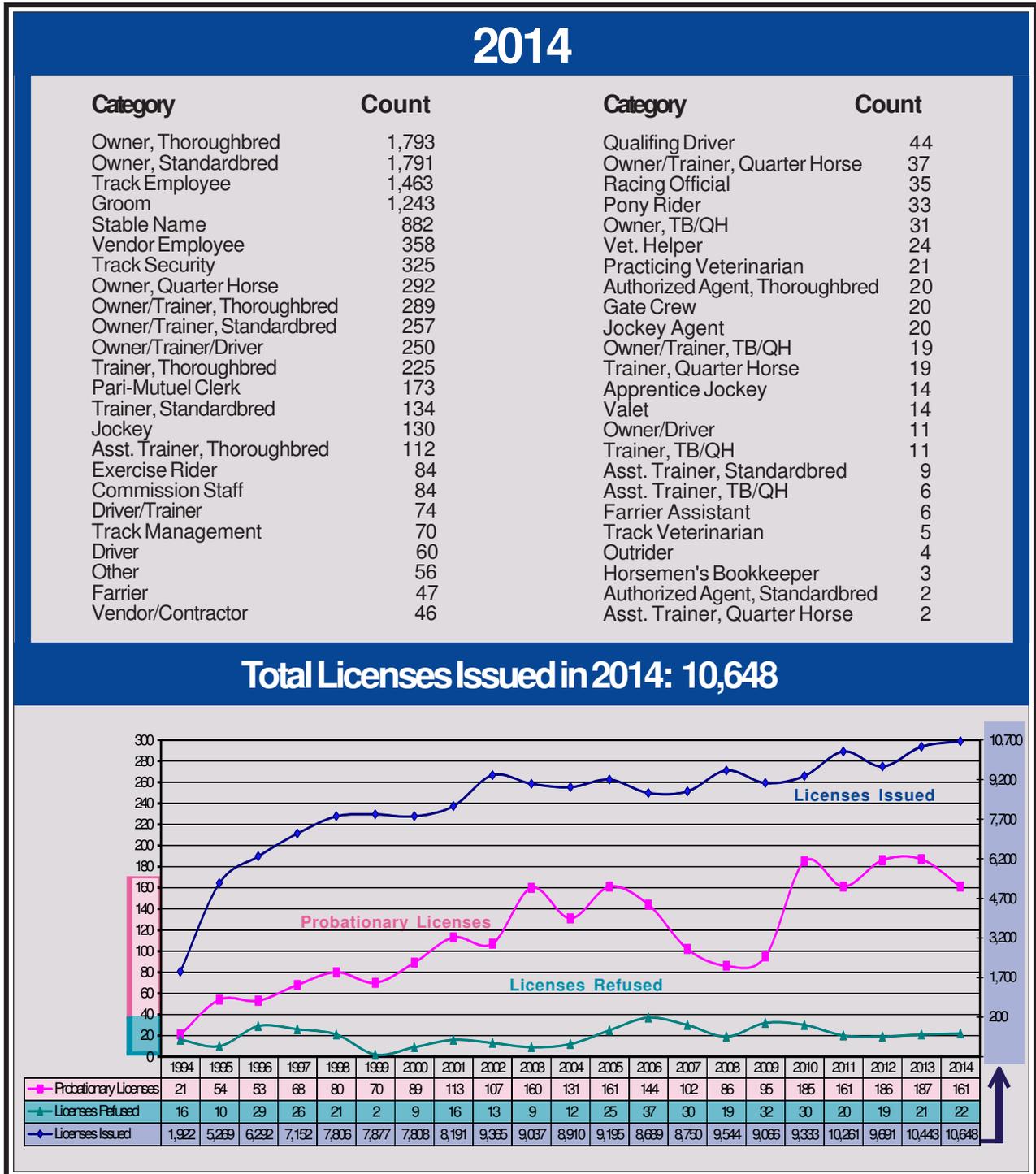
**Total State Revenue \$ 3,340,723**

The direct revenue received by the State of Indiana exceeded the cost of regulation. Indiana Horse Racing Commission operating expenditures for calendar year 2014 were \$1,502,372.

