Gambling Among Veterans

33% of Veterans Report Gambling Within the Past 12 Months.

31% of Veterans Play Traditional Lottery. The Most Frequent Form of Gambling Among Veterans.

Alarming Trends

Vets with PTSD have a 60% higher rate of gambling addiction than the general population.

In a national sample of over 1 million homeless and non-homeless Veterans, pathological gambling was the second strongest predictor of homelessness, following illicit drug use.

4.2% of Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans exhibit at-risk/probable pathological gambling.

40% of Veteran gamblers seeking treatment reported a previous suicide attempt.
Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse

- Alcohol: 77%
- Cocaine: 43%
- Opiods: 23%
- Cannabis Disorder: 16%

*Among Veterans with gambling related problems seeking treatment

Problem Gambling in US Adults Vs Veterans

- Lifetime problem gambling U.S. adult: 5%
- Lifetime problem gambling U.S. military veterans: 10%
- U.S. adults with gambling related problems seek professional help in their lifetime: 11%
- U.S. veterans with gambling related problems seek professional help in their lifetime: 5%

According to the US Department of Veterans' Affairs, a veteran is “a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.”

VA Resources

The Department of Veterans Affairs offers problem gambling services at treatment centers in Cleveland, Ohio, Las Vegas, Nevada, and through community referrals.