

An aerial photograph of a racetrack, likely Saratoga Race Course, showing the oval track, infield with several ponds, and surrounding residential and commercial buildings.

# ANNUAL REPORT

**New York State Racing and Wagering Board  
1975**

**THE BOARD:**  
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**JOSEPH H. BOYD, JR. — Member**  
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To The Honorable Hugh L. Carey, Governor

NEW YORK STATE RACING AND WAGERING BOARD

OF

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To the Honorable Hugh L. Carey, Governor:

This third annual report of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board is submitted to you in accordance with Chapter 346 of the Laws of 1973.

You, of course, know the background on the creation of the Board, but, for the benefit of some others who may read this report, perhaps it should be stated once again that the Board was created in July of 1973 within the executive department with "general jurisdiction over all horse racing activities and all pari-mutuel betting activities, both on-track and off-track, in the state, and over the corporations, associations and persons engaged therein and over the state lottery."

The powers, duties and functions of the various commissions were transferred to the Board, and the commissions became advisory bodies. Effective April 1, 1975, jurisdiction for the regulation of Bingo was transferred to the Board from the Bingo Control Commission. The transfer has been contested by that commission and is pending in the courts.

The lure of horse racing's 1,623 programs in 1975 (21 more than in 1974) resulted in a record \$183,497,845 in racing revenue to the state. That total included the state's share from off-track betting, chiefly in the City of New York.

Add to the \$183-million the \$64-million that OTB provided to the City of New York and the slightly under \$9-million that OTB provided to other localities and racing's revenue-to-government total becomes \$256-million.

No other state gets even a third as much from horse racing. Since the pari-mutuel form of betting was introduced in 1940, horse racing has given New York State more than \$3-billion in revenue. As of the close of business in 1975, the total, not including OTB figures since OTB was introduced in 1971, was \$3,124,921,117; the \$3-billion mark was topped during the year.

Activities under Racing and Wagering Board jurisdiction in finished '75 in excess of the \$2.6-billion mark in turnover in tickets. These tables sum up the story:

Total Sales of Tickets		Revenue to the State	
Harness Racing.....	\$ 866,405,027	\$ 85,287,259	
Thoroughbred Racing..	774,506,197	77,259,402	
Off-Track Betting.....	906,858,411	20,951,184	
Lottery.....	74,221,660	33,399,747	
	<u>\$ 2,621,991,295</u>	<u>\$ 216,897,592</u>	

Some notes on these figures and Board activities:

IN GENERAL

On-track, at the thoroughbred and harness courses, the combined figures showed decreases of 2.24 per cent in total betting and 1.59 per cent in attendance, as compared with the 1974 figures.

The turnstile count for United States running-horse racing in 1975 was 51-million; more than 6-million of that total was registered

#### THOROUGHBRED RACING

On five occasions in 1975, programs were run off solely for the off-track betting trade. Because of strikes, there were four of these programs at Batavia and one at Roosevelt Raceway; neither admission tickets nor mutual tickets were sold on-course.

Yonkers Raceway had the highest average betting handle per night, \$1,988,363, with Roosevelt Raceway close behind at \$1,946,284. Roosevelt topped Yonkers in average attendance, 16,201 to 15,073. Yonkers, which draws a quarter of its patrons from the other side of the George Washington Bridge, is preparing for the battle for the racing dollar which will begin when New Jersey's Meadowlands establishment--a few minutes west of Times Square--goes into the harness racing business in the fall.

Purses to horsemen at New York's pace-trot ovals hit a new peak of \$44,941,122--or more than 30 per cent of all purses paid nationwide in the standardbred sport.

For the seventh straight year, on-track state revenue from pacing and trotting activities exceeded that from the running-horse competition. Including the 1975 \$85-million to the state, harness racing has provided \$1,390,079,602 to the state since the arrival of pari-mutuels in 1940.

#### HARNES RACING NOTES

Bingo fees provided more than \$1-million to the state in 1975.

The introduction of quarter-horse racing in New York State seems nearer, but the first track apparently will be Tioga Park at Nichols, N.Y., near Binghamton. Tioga plans a July 1 opening. The partially completed Suffolk track at Yaphank, L.I., is still stymied by financial and other troubles.

The board sharpened its testing for illegal use of drugs at the tracks.

A board member, Joseph H. Boyd Jr., took on the task of investigating all phases of the medication of race horses. New York's rule, the strictest in the nation, calls for no medication after entry of a horse in a race. Many horsemen are warm in support of the New York rule; many horsemen have wanted it to be eased. Boyd's intensive, nationwide survey is continuing as of this writing; one of many interesting points uncovered by the survey is that some states that have introduced "permissive medication"--use of drugs after entry-closing time--are having second thoughts about it. There was strong pressure at times in 1975 for the board to act hastily in relaxing the firm rule; the pressure was resisted so that the careful study could be used to uncover all the facts.

The board, acting on your suggestion that the board consider means of increasing state revenue from racing, relaxed its policy against increasing exotic wagering (single bets on three or more horses). Upon the suggestion of the board, New York City OTB introduced the Pick 4--selecting the winning horse in each of four races on one program on one ticket. The Pick 4 was an instant success.

Lottery figures showed a sharp decline after shutdown of lottery operations Oct. 22 by gubernatorial order following a discovery that a computer programming error had resulted in the printing (and sale) of duplicate-numbered tickets. Lottery operations had not been resumed at the time of the writing of this report.

Off-track, the averages soared by 11.1 per cent in both total handle and revenue to the state as more betting shops were opened in more counties, all under rules and regulations developed and promulgated by the board.

in New York, which continued to have the best racing in the land. The New York Racing Association tracks (Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga) drew more than 5.4-million. The average N.Y.R.A. attendance was 20,577 and the average handle was \$2,734,453--both reflecting declines from 1974. The average bet per person per day on the N.Y.R.A. circuit dipped from \$136.90 in 1974 to \$132.89.

