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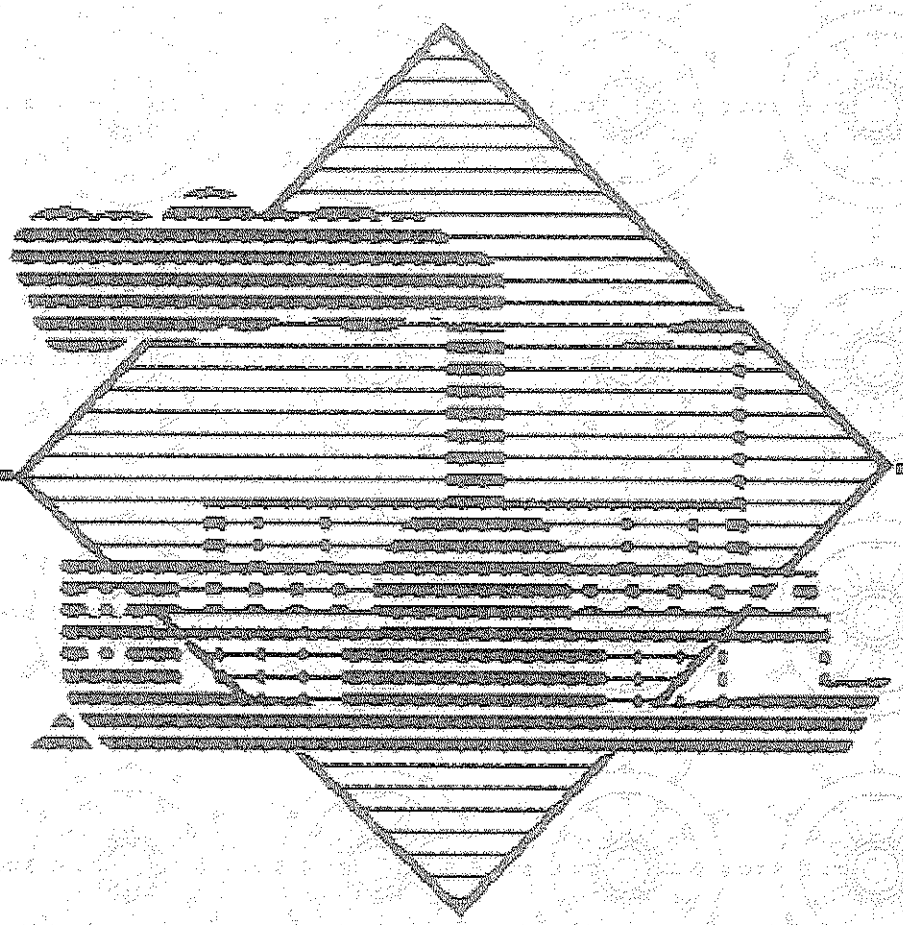


1997 Annual Report

Governor Jim Edgar

J. Thomas Johnson, Chairman

William B. Browder - Byron G. Cudmore - Gayl S. Pyatt - Robert F. Vickrey

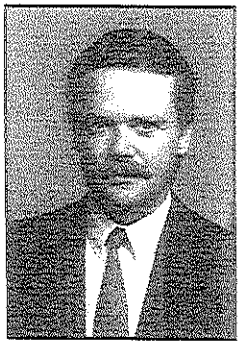
Illinois Gaming Board Members

Chairman

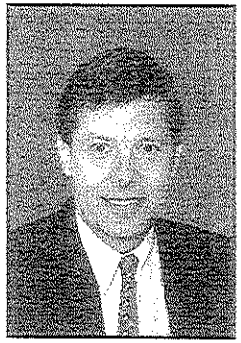
J. THOMAS JOHNSON has been a board member since 1990 and was reappointed in July of 1993 and 1995. He is a certified public accountant and is National Director of State and Local Taxes for Grant Thornton. He was director of the Illinois Department of Revenue from 1980 to 1987 and is former president of the National Association of Tax Administrators. A nationally-recognized expert in the area of multi-state taxation of income, he served on President Reagan's Task Force on Worldwide Unitary Taxation.

WILLIAM B. BROWDER was first appointed to the Board in October 1993 and reappointed in July 1996. A retired attorney, he was on the board of the Chicago Crime Commission for more than 30 years, serving as President of the Commission from 1965 to 1967. Mr. Browder was a member of the Illinois Racing Board from 1973-74 and the Board of Higher Education from 1975-91, including 12 years as Board Chairman. He is also a past board member of the University of Illinois Foundation and has been a member of the University of Illinois President's Council since 1974.

GAYL S. PYATT was appointed to the Board in February 1993 and was reappointed in June 1994 and 1997. She is an attorney in private practice in Pinckneyville. Mrs. Pyatt served on the Illinois Board of Higher Education from 1989-93. A member of the University of Illinois Foundation Board of Directors since 1989, she served as its president from 1993-95. She is also a member of the U of I President's Council and a past member of the U of I Alumni Association Board of Directors. She is a member of the Lincoln College Board of Trustees and serves as Secretary to the Lincoln Academy of Illinois.



BYRON G. CUDMORE , appointed to the Board in November 1995 and reappointed in 1996, resigned in September 1997 after accepting an appointment as U.S. Magistrate Judge. Mr. Cudmore was a partner at the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson. In 1993 he was Acting United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois. From 1986 to 1993, he served as First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District. Mr. Cudmore also worked as Assistant State's Attorney for eight years in Sangamon and Jackson counties. He is past president of the Sangamon County Bar Association and is also on the Board of Director's of the Lincoln-Douglas American Inn of Court.



ROBERT F. VICKREY has been a Board member since 1992. Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Economic Development for the Miller Group Media in LaSalle, he was reappointed to the Board in July 1995. Mr. Vickrey is a founder and serves as vice-president of the Illinois Economic Development Council. His special skills include the organization of large-scale transportation projects. Through these endeavors, he brings a unique understanding of the role of media and public relations, as well as the ability to serve local and regional citizen, industry and government groups.

Letter to the Governor

Dear Governor Edgar,

The Illinois Gaming Board is pleased to present the 1997 annual report.

As gaming has expanded throughout the Midwest, the competition for the gaming dollar has also increased. The full scale competition from Illinois' neighboring states brought about a slight decline in revenues for the year. Though the large revenue numbers seen in the past years have decreased, the riverboat casino industry in Illinois remains a healthy one — far exceeding the General Assembly's original expectations of tax revenues for the state.

The information provided within this annual report reflects issues addressed by the Board over the course of the year and a revenue profile of the state's riverboat casinos. A central element of this year's report is an analysis of information on "Who gambles?" at Illinois riverboat casinos. The data for this special report was developed from a survey of patrons of the riverboat casinos, which the Board conducted in June 1997. We believe you will find the information useful.

Sincerely,

J. Thomas Johnson

Overview of Illinois Riverboat Gambling

In February 1990, the Illinois legislature enacted the Riverboat Gambling Act (Act), creating the Illinois Gaming Board (Board) and authorizing the issuance of 10 riverboat casino licenses.

