
Current State of the Texas Racing Industry

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Horse and Greyhound Racing in Texas***

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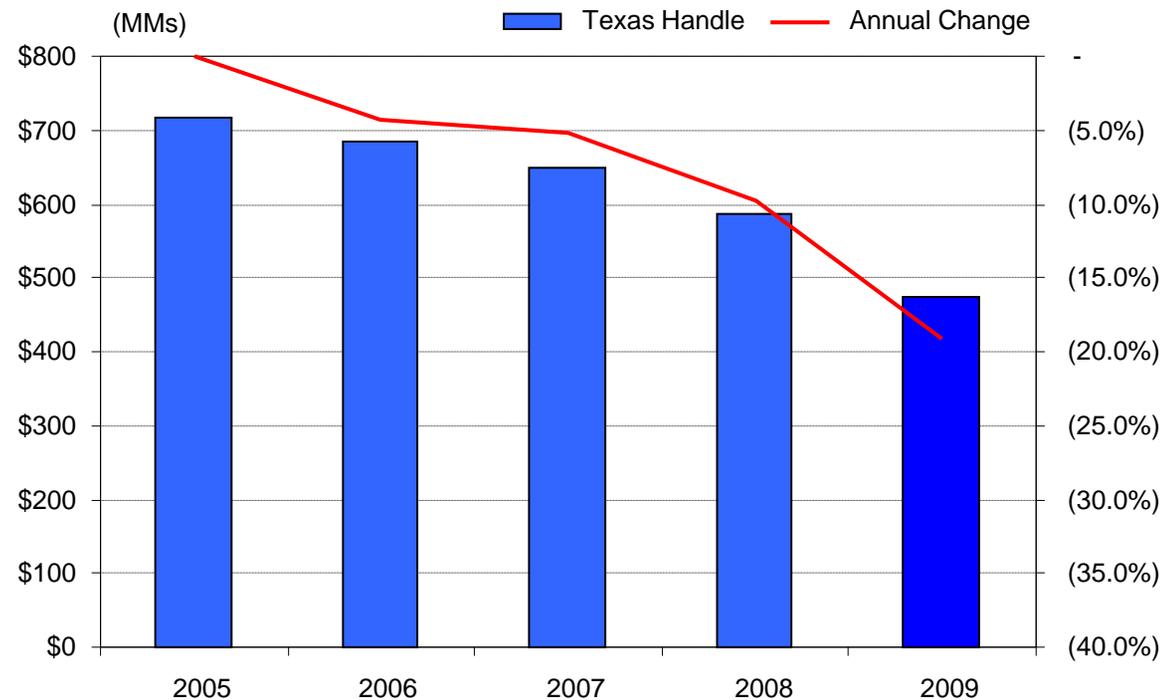
- Create a Competitive Purse Structure
- Enhance Quality of Racing and Breeding Programs

The State of Texas Racing

November 2010

Texas handle is dropping off at an alarming rate. Less handle means less purses. Less purses mean less race days. Less race days generate even less handle. The cycle is feeding itself at an increasingly alarming rate.