Winterization of Aqueduct began in 1975 and year-round thoroughbred racing came to New York on the second day of the new year after a brief time-out for the Christmas holidays. Dates set for 1976 were Jan. 2 through Dec. 31.

The first Sunday program at a major New York track was conducted at Belmont June 8, with 40,493 in attendance. During the summer there were 19 Sundays at Belmont and Saratoga (Tuesdays were non-racing days in weeks on which the tracks were open on Sundays) and N.Y.R.A. has scheduled 11 more Sundays at Belmont and Aqueduct this year. Because of double pay for Sunday workers, N.Y.R.A. said it lost money on the experiment but decided to try it again in '76 because it attracted new customers to racing.

Belmont Stakes Day June 7 drew 60,611 to old Belmont Park. The on-track crowd bet \$6,478,115; off-trackers bet \$4,592,953; the combined handle of \$11,071,068 was a New York record.

And, it might be interesting to note, by the end of 1975 the total revenue to the state from thoroughbred racing since the mutuels were introduced three dozen years ago went past \$1,734,000,000. Meadowslands, in New Jersey, will start battling N.Y.R.A. in 1977.

#### OFF-TRACK BETTING

The off-track handle in the state increased to \$906-million (from \$815-million in 1974) as new shops were opened in established regions and new corporations went into business. Nassau OTB opened Jan. 31, 1975; Suffolk OTB opened April 25 and the Capital District OTB Corporation opened Aug. 11, absorbing the Schenectady OTB Corporation. Major payments by OTB, mostly from the pioneer New York City OTB Corporation, were \$64-million to the City of New York, \$37-million to the racing industry (tracks and horsemen) and \$20-million to the state.

An OTB oddity: More than \$4-million in uncashed winning OTB tickets from 1974 went to the state in 1975. OTB horseplayers continued to be comparatively unsophisticated in their handling of negotiable tickets. The uncashed OTB tickets have been averaging \$4-million a year for four years--about four times the total of uncashed on-track tickets.

#### THE LOTTERY

The New York State Lottery ran upon unhappy days in 1975. Some newspapermen who wrote about it had such a high regard for the truth that they used it sparingly. They succeeded in convincing most of the citizenry of the state that the lottery was a swindle. The lottery had its faults; it had its qualities. It was no swindle.

Lottery operations were suspended by gubernatorial order Oct. 22--with six games unfinished--when defective numbering of tickets was discovered in a "Colossus" drawing scheduled for Oct. 31. The numbering error was found to be the result of human error on the part of the programmer.

An independent management consulting firm, Arthur D. Little, Inc., was engaged to study the lottery. Its conclusion was that

an overhaul was necessary to restore the security of the lottery and the public's confidence in the games. The gubernatorial order Nov. 28 was for a complete overhaul "to restore public confidence and assure effective operation."

The little report found serious shortcomings in overall lottery operations (security, ticket reconciliation, program testing, procedural guides, etc.) and organizational fragmentation wherein a number of key functions were not under the immediate supervision of the Lottery Division but resided in the Board's Administrative Division and the Department of Taxation. The report characterized the existing games as poorly structured and recommended against their continuation in the same form.

The State Comptroller, in another report, dealt in great detail with organization and procedural matters. The audit disclosed examples of mismanagement, weaknesses in operating and accounting, and misleading advertising. It found no evidence of misappropriation of funds--no "gyp."

In connection with newspaper criticism, it should be mentioned that the placing of prizes on unpurchased winning tickets in a jackpot, or jackpots, for subsequent distribution to buyers of lottery tickets, was widely publicized when the "Colossus" lottery was introduced and thereafter.

#### QUARTER-HORSE RACING

The introduction of quarter-horse racing to New York State ran into further delays in 1975 for an assortment of reasons, mostly financial. But, despite adversities, a track in Tioga County, near Binghamton and near the Pennsylvania line, is being built. The management of Tioga Park says it will be in operation July 1 of this year with races for the sprinters that run all-out for short distances.

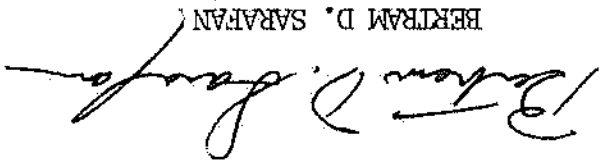
As of this writing, work which stopped in January of 1974 has not been resumed at the Suffolk track in Yaphank, L.I., which was to have introduced quarter-horse racing to the Northeast. The management, harassed by (among other things) tight money, the collapse of the venture capital market and the soaring of interest rates, nevertheless had told Dean Alfange, this Board's consultant on quarter-horse racing, that it intends to have the track complete by next Oct. 1.

#### BINGO

Six hundred localities across the state permit bingo, 2,830 organizations are registered to conduct it and there are approximately 130,000 what are known as bingo "occasions" per year. The fees collected by the state from bingo organizations and commercial lessors amounted to \$1,182,133.