# Occupational Licensing

Pursuant to IC 4-31-6 and 71 IAC 5-1-1, all persons participating in pari-mutuel racing under the jurisdiction of the Commission are required to be licensed. The licensing process is the backbone of the Commission's regulatory efforts. Each prospective licensee is fingerprinted.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) provides the Commission with criminal histories of all applicants. The Commission may refuse or deny the application for licensure of any person whose criminal or racing violation record is contrary to the public's best interest.



# Equine Drug Testing

Pari-mutuel horse racing can succeed as a legitimate major league sport only if its races are perceived by the wagering public to be honest, competitive contests, free from manipulation by man or drugs. The Commission's drug detection program is one of the nation's most comprehensive in the racing industry.

Breed	Race Dates	Urine	Blood	Positive Tests
Standardbred	160	2121	2389	59
Thoroughbred/Quarter Horse	119	1680	1754	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>3801</b>	<b>4143</b>	<b>123</b>

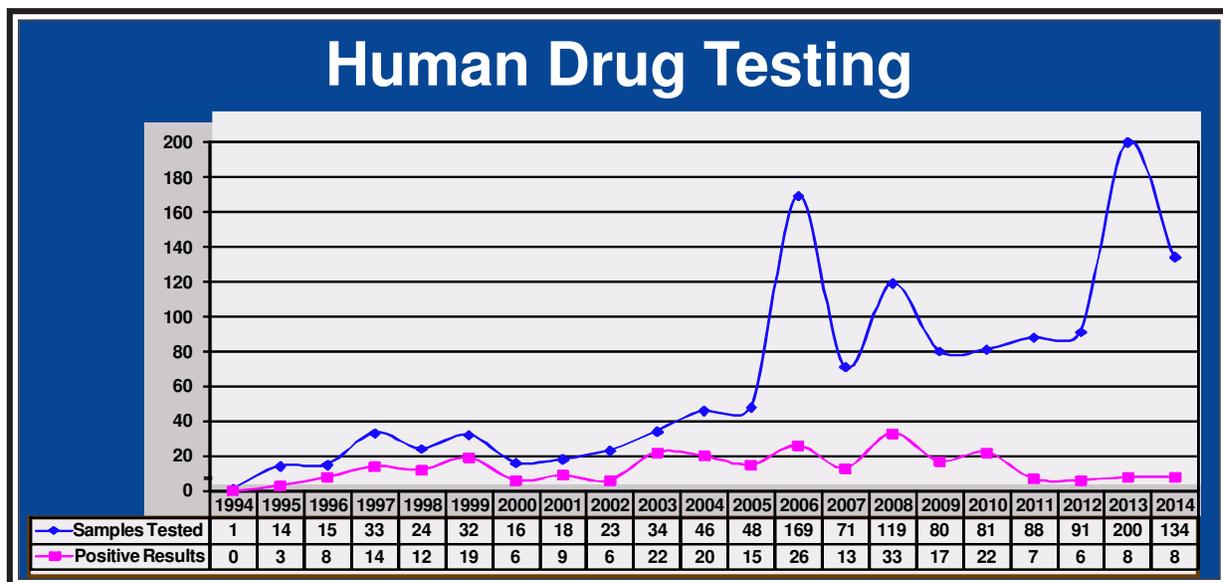
In 2014 after going through an open bid process LGC Science, in Lexington, Kentucky, was awarded and served as the primary testing laboratory for the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. Due to an unprecedented LGC testing backlog, the Commission chose to move sample testing in August to Industrial Laboratories in Denver, Colorado. Both laboratories used in 2014 have been leaders in racing chemistry and drug-related research. For each positive test, the offending horse was disqualified and placed last. In accordance with the pari-mutuel statute, all purse money earned is ordered returned and redistributed.

The following table represents a further breakdown, by breed, of the name and types of drugs reported by the laboratory.