All Sources Handle SHRP, LSP, Retama & Manor



Significant 5-Year Decline

- 2009 fell by nearly 20%
- \$241 MM lost since 2005

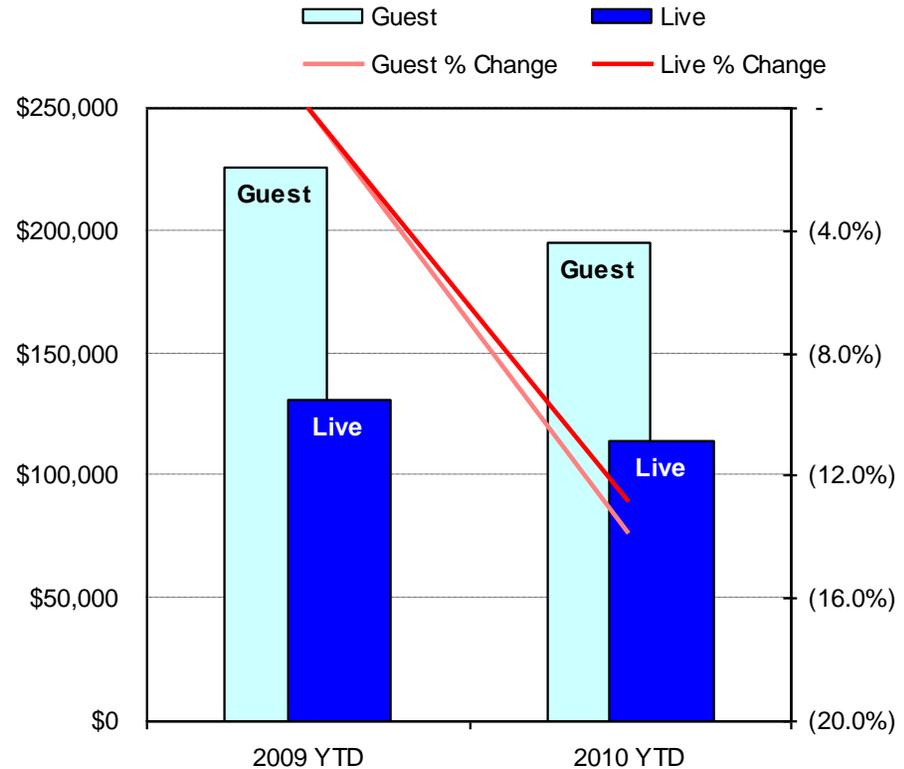
Domino Effect

- Less Handle
- Less Purses
- Less Race Days
- Less Handle
- **Downward Spiral**

Live & Simulcast Daily Handle YTD (thru 4/25) SHRP, LSP, Retama & Manor

Decline Continues

- Daily Live Handle fell **13%**
- Daily Guest Handle fell **14%**



2003 Earned Purses & Race Days

- 332 Days
- \$106 K per Day (\$57 K QH; \$126 K TB)
- **\$35 MM to Horsemen**

2009 Earned Purses & Race Days

- 247 Days
- \$97 K per Day (\$52 K QH; \$111 K TB)
- **\$24 MM to Horsemen**

Texas Horsemen Have Lost

- **\$11 MM in Purses**

Texas & Neighboring States: 2003

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Texas was still competitive in 2003.