In the following pages will be found statistics regarding the various activities that come under Board jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

  
BERKRAM D. SARAFAN  
Board Chairman

HIGHLIGHTS - THOROUGHBRED AND HARNESS RACING COMBINED

THOROUGHBRED		1975		1974		Percent Increase (Decrease)	
Programs Raced	433	445	(12)	(2.70)			
Attendance	6,040,545	6,133,784	(93,239)	(1.52)			
Handle	\$774,506,197	\$806,911,586	\$(32,405,389)	(4.02)			
Revenue to State	77,259,402	76,363,715	895,687	1.17			
Horse Breeders Fund	716,253	722,820	(6,567)	(.91)			
Admission Taxes to Town, Cities and Counties	365,323	377,787	(12,464)	(3.30)			
Commission and Breakage to Associations	66,313,576	67,418,233	(1,104,657)	(1.64)			
Purses Paid to Horsemen	34,452,495	35,662,561	(1,210,066)	(3.39)			
<b>HARNESS</b>							
Programs Raced	1,190	1,157	33	2.85			
Attendance	8,169,492	8,306,480	(136,988)	(1.65)			
Handle	\$866,405,027	\$871,553,988	\$(5,148,961)	(0.59)			
Revenue to State	85,287,259	85,850,106	(562,847)	(.66)			
Horse Breeders Fund	1,793,109	1,736,523	56,586	3.26			
Admission Taxes to Town, Cities and Counties	1,991,334	3,041,214	(1,049,880)	(34.52)			
Commission and Breakage to Associations	79,380,345	78,258,868	1,121,477	1.43			
Purses Paid to Horsemen	44,941,122	41,545,806	3,395,316	8.17			
<b>THOROUGHBRED AND HARNESS COMBINED</b>							
Programs Raced	1,623	1,602	21	1.31			
Attendance	14,210,037	14,440,264	(230,227)	(1.59)			
Handle	\$1,640,911,224	\$1,678,465,574	\$(37,554,350)	(2.24)			
Revenue to State	162,546,661	162,213,821	332,840	.21			
Horse Breeders Fund	2,509,362	2,459,343	50,019	2.03			
Admission Taxes to Town, Cities and Counties	2,356,657	3,419,001	(1,062,344)	(31.07)			
Commission and Breakage to Associations	145,693,921	145,677,101	16,820	.01			
Purses Paid to Horsemen	79,393,617	77,208,367	2,185,250	2.83			



REVENUE TO NEW YORK STATE

THOROUGHBRED

Number of Days Raced	1975	1974	
Commission	\$ 70,883,797.24	\$ 69,995,044.29	\$ 888,752.95
Breakage	4,973,659.88	5,018,233.99	(44,574.11)
Total Commission and Breakage	\$ 75,857,457.12	\$ 75,013,278.28	\$ 844,178.84
Winning Tickets From Prior Seasons	531,792.10	458,775.70	73,016.40
Uncashed as of April 1, 1974			
State Admissions Tax	333,398.49	349,559.78	(16,161.29)
Track License Fees	17,920.00	18,225.00	(305.00)
Franchise Fees (NYRA)	270,000.00	265,000.00	5,000.00
Lab Fees	176,170.00	189,830.00	(13,660.00)
Occupational License Fees	59,115.00	55,497.50	3,617.50
Fines Assessed	8,450.00	5,345.00	3,105.00
Miscellaneous Income	5,099.50	8,204.00	(3,104.50)
Total Revenue to State	\$ 77,259,402.21	*\$ 76,363,715.26	\$ 895,686.95

\*Reflects \$173,740 deduction because of duplicate statement of revenue in 1974 from harness laboratory fees.

HARNESS

Number of Days Raced	1975	1974	
Commission	\$ 80,229,422.94	\$ 80,814,611.03	\$ (585,188.09)
Breakage	3,586,218.82	3,597,227.41	(11,008.59)
Total Commission and Breakage	\$ 83,815,641.76	\$ 84,411,838.44	\$ (596,196.68)
Winning Tickets From Prior Seasons	600,518.60	605,515.35	(4,996.75)
Uncashed as of April 1, 1974			
State Admissions Tax	490,982.90	459,739.97	31,242.93
Track License Fees	116,000.00	115,200.00	800.00
Franchise Fees	167,300.00	**174,080.00	(6,780.00)
Occupational License Fees	76,772.00	63,231.00	13,541.00
Fines Assessed	20,025.00	18,650.00	1,375.00
Miscellaneous Income	18.95	1,850.96	(1,832.01)
Total Revenue to State	\$ 85,287,259.21	\$ 85,850,105.72	\$ (562,846.51)

\*\*Revenue to State from harness racing associations for laboratory work done at State Laboratory.

THOROUGHBRED AND HARNESS COMBINED

Number of Days Raced	1975	1974	
Commission	\$151,113,220.18	\$150,809,655.32	\$ 303,564.86
Breakage	8,559,878.70	8,615,461.40	(55,582.70)
Total Commission and Breakage	\$159,673,098.88	\$159,425,116.72	\$ 247,982.16
Winning Tickets From Prior Seasons	1,132,310.70	1,064,291.05	68,019.65
Uncashed as of April 1, 1974			
State Admissions Tax	824,381.39	809,299.75	15,081.64
Track License Fees	133,920.00	133,425.00	495.00
Franchise Fees (NYRA)	270,000.00	265,000.00	5,000.00
Lab Fees - Harness	167,300.00	174,080.00	(6,780.00)
Lab Fees - Thoroughbred	176,170.00	189,830.00	(13,660.00)
Occupational License Fees	135,887.00	118,728.50	17,158.50
Fines Assessed	28,475.00	23,995.00	4,480.00
Miscellaneous Income	5,118.45	10,054.96	(4,936.51)
Total Revenue to State	\$162,546,661.42	\$162,213,820.98	\$ 332,840.44