Number of Violations by Breed			ARCI Drug Classification	Drug Type	Drug Class	Penalty Class
SB	TB	QH				
1			Darbepoetin Alpha	blood doping agent	2	A
2			Caffeine	stimulant	2	B
14			Tripelellamine	antihistamine	3	B
10			Testosterone (overage)	anabolic steroid	3	B
8	1	1	Cobalt	N/A	3	B
	1	15	Clenbuterol	bronchodilator	3	B
2			Carbazochrome	antihemorrhagic (bleeder adjunct)	4	C
9	4	7	Methylprednisolone	corticosteroid	4	C
3			Isoflupredone	corticosteroid	4	C
1	2		Triamcinolone Acetonide	corticosteroid	4	C
1		1	Betamethasone	corticosteroid	4	C
1	16	5	Dexamethasone	corticosteroid	4	C
	5		Hydrocortisone Succinate	corticosteroid	4	C
1	1		Dantrolene	muscle relaxant	4	C
3	2		Flunixin (overage)	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory	4	C
	1		Ibuprofen	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory	4	C
3	2		Bute (overage)	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory	4	C

(SB = Standardbred; TB = Thoroughbred; QH = Quarter Horse)

## Human Drug Testing



# Competitive Status

The competitive status of Indiana's horse racing industry can best be determined by comparing purses offered by Indiana tracks with tracks racing the same breed in adjacent states. The average daily purse distribution is the best indicator, followed by the track's total purse distribution. The average daily purse distribution is a better indicator because a track's total purse offerings can be diluted by an over abundance of race dates which can lead to inferior or low quality racing. Also included in this report are yearling sale figures for standardbreds and thoroughbreds.

## Standardbred Racing

### Comparison of Indiana with its Neighboring States

Indiana's standardbred industry is a regional powerhouse. As shown below, in 2014 Hoosier Park ranked #1 among tracks in surrounding states in both average daily and total purse distribution. Nationally, Hoosier Park is an elite track – ranking 5th in daily average purses and total purse distribution.

Average Daily Purse Distribution		Total Purse Money	
1. Hoosier Park, IN (160)	\$ 178,865	1. Hoosier Park, IN (160)	\$28,618,363
2. Scioto Downs, OH (90)	\$ 176,119	2. Northfield Park, OH (213)	\$16,276,089
3. The Red Mile, KY (16)*	\$ 147,959	3. Scioto Downs, OH (90)	\$15,850,724
4. Balmoral Park, IL (114)	\$ 90,774	4. Balmoral Park, IL (114)	\$10,348,222
5. Northfield, Park, OH (213)	\$ 76,414	5. Maywood Park, IL (78)	\$ 5,075,729
6. Hollywood Gaming Dayton..., OH (57)	\$ 69,456	6. Hollywood Gaming Dayton..., OH (57)	\$ 3,958,993
7. Maywood Park, IL (78)	\$ 65,073	7. Miami Valley Racing, OH (65)	\$ 3,780,396
8. Miami Valley Racing, OH (65)	\$ 58,160	8. The Red Mile, KY (16)*	\$ 2,367,338
9. Players Bluegrass Downs, KY (15)	\$ 12,909	9. Thunder Ridge Racing, KY (21)	\$ 198,380
10. Thunder Ridge Racing, KY (21)	\$ 9,447	10. Players Bluegrass Downs, KY (15)	\$ 193,635

\* Grand Circuit not included Source: United States Trotting Association (USTA)

**Notes:** The number of race days at each track are indicated in parentheses.  
Race meets with fewer than 15 race dates are not included.

### Yearlings Sold at Public Auction in 2014

State Sired	Horses Sold	Average Price	Total
Indiana	689	\$ 8,063	\$ 5,555,150
Ohio	417	\$11,012	\$ 4,592,000
Illinois	260	\$ 5,771	\$ 1,580,371
Kentucky	14	\$17,193	\$ 240,700
Michigan	0	\$ 0	\$ 0

Source: United States Trotting Association (USTA)

# Competitive Status

## Thoroughbred Racing

### Comparison of Indiana with its Neighboring States

Indiana's Thoroughbred industry is well respected regionally. Indiana Downs is ranked #4 – behind only the prestigious Keeneland Race Course, Churchill Downs and Arlington Park.