Louisiana

- \$170 K per Day
- **\$66 MM to Horsemen**

New Mexico

- \$179 K per Day
- **\$45 MM to Horsemen**

Texas

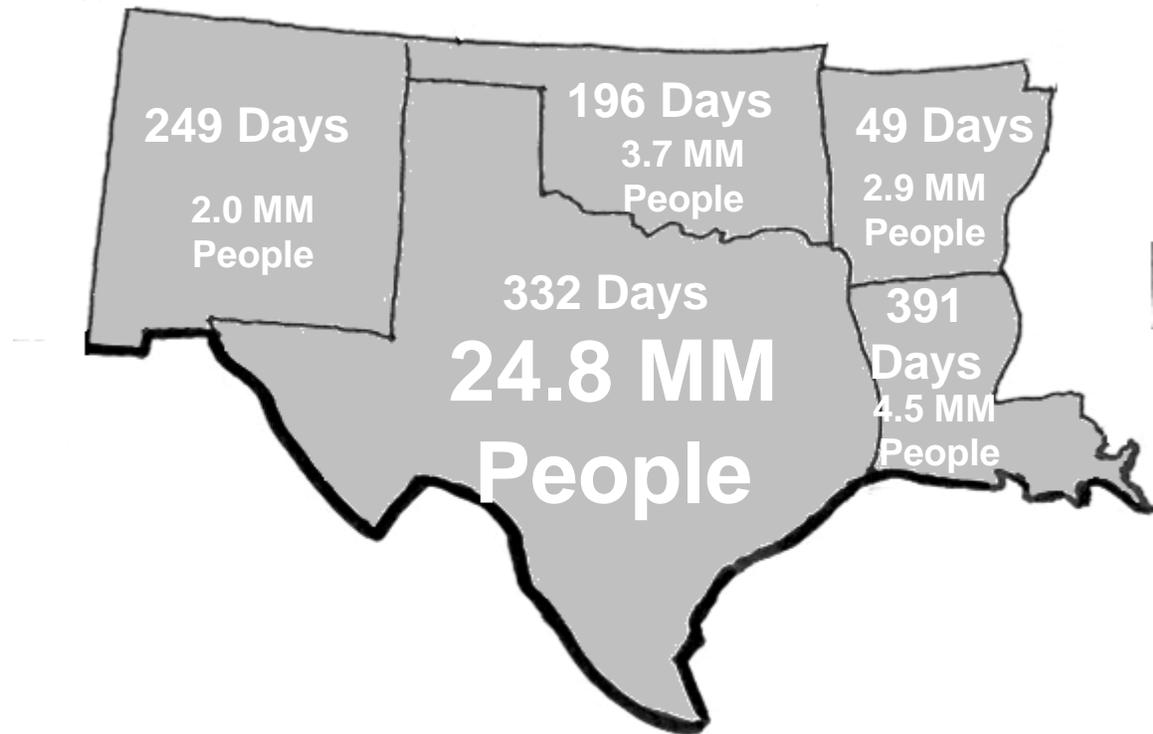
- \$125 K per Day
- **\$41 MM to Horsemen**

Arkansas

- \$233 K per Day
- **\$11 MM to Horsemen**

Oklahoma

- \$68 K per Day
- **\$13 MM to Horsemen**



(1) Per Day Purses combine Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse and Minor Breed purses

Texas & Neighboring States: 2008

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Texas is no longer competitive. Our Handle, Horsemen's purses, our racing opportunities, our industry are all moving to our neighboring states at an increasingly rapid pace.

Louisiana

- \$223 K per Day
- **\$104 MM to Horsemen +\$38 MM**

New Mexico

- \$217 K per Day
- **\$64 MM to Horsemen +\$19 MM**

Texas

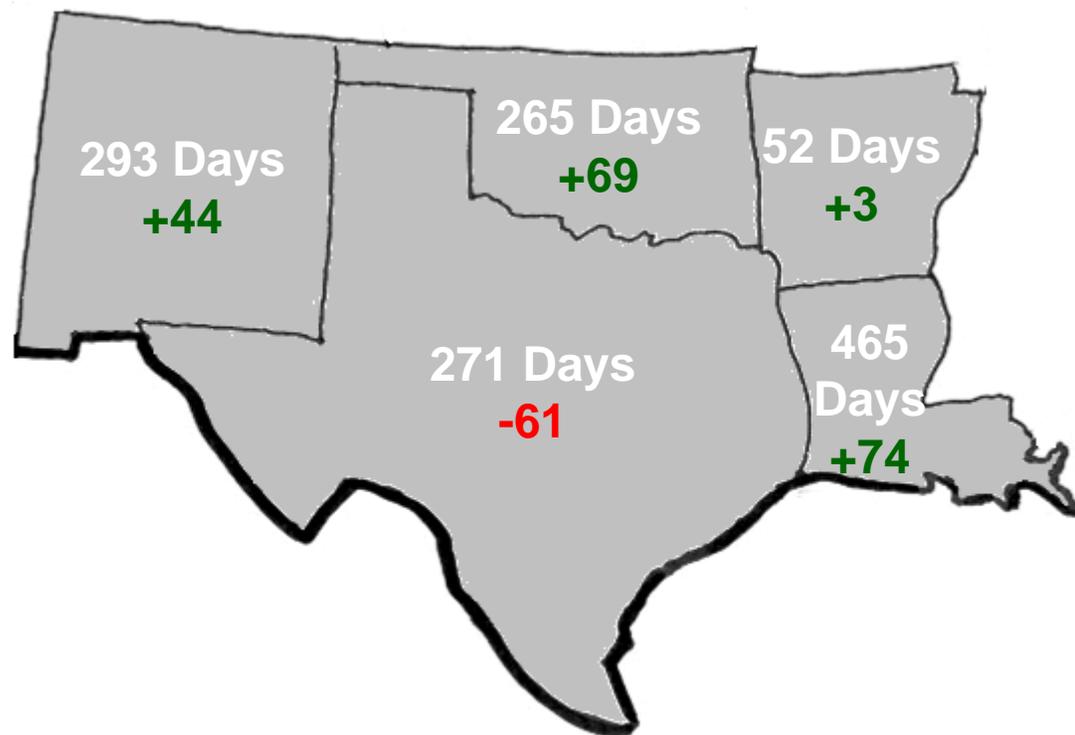
- \$130 K per Day
- **\$35 MM to Horsemen -\$6 MM**