THOROUGHBRED AND HARNESS RACING

SUMMARY OF HANDLE AND ATTENDANCE

Track	Programs Raced		Handle				*(1) Attendance			
	1975	1974	1975	1974	Increase (Decrease)	Per Cent	1975	1974	Increase (Decrease)	Per Cent
			Amount	Amount			Amount	Amount		
Batavia Downs	* (2) 137	149	\$ 36,488,414	\$ 43,751,495	\$ (7,263,081)	(16.60)	488,927	586,333	(97,406)	(16.61)
Buffalo Raceway	147	153	40,271,744	43,334,270	(3,062,526)	(7.07)	524,877	590,855	(65,978)	(11.17)
Buffalo at Syracuse	7	0	722,231	---	722,231	---	15,750	---	15,750	---
Goshen Historic Half-Mile Track	5	6	506,127	518,787	(12,660)	(2.44)	13,234	13,477	(243)	(1.80)
Monticello Raceway	238	210	88,016,061	85,840,933	2,175,128	2.53	946,943	895,044	51,899	5.80
Orange County at Saratoga Raceway	50	48	10,132,394	10,760,456	(628,062)	(5.84)	119,940	121,591	(1,651)	(1.36)
Roosevelt Raceway	* (3) 151	159	291,972,608	306,732,969	(14,760,361)	(4.81)	2,430,100	2,533,296	(103,196)	(4.07)
Saratoga Raceway	131	124	35,644,496	33,458,877	2,185,619	6.53	522,623	487,432	35,191	7.22
Vernon Downs	165	159	46,501,290	43,824,589	2,676,701	6.11	710,418	679,270	31,148	4.59
Yonkers Raceway	159	149	316,149,662	303,331,612	12,818,050	4.23	2,396,680	2,399,182	(2,502)	(0.10)
All Harness Tracks Combined	<u>1,190</u>	<u>1,157</u>	<u>\$ 866,405,027</u>	<u>\$ 871,553,988</u>	<u>\$ (5,148,961)</u>	<u>(0.59)</u>	<u>8,169,492</u>	<u>8,306,480</u>	<u>(136,988)</u>	<u>(1.65)</u>
Aqueduct	126	163	\$ 356,432,037	\$ 474,439,290	\$(118,007,253)	(24.87)	2,467,948	3,340,323	(872,375)	(26.12)
Belmont Park	113	78	322,284,296	235,791,180	86,493,116	36.68	2,490,322	1,702,466	787,856	46.28
Saratoga	24	24	40,444,871	39,597,582	847,289	2.14	453,503	434,264	19,239	4.43
N.Y.R.A. Totals	263	265	\$ 719,161,204	\$ 749,828,052	\$ (30,666,848)	(4.09)	5,411,773	5,477,053	(65,280)	(1.19)
Finger Lakes	170	180	55,344,993	57,083,534	(1,738,541)	(3.05)	528,772	556,731	(27,959)	(4.26)
All Thoroughbred Tracks Combined	433	445	\$ 774,506,197	\$ 806,911,586	\$ (32,405,389)	(4.02)	6,040,545	6,133,784	(93,239)	(1.52)
All Tracks Combined	<u>1,623</u>	<u>1,602</u>	<u>\$1,640,911,224</u>	<u>\$1,678,465,574</u>	<u>\$(37,554,350)</u>	<u>(2.24)</u>	<u>14,210,037</u>	<u>14,026,264</u>	<u>(183,773)</u>	<u>(1.32)</u>

\*(1) Employees' daily totals are included in harness tracks' attendance figures but not in thoroughbred tracks' figures.

\*(2) Included in figures are those for four programs (40 races) at Batavia June 30-July 3 when, because of a strike, there were no admissions or on-track bets.

\*(3) Included is one racing program (nine races) at Roosevelt Raceway March 3 when, because of a strike, there were no admissions or on-track bets.

THOROUGHBRED AND HARNESS RACING

SUMMARY OF COMMISSION AND BREAKAGE--1975

1974

Track	Commission and Breakage		Net Commission and Breakage				To Horse Breeders Fund	Minus Pools	Uncashed winning Tickets Paid to State in 1975
	**Commission	Breakage	Total	To State	*To Association	To Horse Breeders Fund			
Aqueduct	\$ 62,519,777.65	\$ 3,439,041.40	\$ 65,958,819.05	\$ 36,046,962.49	\$ 29,446,226.56	\$ 343,903.54	\$121,726.46	\$ 235,068.42	
Belmont	56,455,599.76	2,921,134.41	59,376,734.17	32,300,832.85	26,719,924.05	292,112.93	63,864.34	212,319.85	
Saratoga	7,116,889.03	332,337.65	7,449,226.68	4,037,003.59	3,366,986.84	33,233.66	12,002.59	26,539.98	
N.Y.R.A. Totals	\$126,092,266.44	\$ 6,692,513.46	\$132,784,779.90	\$ 72,384,798.93	\$ 59,533,137.45	\$ 669,250.13	\$197,593.39	\$ 473,928.25	
Finger Lakes	9,830,803.77	470,026.36	10,300,830.13	3,472,658.19	6,780,438.64	47,002.51	730.79	57,863.85	
All Thoroughbred Tracks Combined	\$135,923,070.21	\$ 7,162,539.82	\$143,085,610.03	\$ 75,857,457.12	\$ 66,313,576.09	\$ 716,252.64	\$198,324.18	\$ 531,792.10	
Batavia Downs	\$ 6,714,909.82	\$ 294,202.35	\$ 7,009,112.17	\$ 2,308,555.42	\$ 4,626,959.63	\$ 73,550.73	\$ 46.39	\$ 35,163.90	
Buffalo Raceway	7,237,504.24	363,384.13	7,600,888.37	2,457,794.35	5,052,179.76	90,846.25	68.01	38,033.10	
Buffalo at Syracuse	129,840.55	10,201.01	140,041.56	45,846.04	91,641.32	2,550.27	3.93	---	
Goshen Historic Half-Mile Track	86,041.59	11,032.02	97,073.61	30,822.37	60,341.17	2,758.01	3,152.06	1,034.50	
Monticello Raceway	16,177,680.93	760,728.89	16,938,409.82	6,331,963.58	10,414,408.38	190,182.52	1,855.34	80,459.60	
Orange County at Saratoga Raceway	1,722,506.98	123,074.87	1,845,581.85	569,342.77	1,245,470.27	30,768.81	---	7,213.40	
Roosevelt Raceway	53,279,387.44	2,232,072.54	55,511,459.98	32,087,739.12	22,863,268.07	558,018.32	2,434.47	182,110.40	
Saratoga Raceway	6,059,564.32	446,086.84	6,505,651.16	2,018,731.38	4,370,481.48	111,521.82	4,916.45	25,284.10	
Vernon Downs	8,505,662.50	376,162.63	8,881,825.13	2,991,011.79	5,789,309.26	94,040.85	7,463.23	48,580.70	
Yonkers Raceway	57,930,192.70	2,555,486.24	60,485,678.94	34,973,834.94	24,866,285.28	638,871.79	6,686.93	182,638.90	
All Harness Tracks Combined	\$157,843,291.07	\$ 7,172,431.52	\$165,015,722.59	\$ 83,815,641.76	\$ 79,380,344.62	\$1,793,109.37	\$ 26,626.84	\$ 600,518.60	
All Tracks Combined	\$293,766,361.28	\$14,334,971.34	\$308,101,332.62	\$159,673,098.88	\$145,693,920.71	\$2,509,362.01	\$224,951.02	\$1,132,310.70	