The five member Board, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, provides a regulatory and tax collection system for riverboat casino gambling in Illinois. The Board's staff performs audit, legal, enforcement, investigative and financial analysis activities. Staffing includes 42 direct agency employees, a detail of 118 Illinois State Police personnel and 3 Internal Revenue Service agents.

The Board assures the integrity of gaming through the licensing of casino operators, suppliers and employees of riverboat gambling operations. Prior to any license being issued, the Board directs its staff to conduct background investigations to ensure that an applicant is free from any criminal history that would render an individual ineligible for licensure. Investigations into owner licensees and key persons of these operations also include an extensive review of personal and financial background information.

By law a maximum of 10 operator licenses can be awarded. The last license was issued in October 1994. An owner's license entitles the licensee to own and operate two riverboats at a single specified site and permits up to 1,200 established gaming positions. Owner licensees can only purchase or lease gaming or gaming-related equipment from the holder of an Illinois supplier license. Supplier licenses are issued by the Board. Employees of Illinois' riverboat casinos, from top management to deck hands, must hold an occupational license that is renewable annually. All licensees are required to follow the rules and regulations set forth by the Board. Any rule violations by any licensee could be cause for disciplinary action, which could include fines, non-renewals, restrictions and revocation of a license.

State law imposes a tax on casino gross receipts and on admissions to casinos. These taxes are collected by the Board. The majority of the taxes collected are transferred by the Board to the State's Education Assistance Fund. A portion of the gross receipts tax and one-half of the admissions tax collected from each casino operation is distributed by the Board to the local unit of government hosting that operation. Approximately 3.3 percent of the taxes collected by the Board are used to pay for the operating costs of the agency. ■

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Throughout 1997 the Illinois Gaming Board held 13 meetings to address a variety of matters requiring Board action. Ten of those were regularly scheduled meetings, but pressing issues of concern over licensing and investigative matters required the Board to call three special meetings since June.

A significant Board matter was the denial of license renewal for one of the state's 10 riverboat operators. At the June 24 meeting, the Board unanimously passed a motion denying the renewal of HP, Inc.'s owners license. HP, Inc. operated its riverboat casino in Jo Daviess County, just outside the town of East Dubuque, Illinois.

The Board determined that this gaming operation failed to meet all the requirements for relicensure established under the Act and Board rules. Although HP sought an administrative hearing of the non-renewal, they ceased gaming operations in late July. In compliance with the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act, HP's owners license remains in effect until the administrative review process has been completed and the Board renders a final decision.

In another June action, the Board voted to initiate a number of complaint actions against Empress Casino Joliet Corporation (Empress Joliet). Eleven separate complaints were adopted by the Board.

The Empress-Joliet complaints focused primarily on violations of rules that impose reporting and procedural requirements upon owner licensees in conducting activities with "related-party" entities and on competitiveness requirements. Board findings conclude that Empress-Joliet improperly loaned or transferred assets and resources to an affiliated company—Empress Casino Hammond—to assist this affiliated company in becoming operational.

Ultimately these actions better defined for the owner licensees their responsibilities to the State as well as the Board's expectations of how the day-to-day business of this industry needs to be conducted.

In other actions the Board adopted amendments involving more than 60 sections of its rules as part of a comprehensive revisory effort. This extensive revision of the Board's rules addresses several specific Board concerns and recent industry developments.

The more significant aspects of this rulemaking include new or amended provisions regarding: owner distributions, ownership by institutional investors, approval of new games, disposal of gaming equipment, audit requirements, the disposition of illegal winnings and the procedural aspects of adjudicatory hearings. Also, numerous definitions were added, revised or eliminated, and technical corrections were made to various sections of the rules.

For the last several years, the question of legislative changes for the expansion of riverboat gaming or a change to the tax rate has been looming in the minds of both the industry and communities throughout Illinois. While the issue of expansion and dockside gambling remains a question, legislation instituting a new graduated tax rate became a law in December of 1997. The new tax changes are the most significant legislative change to the industry since the Riverboat Gambling Act was signed into law in 1990.

The new gaming tax, effective January 1, 1998, graduates wagering tax rates based on the annual adjusted gross receipts of riverboat casinos. There has been no change to the admissions tax of $2 per admission. Under the new legislation, the annual adjusted gross receipts of Illinois casinos will be subjected to the following brackets:

Taxable Revenues	Wagering Tax Rate
0 - $25 million	15%
$25 - $50 million	20%
$50 - $75 million	25%
$75 - $100 million	30%
Excess of $100 million	35%

The tiered wagering tax rate replaces a tax of 20 percent of adjusted gross receipts.

This legislative action caused the Board to authorize the concurrent filing of both proposed and emergency rules with the Secretary of State in order to provide clarification and guidance to the owner licensees responsible for payment of the taxes.

In 1996 the Board began to gather data in an effort to evaluate the economic impacts of riverboat casinos in Illinois. The Board continued its efforts in 1997 by conducting a random survey of patrons to Illinois' riverboat casinos. The survey was conducted on all 10 riverboats and was distributed to some 13,000 casino patrons. The following special section of the annual report addresses the results of the survey and is accompanied by some analysis of the statistics. The Board will continue to examine the various effects of the riverboat casinos on Illinois and its local communities through 1998. ■

BOARD LICENSING ACTIONS

Riverboat Casino Owner License Requests:	
Approved Renewals	9
Denied Renewals	1
Supplier License Requests:	
Approved New	2
Approved Renewals	9
Approved Renewals w/restrictions*	4
Occupational License Requests:	
Approved New	3,590
Denied New	50
Pending	532

**Suppliers licenses were approved for one year only. Other suppliers were issued a four-year licensure renewal.*

BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

	# issued
Riverboat Casinos Owner Licensees:	13 fines—$880,000 paid
Supplier Licensees:	1 fine—$7,500 paid
Occupational Licensees:	3 reprimands
	1 suspension
	19 revocations

The base of casino gamblers in the U.S. has expanded as more and more households visit casinos. As part of a multifaceted effort to assess the impact of riverboat gambling in our state, the Illinois Gaming Board developed a survey to help determine the profile of those fueling the growth of gambling.

Assessing Illinois Patrons

In June of 1997, the Board, with cooperation of licensed operators, conducted a random sample survey of patrons to Illinois riverboat casinos. The 10 item questionnaire elicited information on patrons' personal characteristics (i.e., age, residency, household income, gender and employment status) and data on patrons' gaming-related experiences (i.e., frequency of visits, membership in player's clubs, gambling in other jurisdictions, gaming losses and means of arrival to a casino.)

Approximately 13,000 Illinois riverboat casino patrons were surveyed over a four day period. Selection was random, and the data from the questionnaire was tabulated for each of the 10 casino sites in the survey. Site data was weighted and compiled into a statewide summary. Survey data from the statewide totals has a margin of error of plus or minus 1 percent at a 95 percent confidence level.