Arkansas

- \$281 K per Day
- **\$15 MM to Horsemen +\$4 MM**

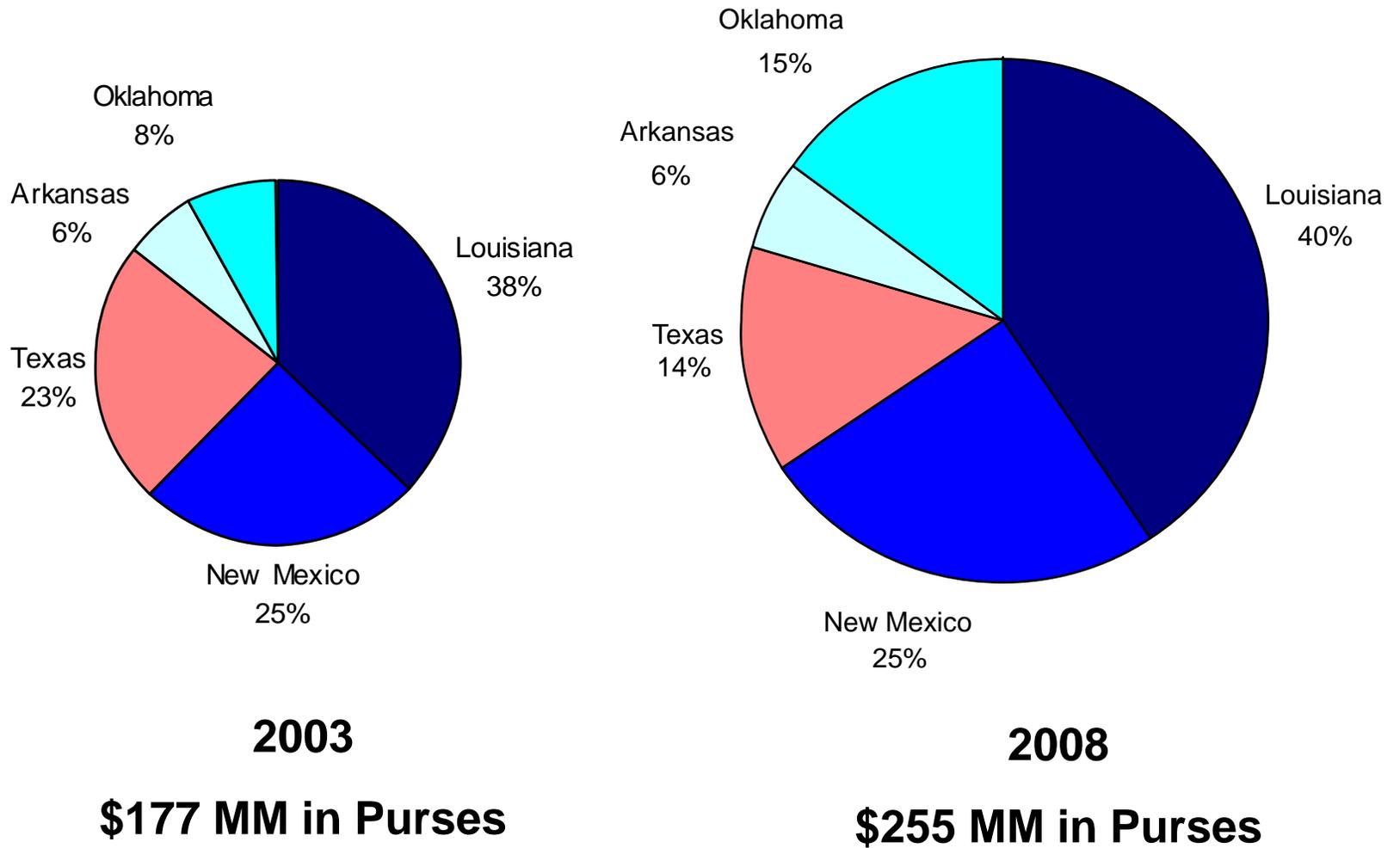
Oklahoma

- \$143 K per Day
- **\$38 MM to Horsemen +\$25 MM**



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Texas & Neighboring States



GULF COAST RACING, CORPUS CHRISTI

GULF GREYHOUND PARK, LA MARQUE

VALLEY RACE PARK, HARLINGEN

Texas Greyhound Tracks

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Live Handle

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2009</u>
<u>Gulf Coast Racing (Corpus Christi)</u>		
Live	\$ 7,968,969	\$ -
Simulcast Same Species	\$ 8,010,803	\$ 3,613,899
Cross Species	\$ 4,810,506	\$ 1,856,267
Export	<u>\$13,236,193</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Handle	\$34,026,471	\$ 5,470,167
 <u>Gulf Greyhound Park</u>		
Live	\$23,480,839	\$12,209,772
Simulcast Same Species	\$20,628,371	\$15,854,221
Cross Species	\$18,393,941	\$15,565,467
Export	<u>\$29,351,789</u>	<u>\$13,783,203</u>
Total Handle	\$91,854,940	\$57,412,665
 <u>Valley Race Park</u>		
Live	\$ 3,161,771	\$ 2,300,492
Simulcast Same Species	\$ 8,639,747	\$ 6,815,381
Cross Species	\$ 7,615,763	\$ 6,983,176
Export	<u>\$ 3,543,391</u>	<u>\$ 2,670,692</u>
Total	\$22,960,672	\$18,769,742
 Total – 3 Tracks	 \$148,842,083	 \$81,652,574 -45.14%

National Information

States with Dog Tracks:

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Iowa
- Texas
- West Virginia

States with Dog Tracks with Gaming:

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Florida (2 tracks have slots)
- Iowa
- West Virginia

Goals

Create Competitive Purse Structure