#### Average Daily Purse Distribution

1. Keeneland, KY (32)	\$ 631,724
2. Churchill Downs, KY (74)	\$ 447,127
3. Arlington Park, IL (89)	\$ 265,320
<b>4. Indiana Grand Race Course, IN (113)</b>	<b>\$ 215,868</b>
5. Ellis Park, KY (28)	\$ 158,900
6. Hawthorne, IL (85)	\$ 157,890
7. Turfway Park, KY (47)	\$ 123,458
8. ThistleDown, OH (121)	\$ 116,525
9. Mahoning Valley Race Course, OH (21)	\$ 85,625
10. Belterra Park, OH (100)	\$ 83,136
11. Hazel Park, MI (38)	\$ 80,421

#### Total Purse Money

1. Churchill Downs, KY (74)	\$33,087,398
<b>2. Indiana Grand Race Course, IN (113)</b>	<b>\$24,393,084</b>
3. Arlington Park, IL (89)	\$23,613,480
4. Keeneland, KY (32)	\$20,215,168
5. ThistleDown, OH (121)	\$14,099,525
6. Hawthorne, IL (85)	\$13,420,650
7. Belterra Park, OH (100)	\$ 8,313,600
8. Turfway Park, KY (47)	\$ 5,802,526
9. Ellis Park, KY (28)	\$ 4,449,200
10. Hazel Park, MI (38)	\$ 3,055,998
11. Fairmount Park, IL (52)	\$ 2,937,688

Source: Blood Horse.com / March 15, 2015

Notes: The number of race days at each track are indicated in parentheses.  
Race meets with fewer than 15 race dates are not included.

### Yearlings Sold at Public Auction in 2014

State Bred	Horses Sold	Average Price	Total
Kentucky	3,770	\$85,477	\$322,956,116
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>\$14,696</b>	<b>\$ 1,425,500</b>
Ohio	61	32,384	\$ 1,975,400
Illinois	24	26,167	\$ 628,000
Michigan	1	10,000	\$ 10,000

Source: The Jockey Club

# Competitive Status

## Quarter Horse Racing

### Comparison of Indiana Nationally

Indiana's Quarter Horse racing industry is unique in both its size and location. Indiana Downs averages slightly under 200 races per year, which makes its Quarter Horse racing program relatively small. But it offers one of the most lucrative stakes and overnight purse programs in the country. There are few racing opportunities in the Midwest, as Quarter Horse racing in the United States is concentrated primarily in the West and Southwest. Consequently, the comparisons made below are with all U.S. tracks.

#### Average Daily Purse Distribution

1. Ruidoso Downs, NM (365)	\$34,226
2. Remington Park, OK (481)	\$27,875
3. Zia Park, NM (275)	\$26,965
4. Sunland Park, NM (338)	\$23,661
5. Fair Grounds, LA (117)	\$22,982
6. Delta Downs, LA (470)	\$22,018
<b>7. Indiana Downs, IN (195)</b>	<b>\$21,441</b>
8. The Downs @ Albuquerque, NM (183)	\$19,296
9. Prairie Meadows, IA (237)	\$19,149
10. Los Alimitos Race Course, (CA) (844)	\$18,432

#### Total Purse Money

1. Los Alimitos Race Course, (CA) (844)	\$15,556,739
2. Remington Park, OK (481)	\$13,408,031
3. Ruidoso Downs, NM (365)	\$12,492,442
4. Delta Downs, LA (470)	\$10,348,694
5. Sunland Park, NM (338)	\$ 7,997,372
6. Zia Park, NM (275)	\$ 7,415,414
7. Evangeline Downs, LA (429)	\$ 6,006,055
8. Prairie Meadows, IA (237)	\$ 4,538,312
<b>9. Indiana Downs, IN (195)</b>	<b>\$ 4,180,975</b>
10. Lousiana Downs, LA (389)	\$ 3,862,446

**Source:** American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA)

**Notes:** Horsemen's contributions are not included.  
Tracks with fewer than 100 races are not included.  
The number of races at each track are indicated in parentheses.

## Pari-Mutuel Handle

Fifty years ago, track attendance and pari-mutuel handle were the primary metrics followed by the horse racing industry. Beginning with the advent of off-track betting in the 1970's and excellerating in the 1980's and 1990's, bettors were in increasing number, wagering away from the track. Track attendance numbers became less meaningful. Some tracks stopped publicly reporting daily attendance. Other tracks stopped charging an admission fee, and as a consequence, stopped even counting visiting patrons.

