

# Sport wagers, bettor losses set record

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Nevada sports bettors wagered more – and lost more – than ever in 2014.

The state's 187 sportsbooks won \$227.04 million off of the \$3.90 billion wagered on sports in 2014. Both amounts are all-time records, according to Nevada Gaming Control.

Football, per usual, carried the load. The sportsbooks won \$113.73 million on college and pro football in 2014, a giant 40.73 percent increase from 2013. Overall, \$1.74 billion was bet on football in 2014, \$12 million more than in 2013. Nevada Gaming Control does not track pro and college football separately, but sportsbook managers estimate the NFL accounts for around 55-60 percent of their annual football handle.

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