Poker tables keep decreasing in Nevada

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When the Monte Carlo casino closes its eight-table poker room in about a month as part of a \$450 million overhaul, the Las Vegas Strip will be down nearly a quarter of the tables it had a decade ago.

Casinos constantly adjust their floors to meet customer demand. Some casinos have made their poker rooms smaller. Others have eliminated them entirely.

"Casinos added more tables in response to popularity, and once it became less popular, they took away the tables," said David Schwartz, director of the Center for Gaming Research at the UNLV. The peak of the poker room was 2007.

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