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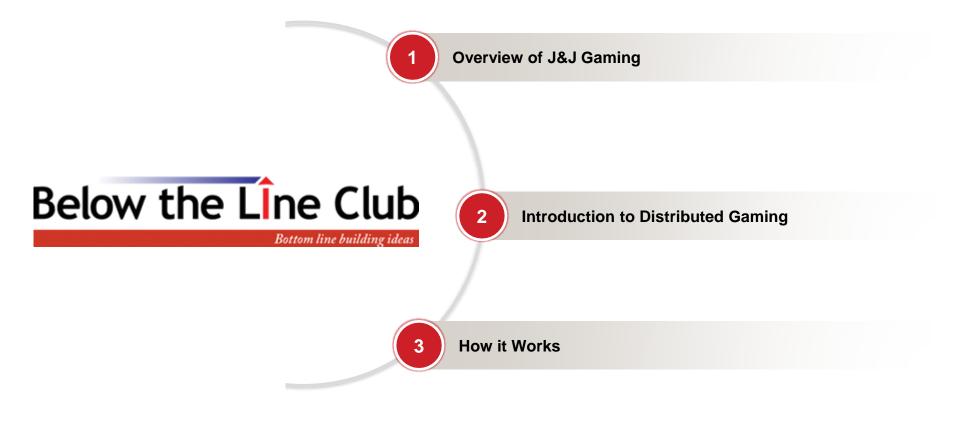
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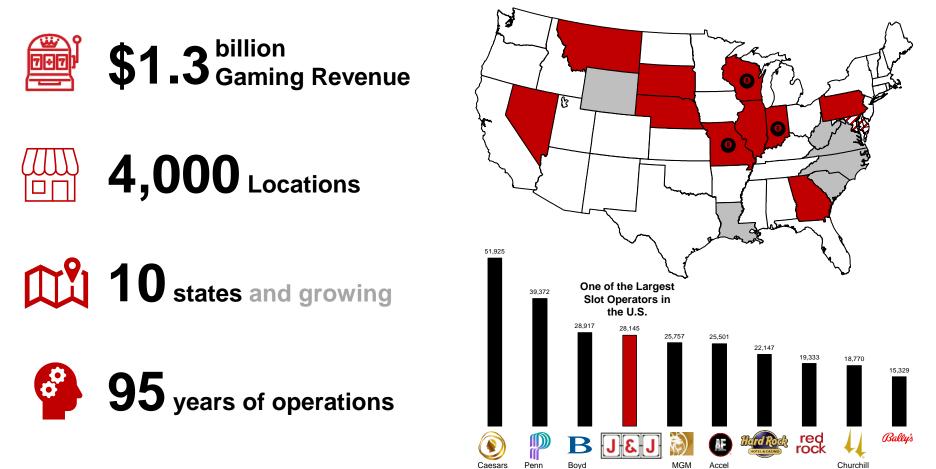
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# Overview of J&J Gaming



#### J&J Gaming is the Nation's Largest Distributed Gaming Operator



#### Our Mission is to be the Leader in Distributed Gaming

We do this by acting with integrity, providing service excellence, fostering partnerships and supporting our communities

Integrity

Service Excellence

Partnerships

Community

#### **Partners**



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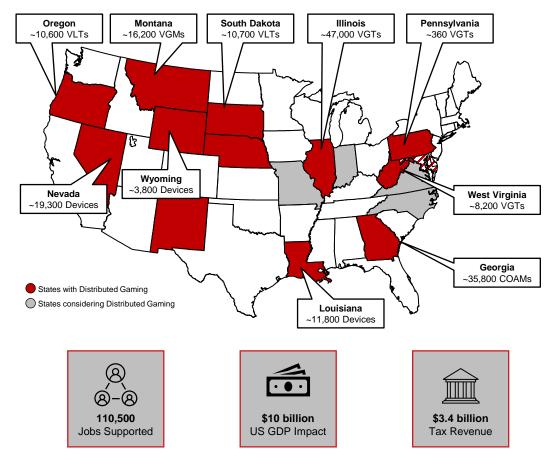
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#### What is Distributed Gaming?

Distributed Gaming, once called Route Gaming or Route Operations, is the installation, operation and maintenance of gaming devices in certain <u>regulated</u> non-casino locations such as restaurants, bars, convenience stores, truck stops and other venues

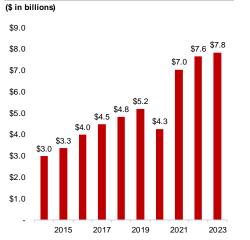


- Each state has different regulations
  - Nevada law limits distributed gaming operations (also known as "restricted gaming") to certain types of non-casino locations where gaming is incidental to the primary business and games are limited to 15 or fewer gaming devices
  - Illinois allows for up to 6 Video Gaming Terminals ("VGTs") in licensed retail establishments (restaurants, bars), veterans' and fraternal establishments, and up to 10 in certain truck stops
- Beyond the location and number of devices, states also have differing regulations on the roles of participants, economic splits, and ownership of the machines
  - In Oregon, the state owns all of the devices
  - In Illinois, the economic splits are legislated so there is no negotiation amongst the Establishment and the Terminal Operator (actual owner and operator of the machines)
  - In West Virginia, the split of the profits can be negotiated between 40% - 50% to the Retailer

