

RACING DIVISION STATISTICS

GPEB Stats
2006/2007

Horse racing in British Columbia is regulated by the Racing Division of the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch. The Branch develops rules, manages racing events and licenses participants in the horse racing industry. Regulatory staff are located at all operating race tracks in the province.

The province's horse racing industry provides British Columbians with 7,500 direct and indirect jobs. The overall economic impact of the industry is estimated to be \$350 million per year.

Consistent with the thoroughbred and standardbred racing seasons, the Branch reports Racing Division statistics based on the calendar year.

LIVE RACING

In 2006, the Racing Division oversaw the running of almost 2,000 races held over 200 race dates at thoroughbred and standardbred tracks around British Columbia.

RULINGS

The regulation of horse racing includes enforcing rules and adjudicating matters that occur on the track or in the backstretch area that could have a negative impact on the integrity of gaming. During the 2006 racing season, almost 300 rulings were issued by stewards and judges.

LICENSING

The Racing Division licenses all participants in British Columbia's horse racing industry.

WAGERING

In recent years wagering at race tracks and teletheatres in British Columbia has totalled more than \$200 million annually. Of this amount, about 75 per cent is wagered on simulcast races, the other 25 per cent on live racing.

As part of its commitment to stabilize and rejuvenate the horse racing industry in British Columbia, the Province enhances purses with revenue from slot machines at race tracks. More than \$5 million each year is shared by the thoroughbred and standardbred sectors.

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RACING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA IN 2006

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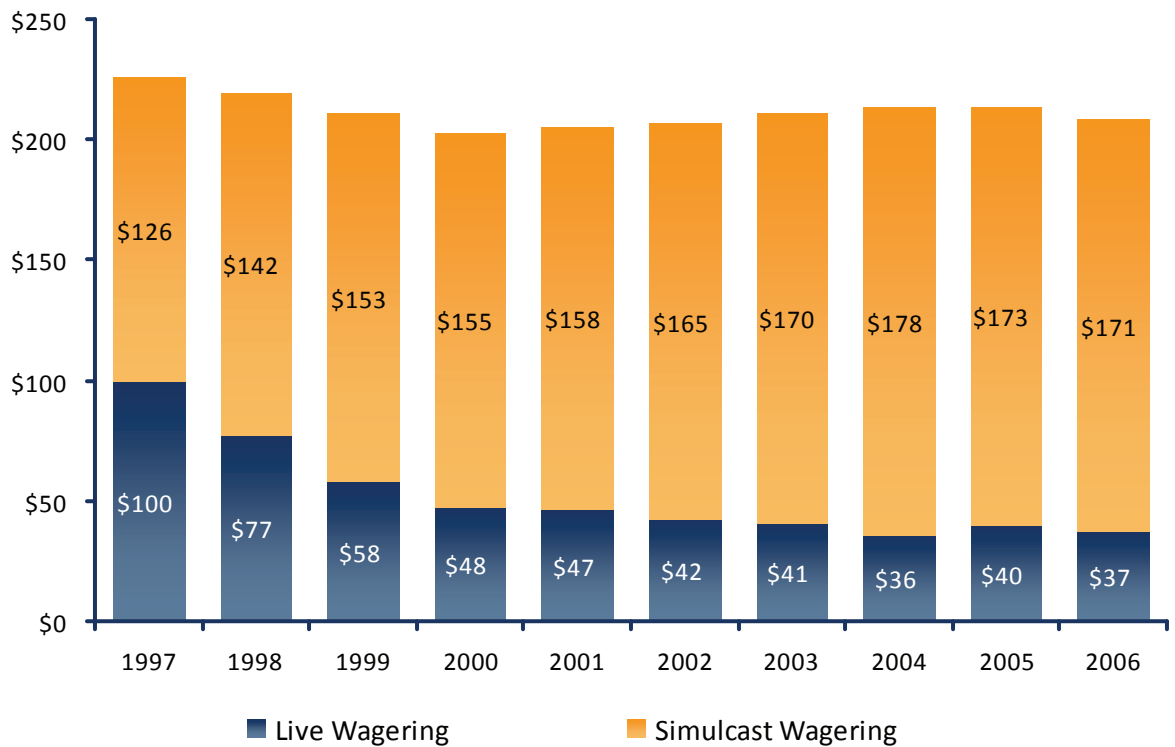
RACING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Racing in British Columbia	Live Race Days		Live Races		Horse Programmed	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
THOROUGHBRED RACING	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Hastings Racecourse (Vancouver)	78	82	700	758	5,888	6,008
Sagebrush Downs (Kamloops)	5	7	33	43	207	264
Sunflower Downs (Princeton)	1	1	9	7	70	53
Kin Park (Vernon)	2	2	14	14	104	80
Total	86	92	756	822	6,269	6,405
STANDARD BRED RACING	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Fraser Downs Racetrack (Surrey)	99	84	1,117	1,049	9,233	8,735
Sandown Racecourse (Sidney)	10	24	117	235	809	1,681
Total	109	108	1,234	1,284	10,042	10,416