Organizing the Survey Data

The purpose of the Board's survey is to paint a representative picture of the personal characteristics and casino gambling experiences of those visiting Illinois casinos. In short, the survey seeks an answer to the question, "Who gambles?" in Illinois casinos.

The question, "Who gambles?," was answered in two different ways. One approach (the "Participant" profile) provides a representative profile of all those who participated in (at least one session of) Illinois riverboat gambling over a 12-month period of time. The other approach (the "Casino Visit" profile) considers the "typical" riverboat casino patron, reflecting the characteristics of those accounting for all of the casino patron visits during this same 12-month period of time.

To explain these two profiles further, consider this example. If during the course of a year 10 men visit a casino once each and 10 women each visit a casino 9 times during the year, a total of 20 people made visits and those 20 people accounted for 100 patron visits. In the "Participant" view, 50 percent of those individuals who visited a casino were men and 50 percent were women. In the "Casino Visit" view, men made only 10 percent of all casino visits while women accounted for 90 percent of all visits. In this example, participation in casino gambling viewed in one way is equal across gender. Viewed in another way, the "typical" casino patron is a woman. Each view is representative of "Who gambles?," but each view provides different insight into gambling interest and patterns.

The tables in this analysis depict both the "Participation" profile (e.g., 50 percent of those participating are women) and the "Casino Visit" profile (e.g., 90 percent of the casino visits were made by women) of the survey group. Where available, normative data represents the proportion of the Illinois adult population that exhibits a particular characteristic (e.g., 51.4 percent of Illinois adults are women) has been provided.

Age

Respondents were asked to categorize their age in one of the three broad age brackets. The distribution of participation by age bracket and the proportion of all casino visits made by those in these age brackets is arrayed in Table 1.

Table 1 - Age

	% of Participants	% of Casino Visits	% of Illinois Adults [1]
Under 35	21.8	14.8	33.6
35 to 55	45.0	45.4	36.1
Over 55	33.1	39.8	30.5

The data in Table 1 underscores the popularity of casino gaming among the mature segment of the population. Relative to their proportion of the population, those over 35 are more prone to participate in casino gambling than are younger adults. Even more notable, those over age 55 account for an estimated 4 of every 10 visits to Illinois casinos.

The data also suggests a somewhat lower than expected participation of those under age 35. Though income undoubtedly affects gaming participation for this segment of the population, income alone would not seem to account for the differences in participation. Not only do these younger adults participate less frequently in casino gambling in Illinois than their proportion of the population would suggest, this age group also limits participation. Those under 35 represent about one-third of the adult population but are 21.8 percent of the casino participants and only account for an estimated 14.8 percent of the annual casino visits.

Employment Status

The employment status of those involved in Illinois riverboat casino gambling is shown in Table 2.

The survey suggests that two of every three participants of casino gambling in Illinois (66.8 percent) hold full- or part-time employment. An additional 25.8 percent of those who participated in casino gambling over a 12-month period classified themselves as retired.[2] Retirees account for an even larger proportion—30.7 percent—of all casino visits.

Table 2 - Employment Status

	% of Participants	% of Casino Visits	% of Population [3]
Employed—full- or part-time	66.8	63.0	64.8
Retired	25.8	30.7	N/A
Unemployed, not seeking work	5.0	4.0	N/A
Unemployed, seeking work	2.5	2.2	5.2

The percentage of those participating in casino gambling who are unemployed is a relatively low 2.5 percent. This subgroup accounts for an even lower (2.2 percent) share of the annual patron visits made to casinos.

The popularity of casino participation and casino visits among the retired population is consistent with the age data shown in Table 1.

Gender

As shown in Table 3, casino gambling in Illinois seems to enjoy somewhat greater popularity with women than with men.

Table 3 - Gender

	% of Participation	% of Casino Visits	% of Adult Population [4]
Male	43.3	42.7	48.6
Female	56.7	57.3	51.4

The survey findings are generally consistent with other available data for 1993 and 1994.

Income

As reflected in Table 4, there is a tendency for casino gambling to be more popular as household income rises. Illinois households with incomes under $15,000 constitute just over 20 percent of all households but are represented as only 13.5 percent of the casino participation population and generate only 11 percent of Illinois' annual casino visits.

Households with incomes above $50,000 represent approximately 27 percent of all Illinois households but account for about 33 percent of those participating in casino gambling. There is a slightly greater propensity for this broad income group to gamble, as households with over $50,000 in income account for an estimated 35.7 percent of all casino visits.

Table 4 - Household Income

	% of Participants	% of Casino Visits	% of Illinois Households [5]
Less than $15,000	13.5	10.8	22.1
$15,000 to $30,000	24.7	24.1	23.9
$30,000 to $50,000	28.9	29.4	26.8
$50,000 to $75,000	20.1	21.4	16.7
$75,000 to $100,00	6.7	7.4	5.6
Over $100,000	6.2	6.9	4.9

The median income range for the survey population was $30,000 to $50,000 per household. Absent a survey instrument with more fine gradations in income ranges, it is not possible to use this data to provide an overall population average household income figure.

Other Casino Gambling

Respondents were asked to indicate the extent to which they participated in casino gambling in jurisdictions other than Illinois. Specifically, each survey participant was asked if, during the previous 12 months, he or she had visited casinos in Nevada or New Jersey, or visited a riverboat casino in neighboring states (i.e., Missouri, Iowa or Indiana). The results are reflected in Table 5. Those who responded "yes" were also asked to indicate the number of such visits they made.

Table 5 - Other Casino Gambling

	% Participating	Median number of visits
Nevada Casinos	35.6	2
Atlantic City Casino	8.9	2
Neighboring States' Riverboats	46.0	3

The survey data suggests that about one-third of the people (35.6 percent) who visited an Illinois casino within the last year also visited a Nevada casino in that same time period. Somewhat surprisingly, half of those making Nevada visits report doing so at least twice.

Despite being much closer to Illinois than Nevada, Atlantic City enjoys little popularity with Illinois casino participants. Less than 9 percent of the Illinois participants report visiting Atlantic City casinos. Interestingly, among the small proportion that visits Atlantic City, half indicate they visited at least twice in the past year.

Illinois is bordered by three states that offer riverboat casino gambling. Five casinos in Northwest Indiana are part of the broader Chicago market area that includes four Illinois riverboat operations. One casino in Southern Indiana is within 25 miles of the Illinois border. Illinois'

second most populous region is along the Mississippi River, adjacent to St. Louis County, Missouri. Two riverboat casinos operate in Illinois opposite Missouri, while five separate riverboat casinos operate in Missouri in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Seven Iowa casinos (and one race track with slot machines) operate in Iowa on or near the Mississippi River border of Illinois.

Given the proximity of neighboring state competitors, it is not surprising to find that an estimated 46 percent of those patronizing Illinois riverboats report that they also made one or more visits to riverboat casinos in adjacent states.

Casino Club Membership

One of the specific questions posed in the survey was whether a respondent belonged to a "player" or "slot" club. Respondents were asked to indicate "yes" to this question if they belonged to a club for **any** Illinois casino, not just the casino they were boarding when surveyed.