Pari-mutuel handle in states with racinos, like Indiana, have ceded its importance to adjusted gross receipts (AGR) of slot play. Most of Indiana track's revenue and purses are now derived from slot machines. Comparing pari-mutuel handle between states yield little by the way of competitive status or the underlying health of a state's racing industry. The 2012 handle listed in this box is the latest national data available from the ARCI.

State	Handle
1. Illinois	\$550,735,046
2. Kentucky	\$350,073,335
3. Ohio	\$217,920,696
4. Michigan	\$138,181,284
<b>5. Indiana</b>	<b>\$106,236,690</b>

**Source:** Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI)

# Breed Development

## Overview

Pursuant to IC 4-31-11, breed development funds have been established to promote the breeding of horses while stimulating the agri-business sector of the state's economy.

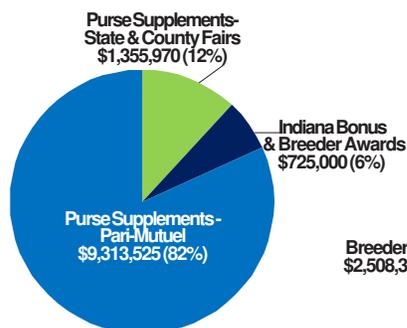
Historically, breed development funds have consisted of breakage (the difference in the rounding off of pari-mutuel payoffs), outs (all uncashed tickets), and riverboat admissions tax allocation. This same funding mechanism has been in place until racinos opened at Indiana's

two racetracks in June of 2008. At this time, riverboat allocation was replaced by an allocation from slot machine wagering at racinos in accordance with 71 IAC 4-35-7-12.

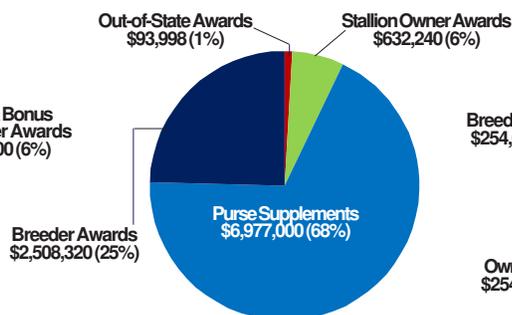
By visiting the commission website ([www.in.gov/hrc](http://www.in.gov/hrc)), information can be obtained regarding eligibility requirements for racing awards such as those described in the charts below. There are detailed instructions on how to register a foal/horse, what applications to use and what type of deadlines apply.

## 2014 Award / Purse Distributions

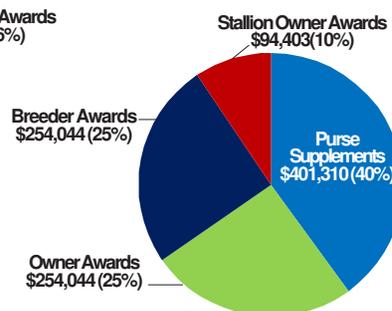
**Standardbred Awards/Purses**  
Total Distributed: \$11,394,495



**Thoroughbred Awards/Purses**  
Total Distributed: \$10,211,558



**Quarter Horse Awards/Purses**  
Total Distributed: \$1,003,801



## 2014 Breed Development Fund Revenues

Breed	Breakage	Outstanding Tickets *	Slot Revenue	Total
Standardbred	219,028	245,306	11,080,331	11,544,665
Thoroughbred	219,028	245,306	9,264,264	9,728,598
Quarter Horse	38,092	42,663	1,208,382	1,289,137
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$476,148</b>	<b>\$533,275</b>	<b>\$21,552,977</b>	<b>\$22,562,400</b>

\* Outstanding ticket revenue is based on tickets purchased in 2013 which expired in 2014.

## 2014 Breed Development Committee Members

### Standardbred Breed Development Advisory Committee

Michael Christner, *Chair*  
Don Eash  
Scott Snyder

### Standardbred Advisory Board

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Tim Graber  
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Pam Cross  
Faron Parr

### Thoroughbred Breed Development Advisory Committee

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Steve Stults  
Paul Tinkle

### Quarter Horse Breed Development Advisory Committee

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Randy Thompson

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