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Colorado Casino Adjusted Gross Proceeds Down in August

Revenues at Colorado casinos were down in August, with Adjusted Gross Proceeds (AGP) of \$64.6 million, down 9.4% from July's AGP of \$71.3 million. Casinos statewide reported \$67.2 million AGP in August a year ago, so 2011 is down 3.75% compared to the same month in 2010. A casino's AGP is the amount of money wagered minus the amount paid out in prizes or jackpots.

Black Hawk's 18 casinos led the state in AGP with \$46.3 million in August, down 9.7% from \$51.3 million in July 2011, and down 4.1% from \$48.3 million AGP in August 2010.

Cripple Creek's 14 casinos generated \$12.4 million in AGP; and Central City's eight casinos produced \$5.9 million this August. Although two new casinos opened in July, no new Colorado casinos opened or closed in August; there were a total of 40 casinos operating in both 2010 and 2011 in the month of August. Cripple Creek's AGP numbers were down 8.8 % from \$13.6 million posted in July 2011, and down 3.9 % from \$12.9 million AGP in August 2010. Central City was the steadiest of the three cities, although numbers were down 7.8 % from \$6.4 million in July, 2011 and down 3.3 % compared to August 2010 when Central City generated an AGP of \$6.1 million.

Casinos statewide paid a total of \$5.6 million in taxes this August, up 167 % from July's tax total of \$2.1 million. In August 2010, statewide casino taxes totaled \$6.1 million, which makes 2011's figures an 8.2% decrease in comparison.

All Colorado casinos start at the lowest tier for tax rates each July 1, with rate increases possible each month related to the casino's total revenue for the fiscal year. Colorado maintains a graduated tax structure in which casinos pay a higher percentage according to the cumulative AGP they generate, starting each July and totaling each month through the following June. This is designed to encourage a mixture of small-, medium- and large-sized casinos. The highest tax rate reached is a maximum of 19 percent of AGP; currently the lowest is 0.2375% tax up to \$2 million in adjusted gross proceeds for a single casino.

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