



RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

Holiday Lottery

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Youth Gambling Fact Sheet

- A large number of young people report their first gambling experience occurs around 9-11 years of age.
- Early gambling experiences, including lottery products, are a risk factor for later problem gambling.
- Adult problem gamblers report an earlier onset of gambling, often beginning between the ages of 10-19, with some studies showing children as young as 9 years old being involved in gambling activities.
- Lottery scratch tickets have been shown to present a possible gateway to other gambling activities.
- While male adolescents gamble more frequently than females, female adolescents are more actively involved in lottery play.
- Approximately 80% of high-school aged adolescents report having gambled for money during the past year.
- 2-4% of adolescents presently have a gambling problem with another 10-14% of adolescents being at-risk for developing a gambling problem. In contrast, adult problem gambling prevalence rates are about 1-2% of the population.

Learn more about responsible gambling at ncgpambling.org.

Lottery tickets are not child's play.