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The Wisconsin Department of Administration Office of Gaming and Regulatory Compliance (DOA) reports that a total of $15.9 billion was wagered at the 25 Wisconsin Indian casinos in 2012. What percentage of the $15.9 billion was paid out to winners?

a) 53.5 percent  
b) 71.4 percent  
c) 87.9 percent  
d) 92.5 percent

Answer: d) Payouts to winners totaled $14.7 billion or 92.5 percent of the total amount wagered in 2012. Under the gaming compacts signed between the state and the eleven tribes, minimum payouts were established at 80 percent for electronic games of chance that are not affected by skill and a minimum of 83 percent for electronic games where a player’s skill affects the outcome of the game.

The amount wagered at Wisconsin’s Indian casinos peaked in 2007 at $16.2 billion. This was followed by four years of modest declines in the total amounts bet. Last year, that trend reversed when gaming revenues increased 3.8 percent.


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