HORSE RACE WAGERING 1997-2006

In 2006/07, \$37 million was wagered on live racing in British Columbia at race tracks, teletheatres and through telephone and onsite accounts. A further \$171.2 million was wagered on races held outside of British Columbia through horse racing simulcast networks. Since 1997, the total amount wagered on live racing has decreased significantly from \$100 million per year to approximately \$40 million per year. However, the overall amount wagered on horse racing has remained relatively consistent. The following figures illustrate live and total wagering on horse racing in British Columbia from 1997 to 2006.

TOTAL LIVE AND SIMULCAST WAGERING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA 1997-2006 (all figures in \$ millions)



HORSE RACING RULINGS

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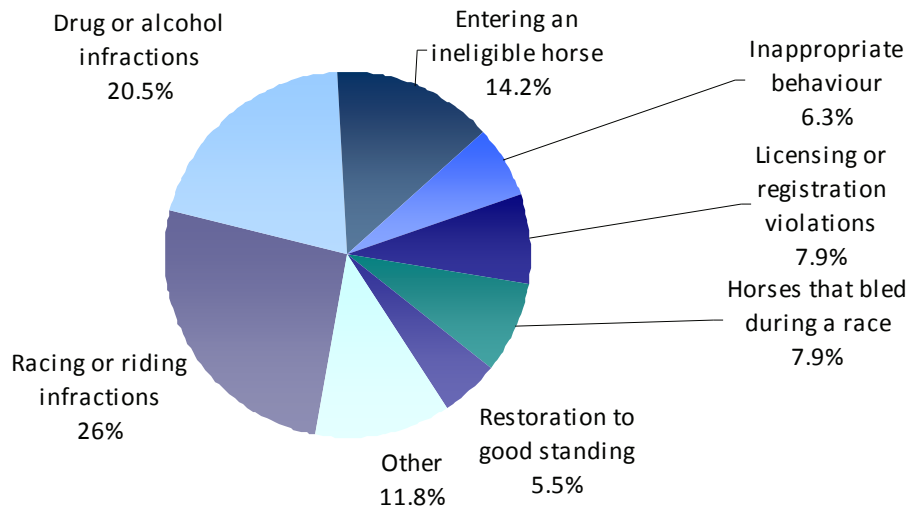
HORSE RACE RULINGS BY RACING SECTOR

Racing Rulings	Live Race Days		Rulings	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
THOROUGHBRED RACING	2006	2005	2006	2005
Hastings Racecourse (Vancouver)	78	82	127	177
Sagebrush Downs (Kamloops)	5	7	0	0
Sunflower Downs (Princeton)	1	1	0	0
Kin Park (Vernon)	2	2	0	0
Total	86	92	127	177
STANDARD BRED RACING	2006	2005	2006	2005
Fraser Downs Racetrack (Surrey)	99	84	158	208
Sandown Racecourse (Sidney)	10	24	12	42
Total	109	108	170	250

HORSE RACING RULINGS

Investigations of suspected violations of horse racing rules and policies and the provisions of the Gaming Control Act and Regulations may result in penalties that are communicated in a Judge's ruling (standardbred racing) or in a Steward's ruling (thoroughbred racing). These violations can be appealed to the Director of the Racing Division, for reconsideration.

TYPES OF THOROUGHBRED RULINGS (127 rulings)



TYPES OF STANDARDBRED RULINGS (170 rulings)