As reflected in Table 6, most participants (66.3 percent) do not hold membership in these clubs. These statistics change significantly, however, when the survey population is not weighted on the basis of frequency of patron visits. Of the 14.1 million visits made to Illinois Casinos in the 12-month reference period, the survey suggests 58.8 percent of those visits were made by people who held slot or player club membership.

Table 6 - Membership in Slot or Player's Club

	% of Participants	% of Casino Visits
Yes	33.7	58.8
No	66.3	41.2

It is not surprising to find that membership in a player/slot club is more likely to occur among those that are the more frequent visitors to casinos. A separate analysis of player/slot club data obtained by the Illinois Gaming Board from each licensed Illinois casino confirms this tendency.

Patron Geography

Using residential ZIP Code information that was asked of each survey respondent, the survey sample results were stratified by the distance from a respondent's residence to the casino site. Four ranges were utilized: Up to 10 miles; 10 to 25 miles; 25 to 50 miles; and, over 50 miles. Using the ZIP Code information, the sample was also stratified into "Illinois Residents" and "Non-Illinois Residents" categories.

Table 7 - Distance from Home to Casino

Distance from Home	% of Participants	% of Casino Visits
0 - 10 miles	16.8	24.2
10 - 25 miles	21.0	27.4
25 - 50 miles	24.1	27.5
over 50 miles	38.1	20.1

The data arrayed in Table 7 demonstrates that people are willing to travel a considerable distance to participate in casino gambling. More than 6 of every 10 survey participants (62.2 percent) traveled 25 miles or more to arrive at a casino. The frequency of visitation, as measured by the percent of all visits made, declines with distance. Nearly half (47.6 percent) of all visits made to Illinois riverboat casinos were made by persons traveling 25 miles or more to arrive at a site. One of every five visits (20.1 percent) was made by a patron traveling more than 50 miles.

Table 8 - Non-Illinois Residents, Distance from Home to Casino

Distance from Home	% of Participants Who Are Non-Illinoisans	% of Casino Visits Who Are Non-Illinoisans
0 - 10 miles	16.1	14.0
10 - 25 miles	23.0	21.5
25 to 50 miles	12.9	8.7
Over 50 miles	70.4	56.4
Overall	37.5	23.5

As shown in Table 8, riverboat casinos in Illinois are popular with non-Illinois residents and, in particular, with non-Illinois residents traveling over 50 miles to arrive at an Illinois site. Overall, three of every eight (37.5 percent) of the participants in Illinois riverboat gambling are non-Illinoisans. The frequency of visitation by non-Illinoisans is lower than their rate of participation, but the survey suggests that about one of every four visits to Illinois casinos (23.5 percent) is made by a non-Illinois resident.

Geography by Riverboat Site

The travel and state residency data shown in Tables 7 and 8 represents aggregate information for all 10 licensees. This same information was also compiled for each of the 10 licensure sites. Representative information, by licensee site, is arrayed in Table 9. This data reflects participation rates and not visitation.

Table 9 - Gaming Participation Geography by Casino Site

Riverboat (Community)	% of Participants Traveling 0 to 10 miles	% of Participants Traveling over 50 miles	Overall Non-Illinois % of Participation
Alton Belle (Alton)	19.2	36.1	50.4
Par-A-Dice (E. Peoria)	20.7	62.5	31.1
Players (Metropolis)	3.1	79.0	78.8
Casino Queen (E. St. Louis)	29.9	42.9	65.9
Casino R.I. (Rock Island)	43.8	43.4	55.4
Hollywood (Aurora)	13.9	20.2	16.0
Empress (Joliet)	9.1	26.0	22.5
Harrah's (Joliet)	16.0	21.7	18.9
Grand Victoria (Elgin)	16.6	24.7	20.6
Silver Eagle (E. Dubuque)	8.5	77.5	69.4
Statewide -All Boats	16.8	38.1	37.5

Several observations arise from the data in Table 9. The five Illinois riverboats that are directly adjacent to another state (i.e., Alton, Metropolis, E. St. Louis, Rock Island, and E. Dubuque) reflect high proportions (50 percent or more) of patronage from outside Illinois. The metropolitan Chicago area riverboats (in Elgin, Joliet, and Aurora), generally, attract only about 20 to 25 percent of their patrons from outside Illinois.

The patronage of riverboat casinos by "local" residents (i.e., those living within a 10 mile radius of the casino) is somewhat constant across riverboat sites. Seven of 10 sites have local patronage proportions in the range of 8.5 percent to just over 20 percent. Only two operations—Rock Island and Casino Queen reflect relatively high levels of "local" patronage. This appears to reflect the relatively high concentration of population in these mid-sized metropolitan areas. The Metropolis riverboat, which is located in a sparsely populated area of Illinois, has an exceptionally small (3.1 percent) level of local patronage.

Footnotes

1. Data from 1990 U.S. Census. Since 1990 the proportion of the Illinois adult population under age 35 has declined slightly and the proportion in the 35 to 55 age range has increased slightly.

2. The category "Retired" was included in the questionnaire at the recommendation of Illinois casino managers. Based upon casino-conducted surveys, the managers observed that this category was less confusing and more "respondent-friendly" than the category, "unemployed, not seeking work," more typically used in collecting labor force data. Though the "Retired" category may have aided in gaining patron cooperation with our survey, we believe the responses are somewhat skewed as regards the more common understanding of retirement—i.e., no longer in the labor force, following a strong attachment to the labor force. We observe that a portion of the older female population has little prior history of sustained labor force participation and would not fit the more common view of being "retired" from work out of the home. We believe many such individuals classified themselves as "retired" as a result of being in a household with a retired spouse.

3. Reflects Labor Force data for the employed population over age 16 taken from, "Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment, 1995," Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C., Table 12.

4. 1990, U.S. Census, Illinois adult population.

5. 1990, U.S. Census. Incomes have risen over the course of the decade. As a result, the proportion of households in the lower income ranges of this table are overstated and the proportion in the upper ranges is understated. ■

1997 Revenues

Illinois' riverboat gaming industry remains healthy and stable, even as competition with riverboat casinos in bordering states intensifies. Gaming revenues ("adjusted gross receipts" or "AGR") for Illinois riverboat licensees totaled $1,055 million in 1997, as nearly 25 million admissions were recorded.

The gaming revenues of Illinois' casino licensees declined by 6.8 percent between 1996 and 1997, as additional competition in Missouri and Indiana entered the marketplace. Only two of Illinois' licensees, Elgin's Grand Victoria and the Casino Rock Island, reflected notable 1997 revenue gains over the prior year. Significant year-to-year revenue declines were registered by four licensees operating along or near the Illinois-Indiana and the Illinois-Missouri borders.

The most recent and significant competition has come from Indiana where six riverboat casinos now operate near the Illinois border. Indiana, where the first riverboat began operating in late 1995, now has a total of eight riverboat casinos—five having begun operations in 1996 with the last two riverboats opening in 1997.