- Target purses to compete regionally and nationally

Improve Quality of Texas Racing

- Higher purses attract better quality
- Higher Accredited Texas Bred purses, breeder awards and other breeder incentives will lead to an increase in broodmares, stallions and greyhounds in the state as well as a higher quality level of both. This will lead to more race horses and greyhounds as well as better race horses and greyhounds. Additionally, the agricultural economy will receive benefit as well through increased breeding activity.

New Jersey Senate approves exchange wagering, Internet gambling

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MONMOUTH PARK

Bill Denver/Equi-Photo

[by Frank Angst](#)

The New Jersey Senate kept the state on target to be the first to offer exchange wagering on horse racing when it approved sweeping racing and gaming changes on Monday, including a bill that would allow Internet gambling.

Sen. Jim Whelan (D-Northfield), co-chairman of the state's Legislative Gaming Summit, said the new legislation would benefit state casinos and racing.

"Unless we take the necessary steps to bring our casinos and horse tracks into profitability and self-sufficiency, we're going to lose these economic engines and all the benefits they bring to our State," Whelan said. "This would be a devastating blow to New Jersey's economic future, and it's something we cannot allow to happen. Through the measures approved [Monday], and additional bills which I expect to move shortly, we will be able to give our gaming and wagering industries a fighting chance."