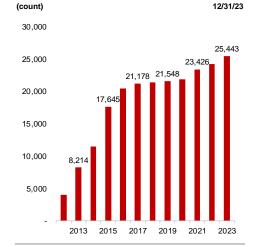


### **Distributed Gaming Overview – U.S.**

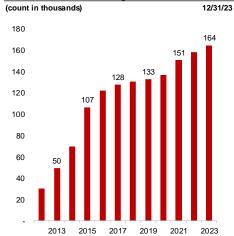
#### **Distributed Gaming Revenue**

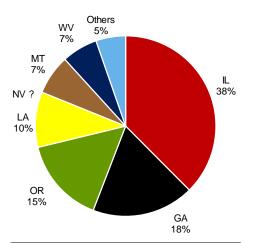


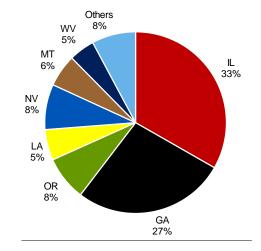
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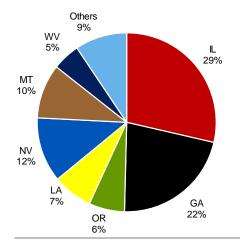






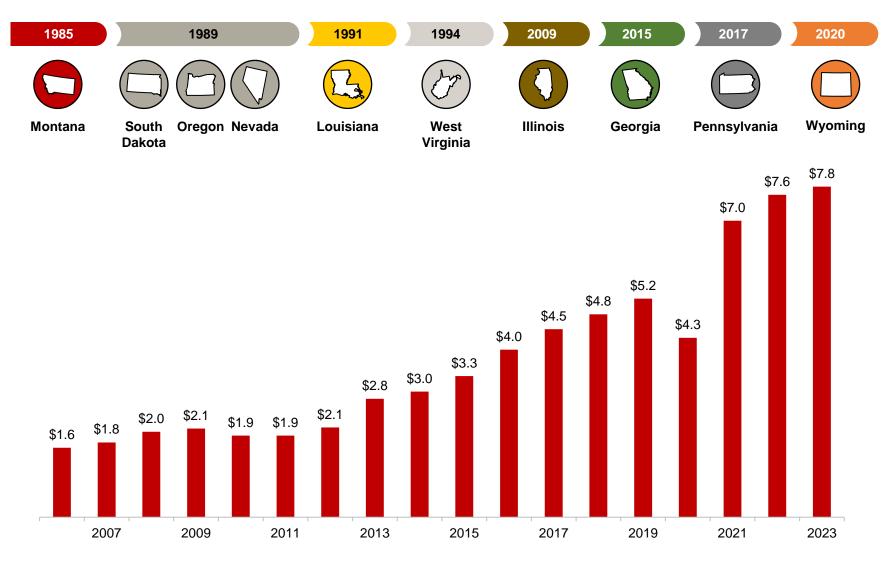








#### **Expansion Has Brought Economic Certainty**





### **Distributed Gaming is Regulated Gaming**

- Distributed Gaming is regulated in a similar fashion to casinos and often by the same governmental authority
- The governing body requires potential licensees to undergo a series of background checks and investigative inquiries
- Typically, there are separate and mutually exclusive license types
  - Manufacturers sell the gaming devices to Terminal Operators. These devices and games undergo third party testing to ensure they meet the state required criteria
  - Terminal Operators are at the center of Distributed Gaming activity. They are responsible for purchasing the gaming devices from licensed Manufactures, contracting with the licensed Locations to place those machines, servicing those machines, collecting funds, and making tax payments
  - Location (aka Establishment) owners provide the physical space to place the machines. In many
    jurisdictions they are not involved in the servicing or handling of cash related to gaming activities
- A licensee typically cannot hold multiple license types. This is intended to separate and prevent collusion among the participants. It also prevents anyone party from exerting control over the industry
- It is a Privilege to have a gaming license and the hurdle is high to obtain one. Bad actors are typically not granted a gaming license which ensures a level of transparency that is not required by other industries



#### What it is Not

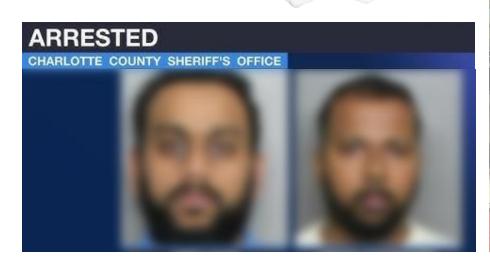
Unregulated Gaming Machines Flood Missouri, Put Children at Risk

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Gambling Machines Seized as Evidence in State Investigation - Charlotte, NC

