



Stockton's Gaming Impact Dashboard Results Shows Broad Effects of Economic Downturn on Greater Atlantic City Region

Jobs, Revenue and Other Areas Decline From Base Measures Released Earlier This Year

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Galloway Township, NJ- A significant worldwide economic downturn has affected the Atlantic City casino industry with broad ranging impacts on the city state and region according to the recently updated Gaming Impact Dashboard released by The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

The findings, researched by The Stockton Institute for Gaming Management (SIGMA), in partnership with Spectrum Gaming Group, reveals drops in casino jobs, revenues, indirect jobs, and construction jobs. Also down are vendor purchases and Atlantic County State Hotel and Motel tax revenues. The recently released first quarter 2009 update offers a comparison to a similar period of time in the prior year.

Initially Introduced in January by the Stockton Institute for Gaming Management (SIGMA) and Sen. James Whelan (D, Second Legislative District), the Gaming Impact Dashboard provides key measures on how the gaming industry affects the lives of individuals and families throughout the New Jersey. The January figures represented a base line for ongoing comparison, according to Dr. Israel Posner, Executive Director of SIGMA. "By continuously monitoring various metrics, we can keep the public informed about the impact of the industry's performance on the lives of people throughout New Jersey." Dr. Brian Tyrell, Assistant Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management added, "As we continue to update the dashboard, we will see trends emerging that will allow policy makers, investors and the general public to make informed decisions about the future of the city and state."

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A few of the more troubling impacts of the downturn include reduced donations to the United