A total of nine riverboat casinos operate in a Chicago market area that encompasses six northeast Illinois counties (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will) and three northwest Indiana counties (Lake, Porter, and LaPorte). Four of these Chicago area riverboat operations are based in Illinois: two in Joliet and one each in Aurora and Elgin. The northwest Indiana riverboats are located in East Chicago, Hammond, Michigan City, and Gary (2).

An examination of revenue trends for the Chicago market area demonstrates the strong acceptance of gaming in this region. In 1995, prior to Indiana riverboats becoming operational, the four northeastern Illinois casinos generated gaming revenues of $754.5 million. As new riverboat casinos came on-line in Indiana over the next two years, the Chicago area's gaming revenues rose to $969.7 million in 1996 and to $1,269.4 million in 1997. Of the total gaming revenues for the Chicago market area in 1997, approximately 54 percent was captured by the four Illinois licensees.

The other Indiana operation competing with an Illinois riverboat casino is the Aztar riverboat in Evansville, Indiana. The combined gaming market of southwestern Indiana (Aztar) and southern Illinois (Players Island Casino in Metropolis) saw little new growth in 1997. The combined Aztar-Players AGR for 1997 was $183.7 million, virtually unchanged from the 1996 total. The Illinois licensee maintains a 42 percent total of this combined market figure.

Examining the competition from both Iowa and Missouri, Illinois' market share has decreased while the overall market demonstrated some growth during 1997.

The addition, in early 1997, of two new gaming operations in Maryland Heights, Missouri, intensified competition in the St. Louis market area. The combined overall AGR for the St. Louis area, which encompasses the four Missouri operations in St. Louis, St. Charles, and Maryland Heights, as well as Illinois' East St. Louis and Alton operations, grew by 14.2 percent. Illinois' AGR share of the St. Louis market dropped from 49.0 percent in 1996 to 38.1 percent in 1997.

Iowa riverboat casinos, operating under less restrictive access conditions than Illinois riverboats, continue to outperform competing Illinois operations. Iowa operations in Clinton, Bettendorf, Davenport, and Dubuque compete directly with Illinois licensed operations in Rock Island and Jo Daviess County. In 1997, for the first time in four years, the Casino Rock Island experienced a year-to-year revenue increase. The Jo Daviess County licensee, however, ceased gaming operations in July 1997, after generating 7 month revenues of $658,000. The combined 1997 AGR for these six competing Iowa and Illinois operations totaled $175 million, of which over 90 percent accrued to the four Iowa casinos.

In summary the overall gaming revenues for the Midwest grew in 1997—an indication that the gaming market continues to expand. Despite a growing market, Illinois gaming revenues have declined as a result of strong competition from our neighboring states.

As indicated on page 4, in December of 1997 the General Assembly passed legislation changing the gaming receipts tax imposed on riverboat casino operations. This is a new graduated or tiered tax structure that is applied to casino win or gaming revenues, not casino "profits." It is estimated that in 1998 the new tax will raise an estimated $57 million in additional tax revenues to Illinois.

During 1997, casino wagering and admission taxes totaled $261 million. Of this amount approximately $82 million was distributed to the nine communities hosting riverboat casino operations. ■

Calendar Year Summary

	Calendar Year Comparison						
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Number of Licensees in Operation	2	5	9	10	* 10	** 10	*** 10
Adjusted Gross Receipts (AGR)	$14,942,909	$226,334,794	$605,684,483	$979,551,111	$1,178,311,827	$1,131,491,531	$1,054,573,793
Table Games	$7,332,507	$94,306,193	$234,129,563	$334,304,445	$368,380,581	$322,007,802	$275,399,950
Electronic Gaming Devices (EGD)	$7,610,402	$132,028,601	$371,554,920	$645,246,666	$809,931,246	$809,483,729	$779,173,843
Patrons	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,787,836	14,075,884	13,274,264
AGR Per Patron	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	$79.68	$80.39	$79.44
Admissions	308,783	4,079,819	10,679,490	20,367,119	24,835,833	25,211,329	24,972,139
AGR Per Admission	$48.39	$55.48	$56.71	$48.09	$47.44	$44.88	$42.23
Total Tax	$3,606,147	$53,426,597	$142,495,876	$236,644,461	$285,334,031	$276,720,964	$260,859,037
Wagering Tax	$2,988,581	$45,266,959	$121,136,896	$195,910,223	$235,662,365	$226,298,306	$210,914,759
Admissions Tax	$617,566	$8,159,638	$21,358,980	$40,734,238	$49,671,666	$50,422,658	$49,944,278
State Share	$2,550,219	$38,030,038	$101,532,162	$167,299,786	$201,582,607	$194,935,059	$183,158,208
Local Share	$1,055,928	$15,396,559	$40,963,714	$69,344,675	$83,751,424	$81,785,905	$77,700,829

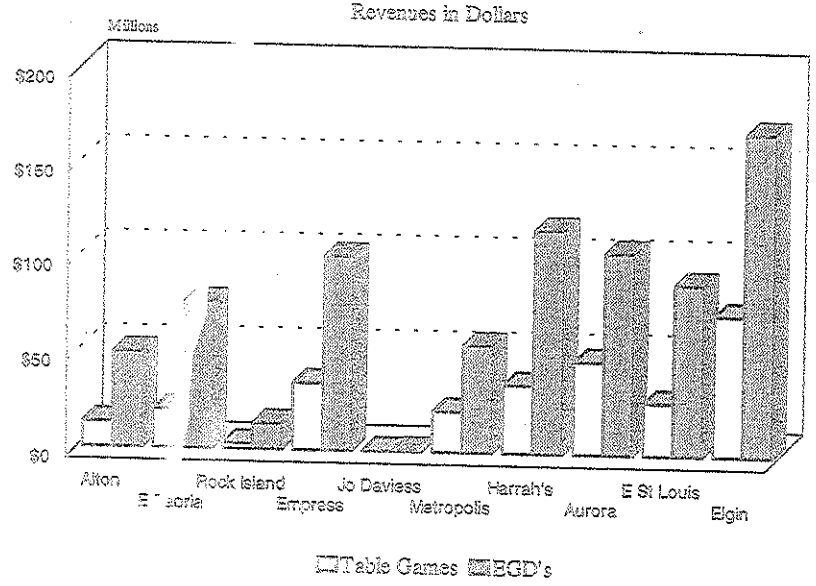
* Jo Daviess Silver Eagle temporarily ceased gambling operations December 4, 1995.
** Jo Daviess Silver Eagle operation re-opens May 22, 1996.
*** Jo Daviess Silver Eagle ceased operations July 29, 1997.

