

Stateline casinos biggest losers in Nevada in July

July is usually one of the best months for gaming revenue at the Stateline casinos because all of the celebrities in town are dropping big bucks at that tables after a day on the links at the American Century Celebrity Golf Tournament. Not so this year.

The South Shore casinos came in with the largest decline in gaming revenue for Nevada casinos, with a drop of 33 percent.

Statewide, casinos reported a drop of 12.4 percent in gross revenue or gaming win compared to July 2008, according to the Gaming Control Board. The gross was \$872 million in July, while a year ago it was \$997 million.

The board reported today that this is the 19th straight month Nevada casinos have reported a drop.

Indian casinos in California are grabbing gamblers before they reach Tahoe or Reno.

North Shore's revenue fell 19 percent in July and Reno casinos were down 21 percent.