\*The net commission and breakage to the Association reflect deductions for minus pools totaling \$224,951.02

\*\*Commission was 17% of handle for all regular pools and 25% for all exotic pools.

1975 ON-TRACK THOROUGHBRED STATISTICS -- First Section

Programs Raced	Aqueduct 1/1-1/1	Aqueduct 2/24-5/31	Belmont 6/2-7/26	Belmont 8/25-11/8	Aqueduct 11/10-12/23
Attendance, excluding track staffs	87,269	1,740,755	1,170,235	1,320,087	639,924
Mutuel pools	\$12,509,689.00	\$247,462,150.00	\$142,973,424.00	\$179,310,872.00	\$96,460,198.00
Purses paid including contributions	\$ 459,100.00	9,181,450.00	5,743,925.00	8,279,125.00	4,567,725.00
Number of flat races	36	756	427(3)	584	342
Number of steeple chase and hurdle races	---	---	---	---	---
Percentage of take-out, less minus pools	18.39	18.47	18.37	18.43	18.48
Percentage of mutuel pools payable to public	81.61	81.53	81.63	81.57	81.52
Average daily attendance	21,817	20,723	24,380	20,309	16,840
Average daily mutuel pool	\$ 3,127,422.25	2,945,977.98	2,978,613.00	2,758,628.80	2,538,426.26
Average mutuel pool per race	\$ 347,491.36	327,330.89	334,832.00	307,039.16	282,047.36
Average bet per person per day	\$ 143.35	142.16	122.17	135.83	150.74
Average bet per person per race	\$ 15.93	15.80	13.57	15.09	16.75
Amount in \$100 wagers	\$ 1,054,600.00	21,869,200.00	8,014,000.00	10,373,000.00	8,682,800.00
Amount in \$ 50 wagers	\$ 1,932,250.00	44,745,100.00	24,205,100.00	32,365,750.00	16,881,950.00
Amount in \$ 20 wagers	---	---	---	6,326,460.00	3,481,560.00
Amount in \$ 10 wagers	\$ 3,440,260.00	69,373,930.00	42,317,490.00	46,060,440.00	24,502,770.00
Amount in \$ 5 wagers	\$ 1,289,415.00	24,712,430.00	13,976,890.00	17,558,000.00	9,337,310.00
Amount in \$ 2 wagers	\$ 4,793,164.00	86,761,490.00	54,459,944.00	66,627,222.00	33,573,808.00
Revenue to State from On-Track Wagering:					
Pari-mutuel commission	\$ 1,296,445.40	23,279,006.58	13,432,382.88	16,823,655.84	9,064,181.46
Breakage	\$ 71,154.43	1,690,855.81	885,647.74	1,159,146.39	645,318.81
Admission taxes	\$ 4,674.16	94,971.61	60,694.02	71,114.03	35,514.97
Track franchise fees	\$ 4,000.00	84,000.00	48,000.00	66,000.00(1)	44,000.00(2)
Track license fees	---	---	---	---	---
Occupational license fees	---	---	---	---	---
Uncashed ticket values-actual	---	235,068.42	212,319.85	---	---
Commission laboratory income-Thoroughbred	\$ --- (4)	42,000.00	24,000.00	32,500.00	19,000.00
Fines by Stewards	---	---	---	---	---
Miscellaneous	---	---	---	---	---
Total Revenue to State	\$ 1,376,273.99	\$ 25,425,902.42	\$ 14,663,044.49	\$ 18,152,416.26	\$ 9,808,015.24

- (1) Licensed for 60 days, 1 program cancelled 9/26.
- (2) Licensed for 44 days, 6 programs cancelled 12/24-12/31.
- (3) On June 6, 5 races cancelled after fourth race.
- (4) \$2,000 paid in 1974 covering 4 days in Aqueduct in 1975, reflected in 1974 report.