TOTALS

	1996	1997	% Change
Adjusted Gross Receipts (AGR)	$1,131,491,531	$1,054,573,793	-6.80%
Number of Table Games	464	435	-6.25%
Table Drop	$1,692,287,972	$1,482,206,602	-12.41%
Table AGR	$322,007,802	$275,399,950	-14.47%
AGR/Table/Day	$1,972	$1,814	-7.96%
Table Game AGR to Drop %	19.03%	18.58%	-2.35%
Number of Electronic Gaming Devices (EGD)	8,193	8,205	0.15%
EGD Handle	$13,717,250,386	$13,433,825,269	-2.07%
EGD AGR	$809,483,729	$779,173,843	-3.74%
AGR/EGD/Day	$280.69	$272.10	-3.06%
EGD AGR to Handle %	5.90%	5.80%	-1.71%
Patrons	14,075,884	13,274,264	-5.69%
AGR Per Patron	$80.39	$79.44	-1.17%
Admissions	25,211,329	24,972,139	-0.95%
AGR Per Admission	$44.88	$42.23	-5.91%
Total Tax	$276,720,964	$260,859,037	-5.73%
Wagering Tax	$226,298,306	$210,914,759	-6.80%
Admissions Tax	$50,422,658	$49,944,278	-0.95%
Other Revenues	$1,329,239	$2,058,224	54.84%

TABLE GAMES AND ELECTRONIC GAMING DEVICES

Dockside	Total AGR	Table Games	% of Total	EGD	% of Total
Alton	$62,321,530	$12,871,392	20.7%	$49,450,138	79.3%
East Peoria	96,039,356	19,681,978	20.5%	76,357,378	79.5%
Rock Island	15,977,978	2,681,889	16.8%	13,296,089	83.2%
Joliet-Empress	136,504,791	34,822,462	25.5%	101,682,329	74.5%
Jo Daviess	671,270	132,470	19.7%	538,800	80.3%
Metropolis	76,740,757	21,026,970	27.4%	55,713,787	72.6%
Joliet-Harrah's	152,565,997	35,397,552	23.2%	117,168,445	76.8%
Aurora	153,798,896	48,262,149	31.4%	105,536,747	68.6%
East St. Louis	116,590,371	27,198,948	23.3%	89,391,423	76.7%
Elgin	243,362,84[illegible]	73,324,140	30.1%	170,038,707	69.9%
Total	$1,054,573,[illegible]3	$275,399,950	26.1%	$779,173,843	73.9%



Distribution of Gaming Taxes

Distributions to Local Governments

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Total	% Change '96 to '97
Alton	$740,298	$3,303,656	$4,159,869	$7,057,768	$6,596,999	$5,934,116	$5,168,800	$32,961,506	-12.90%
East Peoria	315,630	3,921,628	4,477,037	6,039,049	6,720,466	7,494,548	7,478,672	36,447,030	-0.21%
Rock Island	N/A	1,875,048	2,951,513	2,435,766	1,672,773	1,478,431	1,467,307	11,880,838	-0.75%
Joliet	N/A	4,988,340	15,108,130	24,350,512	26,590,238	23,713,870	20,988,000	115,739,090	-11.49%
Jo Daviess	N/A	1,307,887	2,466,646	2,426,018	1,655,356	270,132	76,317	8,202,356	-71.75%
Metropolis	N/A	N/A	3,805,896	4,799,615	6,155,936	5,767,264	5,869,310	26,398,021	1.77%
Aurora	N/A	N/A	4,201,608	9,338,618	10,045,919	11,040,740	11,298,338	45,925,223	2.33%
East St. Louis	N/A	N/A	3,793,015	10,161,155	10,293,069	10,555,319	9,437,080	44,239,638	-10.59%
Elgin	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,736,174	14,020,668	15,531,485	15,917,005	48,205,332	2.48%
Total	$1,055,928	$15,396,559	$40,963,714	$69,344,675	$83,751,424	$81,785,905	$77,700,829	$369,999,034	-4.99%

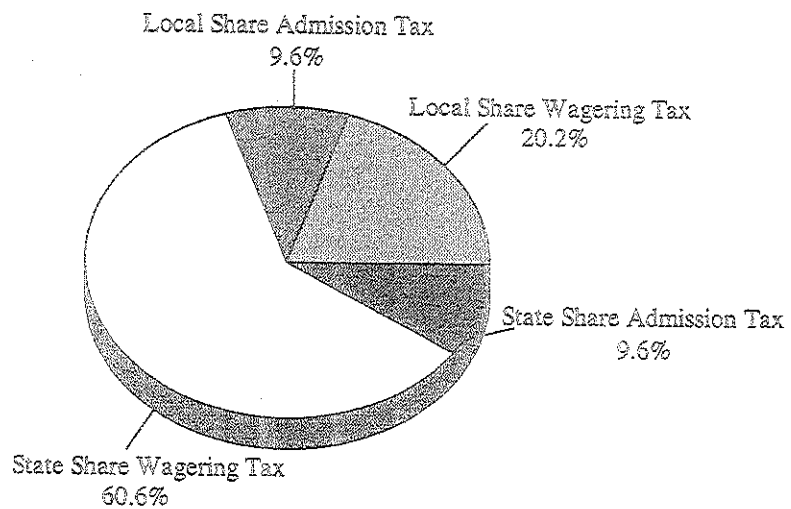
State Share of Gaming Taxes

Distribution	Admission Tax	Wagering Tax	Total
1996	$25,211,329	$169,723,730	$194,935,059
1997	24,972,139	158,186,069	183,158,208
% Change	-0.95%	-6.80%	-6.04%

Local Share of Gaming Taxes

Distribution	Admission Tax	Wagering Tax	Total
1996	$25,211,329	$56,574,576	$81,785,905
1997	24,972,139	52,728,690	77,700,829
% Change	-0.95%	-6.80%	-4.99%

Distribution of Gaming Taxes - 1997



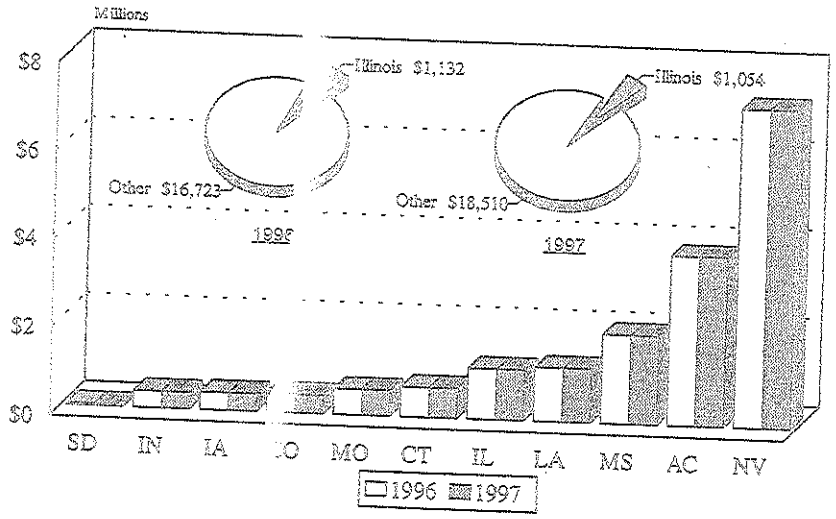
Gaming Win by Jurisdiction

For Calendar Years 1996 and 1997

(Millions)