> City Cracking Down on Illegal Gambling Operations - Birmingham, AL









### What it is Not...Unregulated Gaming

- Efforts to prosecute illegal gambling devices out of existence have been inconsistent and often unsuccessful
  - Law enforcement is unclear: What is an illegal gambling device?
    - · Game of Skill v. Game of Chance?
  - Technology has surpassed the law.
  - A game of "whack-a-mole"!
  - Law enforcement and prosecution resources directed at other criminal segments
- States struggling with illegal gambling devices have successfully addressed the problem through statewide regulatory schemes
- Proper regulation creates:
  - Path to legality through licensure
  - Compliance driven by economics of legal operations



#### **Serious Problems Persist Absent Regulation**

- Consumer Protections Don't Exist
  - No problem gaming protections
  - No guarantee of fair play
  - No oversight or anti-tampering
  - No standards, testing or monitoring
  - No recourse for unfair conduct, play or lack of payouts.
  - No age-verification
- Law Enforcement is at a Disadvantage
  - No reporting or audit capability no tax collection
  - Open door for criminals and money laundering
  - No licensing requirements or background checks
  - Continued enforcement and prosecution challenges
- Predatory Practices Persist
  - No oversight of marketing and advertising
  - No controls over deceptive practices

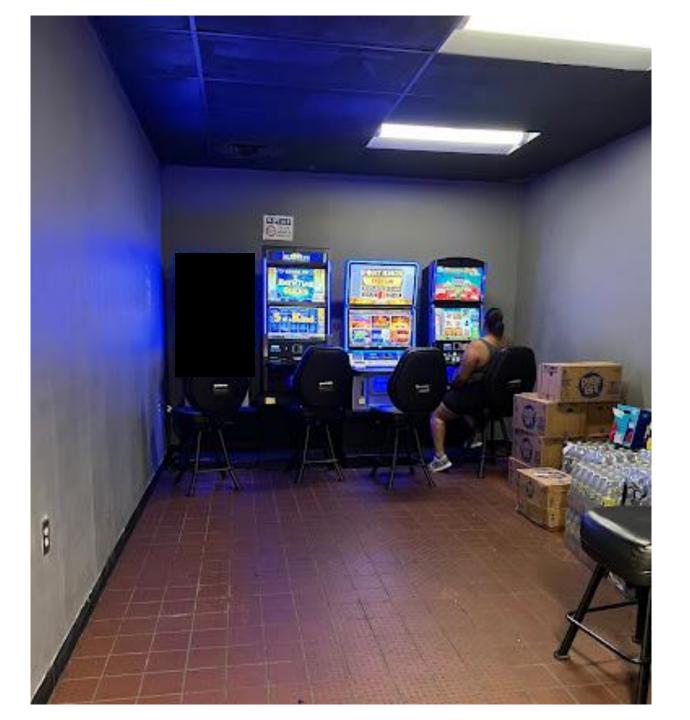




#### THE BENEFITS OF Regulated Gaming Machines

Regulated gaming provides player protection, fosters stakeholder integrity, combats illegal activity, and generates much needed revenue for state funded programs













### How it Works



## **A Fully Outsourced Solution**



Games Provided for Free



**Continuous Optimization** 



Marketing



Service



Compliance



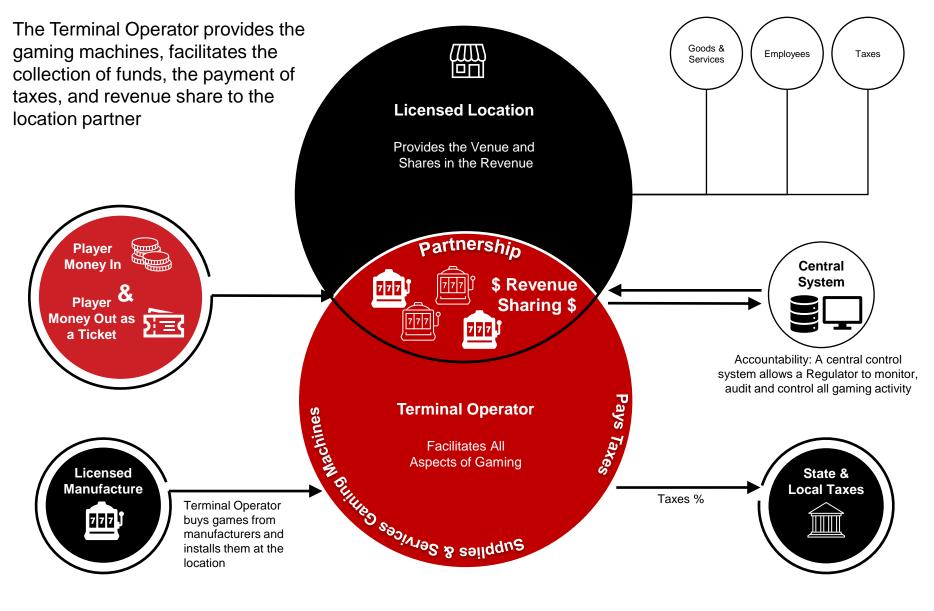
Reporting



Account Management



### How it Works: It's a Partnership



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# Locations average take home revenue of



#### per month





#### **Next Steps**

- Contact your Local and State Representatives
- Voice your encouragement for regulated, distributed gaming

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