1975 ON-TRACK THOROUGHBRED STATISTICS -- Second Section

	Agt. & Bel. Totals	Saratoga 7/28-8/23	NYRA Tracks Total	Finger Lakes 3/1-12/1	Season Totals
Programs Raced	239	24	263	170	433
Attendance, excluding track staffs	4,958,270	453,503	5,411,773	628,772	6,040,545
Mutuel pools	\$678,716,333.00	\$40,444,871.00	\$719,161,204.00	\$55,344,993.00	\$774,506,197.00
Purses paid including contributions	\$28,231,325.00	3,106,450.00	31,337,775.00	3,114,720.00	34,452,495.00
Number of Flat races	2,145	200	2,345	1,536	3,881
Number of steeple chase and hurdle races	--	16	16	--	16
Percentage of take-out, less minus pools	18.44	18.39	18.44	18.61	18.45
Percentage of mutuel pools payable to public	81.56	81.61	81.56	81.39	81.55
Average daily attendance	20,746	18,896	20,577	3,697	13,950
Average daily mutuel pool	\$2,839,817.29	1,685,202.96	2,734,453.25	325,559.00	1,788,697.91
Average bet per person per day	136.89	89.19	132.89	88.02	128.22
Average mutuel pool per race	316,417.87	187,244.77	304,600.26	36,031.90	198,744.21
Average bet per person per race	15.21	9.91	14.77	9.78	14.25
Amount in \$100 wagers	\$49,993,600.00	1,339,800.00	51,333,400.00	--	51,333,400.00
Amount in \$50 wagers	\$120,130,150.00	5,536,900.00	125,667,050.00	4,428,010.00	130,095,060.00
Amount in \$20 wagers	\$9,808,020.00	--	9,808,020.00	--	9,808,020.00
Amount in \$10 wagers	\$185,694,890.00	11,195,520.00	196,890,410.00	16,687,750.00	213,578,160.00
Amount in \$5 wagers	\$66,874,045.00	4,055,245.00	70,929,290.00	4,743,040.00	75,672,330.00
Amount in \$2 wagers	\$246,215,628.00	18,317,406.00	264,533,034.00	29,486,193.00	294,019,227.00
Revenue to State from On-Track Wagering:					
Pari-mutuel commission	\$63,895,672.16	3,820,984.11	67,716,656.27	3,167,140.97	70,883,797.24
Breakage	4,452,123.18	216,019.48	4,668,142.66	305,517.22	4,973,659.88
Admission taxes	266,968.79	38,424.75	305,393.54	28,004.95	333,398.49
Track franchise fees	246,000.00	24,000.00	270,000.00	--	270,000.00
Track license fees	--	--	--	--	17,920.00
Occupational license fees	--	--	43,970.00	15,145.00	59,115.00
Uncashed ticket values-actual	447,388.27	26,539.98	473,928.25	57,863.85	531,792.10
Commission laboratory income-Thoroughbred	117,500.00	12,000.00	129,500.00	46,670.00	176,170.00
Fines by Stewards	--	--	8,125.00	325.00	8,450.00
Miscellaneous	--	--	5,098.25	1.25	5,099.50
Total Revenue to State	\$69,425,652.40	\$4,137,968.32	\$73,620,813.97	\$3,638,588.24	\$77,259,402.21

(1) Licensed for 172 days, 2 programs cancelled 4/4-4/5.

THOROUGHBRED RACING

FINGER LAKES POOL WAGERING

	1975	1974	Increase (Decrease)	% + or (-)
Number of Days Faced	170	180	(10)	(5.56)
Attendance	628,772	656,731	(27,959)	(4.26%)
Pool Wagering				
Win	\$19,061,666	\$19,293,887	(\$ 232,221)	(1.20%)
Place	8,142,630	8,386,184	( 243,554)	(2.90%)
Show	3,639,292	3,592,125	47,167	1.31%
Daily Double	5,982,840	6,326,480	( 343,640)	(5.43%)
Exacta	13,241,628	13,751,606	( 509,978)	(3.71%)
Trifecta	5,276,937	5,733,252	( 456,315)	(7.96%)
Totals	\$55,344,993	\$57,083,534	(\$1,738,541)	(3.05%)

FINGER LAKES AVERAGE BET PER PERSON PER DAY PER POOL

	1975	1974	Increase (Decrease)	Per Cent
Win	\$30.32	\$29.38	\$.94	3.20%
Place	12.95	12.77	.18	1.41%
Show	5.79	5.47	.32	5.85%
Daily Double	9.52	9.63	(.11)	(1.14%)
Exacta	21.06	20.94	.12	0.57%
Trifecta	8.39	8.73	(.34)	(3.89%)
Totals	\$88.03	\$86.92	\$1.11	1.28%

POOL WAGERING - N.Y.R.A. AND FINGER LAKES COMBINED

Win	\$363,172,439	\$380,996,465	(\$17,824,026)	(4.68%)
Place	92,000,187	97,039,717	( 5,039,530)	(5.19%)
Show	35,104,738	37,880,651	( 2,775,913)	(7.33%)
Daily Double	67,777,864	67,747,575	30,289	0.04%
Exacta	163,238,260	168,287,237	( 5,048,977)	(3.00%)
Trifecta	53,212,709	54,959,941	( 1,747,232)	(3.18%)
Totals	\$774,506,197	\$806,911,586	(\$32,405,389)	(4.02%)