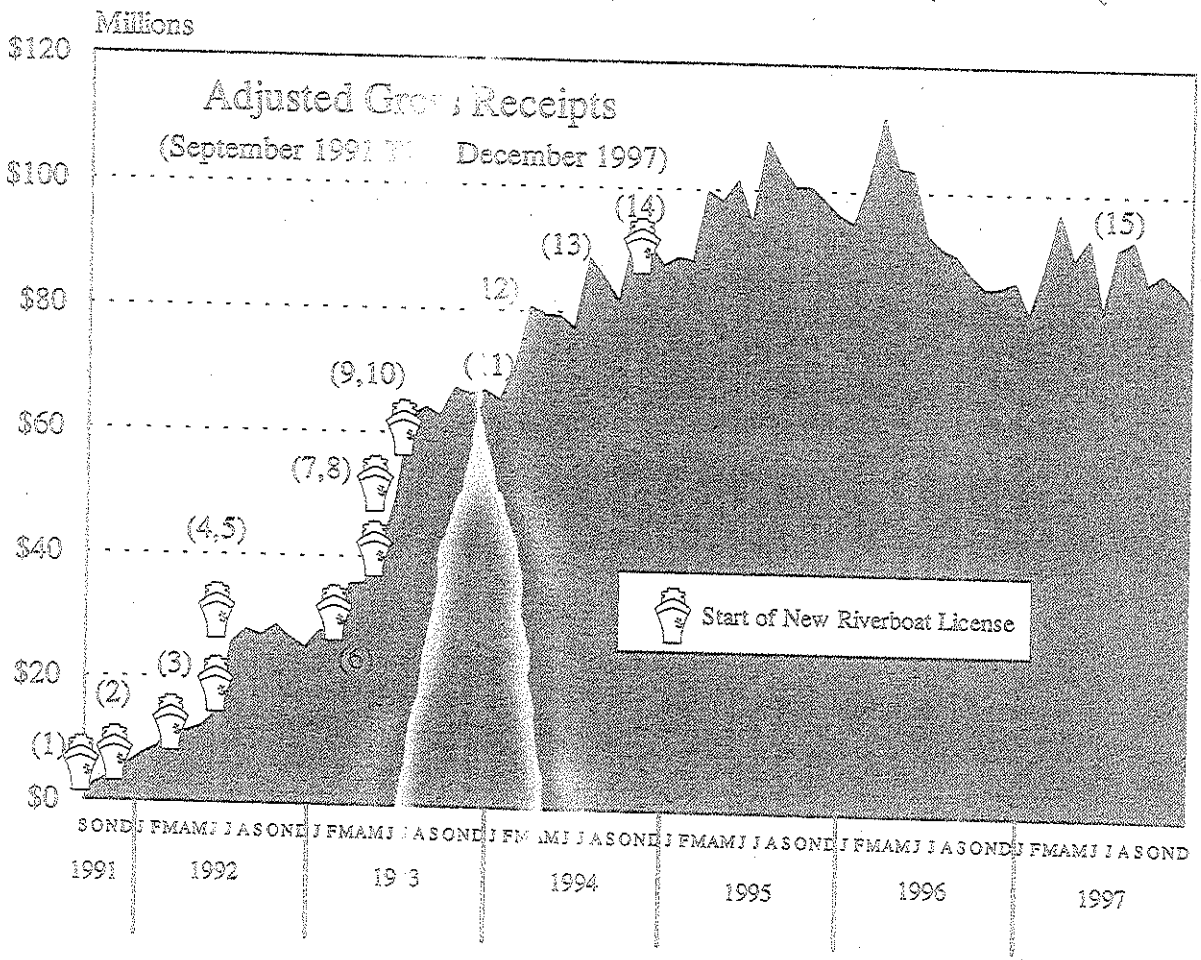
Jurisdiction	1996 Total Win	1996 % of Total	1997 Total Win	1997 % of Total	Year Over Year % Change	Number of Gaming Facilities
South Dakota	$40.7	0.2%	$42.5	0.2%	4.4%	89
Colorado	$411.5	2.3%	$430.7	2.2%	4.7%	56
Iowa	$395.6	2.2%	$441.9	2.3%	11.7%	7
Missouri	$571.1	3.2%	$745.9	3.8%	30.6%	11
Connecticut	$667.6	3.7%	$944.9	4.8%	41.5%	1
Indiana	$371.9	2.1%	$962.5	4.9%	158.8%	8
Illinois	$1,131.5	6.3%	$1,053.7	5.4%	-6.9%	10
Louisiana	$1,211.6	6.8%	$1,239.5	6.3%	2.3%	14
Mississippi	$2,008.0	11.2%	$1,984.5	10.1%	-1.2%	25
Atlantic City	$3,825.5	21.4%	$3,918.0	20.0%	2.4%	12
* Nevada	$7,219.3	40.4%	$7,800.0	39.9%	8.0%	184
Total	$17,854.3	100%	$19,564.1	100%	9.6%	417

* December 1997 figures are estimates



Sources: State Gaming Commissions ...aldson, Lufkin & Jenrette; Foxwood's Resort Casino

