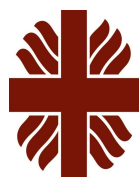


Caritas Addicted Gamblers Counseling Centre



【 Look before you leap if you want to get New Year Fortune! 】

The Comparative Results of Gamblers who indulge
In four kinds of Gambling

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Research Findings :

1. Among four kinds of gambling :
First — Horse Racing: 2,075 persons (63.2%) ;
Second --- Casino: 1,787 persons (54.4%) ;
Third --- Soccer Gambling 1,771 persons (53.9%) ;
Fourth --- Playing Mahjong: 1,131 persons (34.5%).
2. Among four kinds of gambling :
Male -- 2,830 persons (86.2%) 、 Female 453 persons (13.8%) ;
Male – Soccer Gambling (98.4%) , Horse Racing (96.8%) ;
Female – Playing Mahjong (21.7%) , Casino (18.2%).
3. More young people engage in Soccer Gambling-- at the age of 30-39 (37.1%) ; engaging in another gambling activities chiefly at the age of 40-49.
4. Among four kinds of gambling :
Most gamblers are at the secondary education level.
Those who are at the tertiary level : Soccer Gambling (11.7%) , Casino (10.0%).
5. Among four kinds of gambling :
Most gamblers come from service industry-- Horse Racing (43.7%) ; Soccer Gambling (43.0%) ; Playing Mahjong (40.5%) and Casino (39.6%). The unemployed who engage in four

kinds of gambling exceeds 10%. The housewives engage in Playing Mahjong (7.9%) and Casino (5.5%). This should not be neglected.

6. Among four kinds of gambling, the income of the gamblers range from \$5000 to \$1500. Horse Racing (58.5%) ; Soccer Gambling (58.0%) ; Playing Mahjong (50%) and Casino(49.3%). The unemployed gamblers — Casino (18.3%) and Playing Mahjong (18.2%) approach to 20%. These two gambling activities reflect serious on loan situations.
7. Among four kinds of gambling, married gamblers are over 50% :
Playing Mahjong (64.3%) ; Horse Racing (61.5%) ; Casino (57%)and soccer Gam bling (53.8%).
The single persons mainly engage in Soccer Gambling (34.7%). Besides , the divorced and the separated chiefly engage in Playing Mahjong (12.0%) ; Casino (10.7%) ; Horse Racing (8.1%)and Soccer Gambling (7.4%).
8. All gamblers are old hand among the four kinds of gambling. Their gambling years range from 21 to 30 --- Horse Racing (28.2%) 、Soccer Gambling (22.5%) ; Soccer Gambling is the highest in the age group 0-20, they are 0-5(9.9%) ; 6-10(18.6%) ; 11-15(19.0%) and 16-20(19.5%). The research matches the findings that more young people engage in Soccer Gambling.
9. The beginning of gambling mainly starts at the age of 16 to 20. Soccer Gambling is the highest (46.4%) ; there are 19.6% at the age of 11 to 15. This research findings also match with the conclusion that Soccer Gamblers become younger.
10. The loan amount chiefly ranges from one hundred thousand to two hundred thousand. Soccer Gambling is 23.4%. Casino is the highest debt which is over six hundred thousand and it is 10.1% 、Playing Mahjong(8.8%) 、Soccer gambling (7.7%) and Horse Racing (7.2%).
11. Casino is the most serious gambling affecting the gamblers' physical and mental health: emotional disturbance (77.3%) ; reluctant to work (31.2%) ; self-destruction (21.3%) ; no appetite (21.3%) ; feeling uneasy(16.4%) and commit suicide with family members (0.8%).

Insomnia after playing mahjong (39.2%) ; self-destruction (20.2%) and commit suicide with family members (1.0%). It is very serious.

12. Debt is the major problem asking for help: Soccer Gambling (80.1%) ; Casino (79.5%) ; Horse Racing (79.3%) and Playing Mahjong (65.5%) ; then the family problem: Playing Mahjong (65.5%) ; Casino and Horse Racing are the same 64.5% ; Soccer Gambling (62.1%). Mental health problem chiefly arise from Horse Racing (46.1%) ; Soccer Gambling (45.2%) ; Casino (44.9%) ; Playing Mahjong (43.7%). Soccer Gambling affects job the most (32.1%) ; Casino (31.6%) ; Horse Racing (29.8%) and Playing Mahjong (27.2%).
13. Around 60% gamblers ask for help themselves. Soccer Gambling is the highest (64.5%). Referral by relatives and institution mainly concern Playing Mahjong gamblers. They are 31.2% and 11.0% respectively.

Appeal from CAGCC :

1. No gambling, life brightening
2. If you want to have New Year Fortune, you should observe the basic laws of avoiding addicted gambling:
 - Never borrow money to gamble
 - No off-course gambling
 - Gamble with the surplus only
 - Go away whether you win or lose immediately
 - You should lose if you keep on gambling
 - Be considerate the family members around you

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