1975 ON-TRACK HARNESST RACING STATISTICS -- First Section

	Batavia (June 30- Dec. 22)	Buffalo (Jan. 1-June 29) (Dec. 26-Dec. 31)	Buffalo at Syracuse (Apr. 9-May, 17)	Goshen (June 30- July 5)	Konticello (Jan. 1-Jan. 5) (Mar. 27-Oct. 12) (Nov. 27-Dec. 31)	Orange at Saratoga (Sept. 15-Nov. 15)
Number of licensed programs	138	151	7	5	238	54
Number of programs raced	137(1)	147	7	5	238	50
Number of programs cancelled	1	4	0	0(2)	0	4
Number of races	1,371	1,488	51	48	2,380	500
Attendance	488,927	524,877	15,750	13,234	946,943	119,940
Daily races handle	\$17,774,513	\$23,187,359	\$408,861	\$506,127	\$50,083,963	\$8,715,168
Daily double handle	\$3,345,204	\$3,754,208	\$78,676	--	\$8,611,190	\$1,417,226
Exacta handle	\$8,970,204	\$8,438,830	\$146,428	--	\$14,220,864	--
Trifecta handle	\$6,398,493	\$4,891,347	\$88,266	--	\$15,100,044	--
Total handle	\$36,488,414	\$40,271,744	\$722,231	\$506,127	\$88,016,061	\$10,132,394
Total commission(3)	\$6,714,909.82	\$7,237,504.24	\$129,840.55	\$86,041.59	\$16,177,680.93	\$1,722,506.98
Total breakage(4)	\$294,202.35	\$363,384.13	\$10,201.01	\$11,032.02	\$760,728.89	\$123,074.87
Total commission and breakage	\$7,009,112.17	\$7,600,888.37	\$140,041.56	\$97,073.61	\$16,938,409.82	\$1,845,581.85
Commission to State	\$2,161,453.88	\$2,276,101.92	\$40,745.52	\$25,306.35	\$5,951,598.57	\$507,805.24
Breakage to State	\$147,101.54	\$181,692.43	\$5,100.52	\$5,516.02	\$380,365.01	\$61,537.53
Total to State	\$2,308,555.42	\$2,457,794.35	\$45,846.04	\$30,822.37	\$6,331,963.58	\$569,342.77
Commission to association	\$4,553,455.94	\$4,961,402.32	\$89,095.03	\$60,735.24	\$10,226,082.36	\$1,214,701.74
Breakage to association	\$73,550.08	\$90,845.45	\$2,550.22	\$2,757.99	\$190,181.36	\$30,768.53
Total to association	\$4,627,006.02	\$5,052,247.77	\$91,645.25	\$63,493.23	\$10,416,263.72	\$1,245,470.27
Horsebreeders' Fund share (breakage)	\$73,550.73	\$90,846.25	\$2,550.27	\$2,758.01	\$190,182.52	\$30,768.81
Minus Pools	\$46.39	\$68.01	\$3.93	\$3,152.06	\$1,855.34	--
Average attendance per day	3,676	3,571	2,250	2,647	3,979	2,399
Average handle per day	\$274,349	\$273,957	\$103,176	\$101,225	\$369,816	\$202,648
Average handle per race	\$13,354	\$15,583	\$8,017	\$10,544	\$21,044	\$17,430
Average daily double handle per day	\$25,152	\$25,539	\$11,239	--	\$36,181	\$26,245
Average exacta handle per day	\$67,445	\$57,407	\$24,405	--	\$59,752	--
Average trifecta handle per day	\$48,109	\$33,274	\$14,711	--	\$63,446	--
Average handle per person	\$74.63	\$76.73	\$45.86	\$38.24	\$92.95	\$84.48
Ratio of breakage to handle	0.81%	0.90%	1.41%	2.18%	0.85%	1.21%

(1) Included are four racing programs of 40 races, June 30-July 30, for which there were no paid admissions and no on-track wagering.

(2) Program of July 5 was reserved for rainout and not used.

(3) Commission on regular handle (betting up to 2 horses) was at the rate of 17%, and commission on exotic handle (betting on three or more horses) was at the rate of 25%.

(4) Breakage is computed to the nearest 10 cents for regular betting and breakage is computed to the nearest 50 cents for exotic betting.

1975 ON-TRACK HARNES RACING STATISTICS -- Second Section

	Roosevelt (Mar. 3-May 17) (July 21-Oct. 11) (Dec. 15-31)	Saratoga (Apr. 17- Sept. 13)	Vernon (Apr. 24- Nov. 1)	Tonkers (Jan. 1-Mar. 1) (May 19-July 19) (Oct. 13-Dec. 13)	Total
Number of licensed programs	151	131	165	160	1,200
Number of programs raced	151 (1)	131	165	159	1,190
Number of programs cancelled	0	0	0	1	10
Number of races	1,359	1,305	1,546	1,431	11,479
Attendance	2,430,100	522,623	710,418	2,396,680	8,169,492
Daily races handle	\$162,783,200	\$31,086,444	\$21,824,958	\$174,380,028	\$490,750,621
Daily double handle	\$10,884,491	\$4,558,052	\$5,010,934	\$15,288,311	\$52,948,292
Exacta handle	\$72,754,366	--	\$12,159,858	\$74,171,946	\$190,862,496
Trifecta handle	\$45,550,551	--	\$7,505,540	\$52,309,377	\$131,843,618
Total handle	\$291,972,608	\$35,644,496	\$46,501,290	\$316,149,662	\$866,405,027
Total commission	\$53,279,387.44	\$6,059,564.32	\$8,505,662.50	\$57,930,192.70	\$157,843,291.07
Total breakage	\$2,232,072.54	\$446,086.84	\$376,162.63	\$2,555,486.24	\$7,172,431.52
Total commission and breakage	\$55,511,459.98	\$6,505,651.16	\$8,881,825.13	\$60,485,678.94	\$165,015,722.59
Commission to State	\$30,971,702.47	\$1,795,687.54	\$2,802,930.05	\$33,696,091.40	\$80,229,422.94
Breakage to State	\$1,116,036.65	\$223,043.84	\$188,081.74	\$1,277,743.54	\$3,586,218.82
Total to State	\$32,087,739.12	\$2,018,731.38	\$2,991,011.79	\$34,973,834.94	\$83,815,641.76
Commission to association	\$22,307,684.97	\$4,263,876.78	\$5,702,732.45	\$24,234,101.30	\$77,613,868.13
Breakage to association	\$558,017.57	\$111,521.18	\$94,040.04	\$638,870.91	\$1,793,103.33
Total to association	\$22,865,702.54	\$4,375,397.96	\$5,796,772.49	\$24,872,972.21	\$79,406,971.46
Horsebreeders' Fund share (breakage)	\$558,018.32	\$111,521.32	\$94,040.85	\$638,871.79	\$1,793,109.37
Minus pools	\$2,434,47	\$4,916.48	\$7,463.23	\$6,685.93	\$26,626.84
Average attendance per day	16,201	3,989	4,306	15,073	6,894
Average handle per day	\$1,946,484	\$272,095	\$281,826	\$1,988,363	\$731,143
Average handle per race	\$119,782	\$23,821	\$14,117	\$121,859	\$42,752
Average daily double handle per day	\$139,545	\$34,794	\$30,369	\$145,603	\$50,236
Average exacta handle per day	\$485,029	--	\$73,696	\$466,490	\$191,245
Average trifecta handle per day	\$303,670	--	\$45,488	\$328,990	\$132,108
Average handle per person	\$120.15	\$68.20	\$65.46	\$131.91	\$106.05
Ratio of breakage to handle	0.76%	1.25%	0.81%	0.81%	0.83%

