

Gambling

There are various kinds of gambling such as casino, race track, lottery, sporting event, stock market, etc. Online gambling is by far the fastest growing form of gambling and is virtually identical to any other type of gambling. The main differences lie in its invisibility and accessibility.

Estimates in the US are that as much as 3% of the US population are compulsive gamblers or have serious gambling problems

Each compulsive gambler costs the US economy as much as \$22,000

In a mature gambling market, compulsive gambling typically seizes the lives of 1.5 to 2.5 % of the adult population. That amounts to 3-5 times the number of people suffering from cancer

Research shows that about 1 million youth ages 12-18 are compulsive gamblers

The most recent study confirmed that personal bankruptcy rates are 100% higher in counties with casinos than in counties without casinos

Some Signs and Symptoms of Gambling Problems:

- Long hours spent at the computer
- Missing bank or credit card statements
- Unusual increase in credit card activity
- Asking friends or family for money
- Dwindling savings or assets
- New desire to control household finances
- Failing performance at work, business or school
- Secrecy over money and finances
- Lack of money despite the same income and expenses
- Unexplained cash, especially when there are unpaid bills