(1) Included is one racing program (March 3) on which, because of a strike, there was no on-track wagering or paid attendance.



OF PARI-MUTUEL BETTING SINCE INTRODUCTION  
RACING REVENUE TO NEW YORK STATE SINCE INTRODUCTION

(From betting, admissions taxes and all other racing sources.)

YEAR	REVENUE
1940	\$ 6,086,653.82
1941	8,174,120.49
1942	10,467,443.92
1943	19,297,190.20
1944	29,115,890.34
1945	32,428,297.22
1946	31,386,469.97
1947	28,179,300.01
1948	28,409,691.82
1949	27,699,233.58
1950	29,462,954.47
1951	34,967,634.92
1952	40,449,118.70
1953	50,734,252.37
1954	59,110,124.89
1955	63,323,529.92
1956	73,272,134.41
1957	77,048,502.32
1958	81,013,673.59
1959	90,003,127.61
1960	96,556,493.07
1961	98,521,092.84
1962	109,260,626.86
1963	123,350,935.04
1964	139,245,128.32
1965	139,601,076.18
1966	146,704,390.13
1967	146,075,031.98
1968	153,987,975.44
1969	163,006,073.59
1970	172,021,301.76
1971	171,815,256.27
1972	158,362,884.49
1973	162,312,163.31
1974	161,571,552.62
1975	161,899,790.96
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	\$ 3,124,921,117.43

NEW YORK OFF-TRACK BETTING SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION

YEAR	HANDLE	STATE REVENUE	UNCASHED TICKETS
1971	\$ 118,588,585	\$ 592.943	\$ 936,156.25
1972	452,633,234	4,391.979	4,093,265.85
1973	702,694,406	12,907.695	3,990,598.75
1974	815,250,705	18,236,026	4,258,536.70
1975	906,858,411	20,951,184	*4,350,000.00
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	\$ 2,996,025,341	\$ 57,079,827	\$ 17,628,557.55

\*Estimated

These two tables were compiled by Pari-Mutuel Revenue Unit of the Miscellaneous Tax Bureau.

NEW YORK STATE LOTTERY

<u>Sales Period</u>	<u>Gross Revenues</u>	<u>State's Share</u>	<u>Prize Obligation</u>	<u>Commissions</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
January	\$ 7,281,276.50	\$ 3,276,574.43	\$ 2,953,575.00	\$ 470,153.96	\$ 377,030.00
February	7,043,827.50	3,169,722.38	2,642,500.00	454,770.64	796,893.00
March	7,326,569.00	3,296,956.05	2,814,550.00	473,856.33	698,691.00
April	8,943,366.50	4,024,514.93	3,406,300.00	578,388.78	448,872.00
May	6,827,932.50	3,072,569.63	2,383,475.00	441,521.59	343,487.00
June	6,307,165.00	2,838,224.25	2,807,650.00	407,519.79	568,785.00
July	7,098,810.50	3,194,464.73	2,869,775.00	460,257.66	556,319.00
August	5,894,413.00	2,652,485.85	1,794,675.00	380,404.53	373,258.00
September	6,364,846.50	2,864,180.93	2,657,100.00	411,064.70	375,192.00
*October	<u>4,880,288.00</u>	<u>2,196,129.60</u>	<u>**</u>	<u>315,174.30</u>	<u>528,213.00</u>
	<u>\$67,968,495.00</u>	<u>\$30,585,822.78</u>	<u>\$24,329,600.00</u>	<u>\$4,393,112.28</u>	<u>-----</u>
Summer Special	<u>6,253,165.00</u>	<u>2,813,924.25</u>	<u>2,996,300.00</u>	<u>402,487.54</u>	<u>-----</u>
	<u>\$74,221,660.00</u>	<u>\$33,399,747.03</u>	<u>\$27,325,900.00</u>	<u>\$4,795,599.82</u>	<u>\$5,066,740.00</u>

\* On Oct. 22, Governor Carey ordered a halt to all lottery operations because of "computer complications that have resulted in the distribution and sale of duplicate numbered tickets." The last sales period included the drawing of Oct. 18.

\*\*Grand Tier drawings for October not completed.

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As of Dec. 31, 1975

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Front cover--Air view of Aqueduct.

Back cover--Air view of Roosevelt Raceway.