Boat Start Up	Month	Admission Total	Patron Total	AGR Total	Taxes Collected		Win Per Admission	Win Per Patron
					State	Local		
Alton Belle/Par-A-Dice	1991 Total	308,783	N/A	14,942,908	2,550,219	1,055,928	48.39	N/A
Casino Rock Island/Silver Eagle/Empress I	1992 Total	4,079,819	N/A	226,334,794	38,030,038	15,396,559	55.48	N/A
Players/No Star/Casino Queen/City of Lights/Empress II	1993 Total	10,679,490	N/A	605,684,483	101,532,162	40,963,714	56.71	N/A
Harrah's Southern Star/Grand Victoria	1994 Total	20,367,119	N/A	979,551,111	167,299,786	69,344,675	48.09	N/A
	Jan	1,730,710	1,040,596	88,964,093	15,075,324	6,178,915	51.40	85.49
	Feb	1,782,405	1,075,571	88,572,055	15,068,213	6,211,008	49.69	82.35
	Mar	2,023,563	1,195,992	99,634,715	16,968,770	7,005,299	49.24	83.31
	Apr	2,053,987	1,243,035	98,147,977	16,776,184	6,961,386	47.78	78.96
	May	2,186,659	1,275,519	101,409,903	17,398,144	7,257,154	46.38	79.50
	June	2,101,186	1,236,251	94,605,323	16,291,984	6,831,452	45.02	76.53
	July	2,421,077	1,438,970	107,802,817	18,591,500	7,811,218	44.53	74.92
	Aug	2,270,382	1,365,784	103,438,834	17,786,207	7,442,323	45.56	75.74
	Sept	2,168,057	1,299,480	100,635,724	17,263,416	7,199,843	46.42	77.44
	Oct	2,133,229	1,274,347	100,596,320	17,222,677	7,163,045	47.16	78.94
	Nov	2,014,701	1,201,616	98,414,846	16,776,928	6,935,443	48.85	81.90
	Dec	1,949,877	1,140,675	96,089,220	16,363,260	6,754,338	49.28	84.24
	1995 Total	24,835,833	14,787,836	1,178,311,827	201,582,607	83,751,424	47.44	79.68
	Jan	1,917,061	1,082,984	94,874,587	16,148,249	6,660,790	49.49	87.60
	Feb	2,072,376	1,176,474	101,296,559	17,266,860	7,137,204	48.88	86.10
	Mar	2,356,893	1,330,781	111,671,152	19,107,566	7,940,451	47.38	83.91
	Apr	2,159,973	1,222,966	103,796,136	17,729,393	7,349,780	48.05	84.87
	May	2,233,372	1,270,950	103,346,035	17,735,277	7,400,674	46.27	81.31
	June	2,098,028	1,196,455	93,248,746	16,085,340	6,760,465	44.45	77.94
	July	2,123,722	1,208,002	91,040,599	15,779,812	6,675,752	42.87	75.36
	Aug	2,152,150	1,205,809	89,941,032	15,643,305	6,649,202	41.79	74.59
	Sept	2,060,884	1,136,385	86,838,553	15,086,667	6,402,812	42.14	76.42
	Oct	2,001,591	1,096,105	84,702,334	14,706,941	6,236,708	42.32	77.28
	Nov	2,020,689	1,086,192	84,881,623	14,752,932	6,264,770	42.01	78.15
	Dec	2,014,590	1,062,781	85,854,175	14,892,716	6,307,299	42.62	80.78
	1996 Total	25,211,329	14,075,884	1,131,491,531	194,935,059	81,785,905	44.88	80.39
	Jan	1,929,042	997,656	80,603,307	14,019,538	5,959,207	41.78	80.79
	Feb	2,093,541	1,096,208	87,650,753	15,241,154	6,476,079	41.87	79.96
	Mar	2,268,270	1,196,104	96,875,392	16,799,578	7,112,040	42.71	80.99
	Apr	2,080,500	1,108,931	89,418,464	15,493,270	6,551,423	42.98	80.63
	May	2,145,856	1,150,497	92,777,251	16,062,444	6,784,719	43.24	80.64
	June	1,966,113	1,051,428	81,235,820	14,151,486	6,027,904	41.32	77.26
Jo Daveiss Silver Eagle Ceased opeations 7/29/97	July	2,221,462	1,191,898	91,357,573	15,925,098	6,789,340	41.12	76.65
	Aug	2,294,236	1,232,517	92,664,821	16,193,958	6,927,477	40.39	75.18
	Sept	1,996,755	1,079,896	85,997,630	14,896,400	6,296,637	43.07	79.64
	Oct	2,037,745	1,092,657	87,466,522	15,157,723	6,411,071	42.92	80.05
	Nov	1,982,775	1,043,835	85,632,826	14,827,699	6,264,416	43.19	82.04
	Dec	1,955,844	1,032,637	82,893,434	14,389,860	6,100,516	42.38	80.27
	1997 Total	24,972,139	13,274,264	1,054,575,793	183,158,208	77,700,829	42.23	79.44



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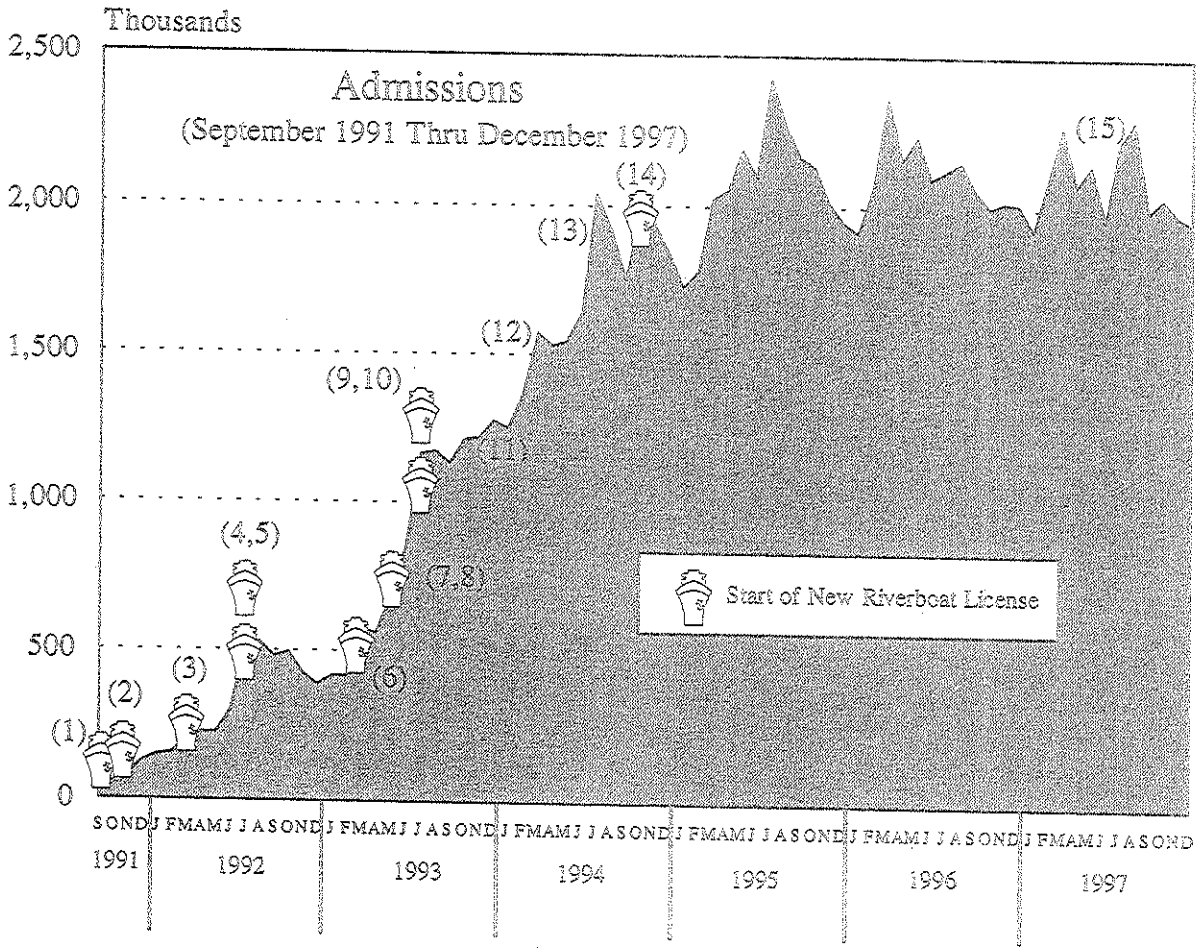

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Alton Gaming Company

QUICK FACTS

Operations began September 11, 1991
Gambling Space: 19,300 sq. ft.
Employees: 798
AGR per Admission: $30.36
Average Daily Admissions: 5,624
No. of Authorized Gaming Positions: 815

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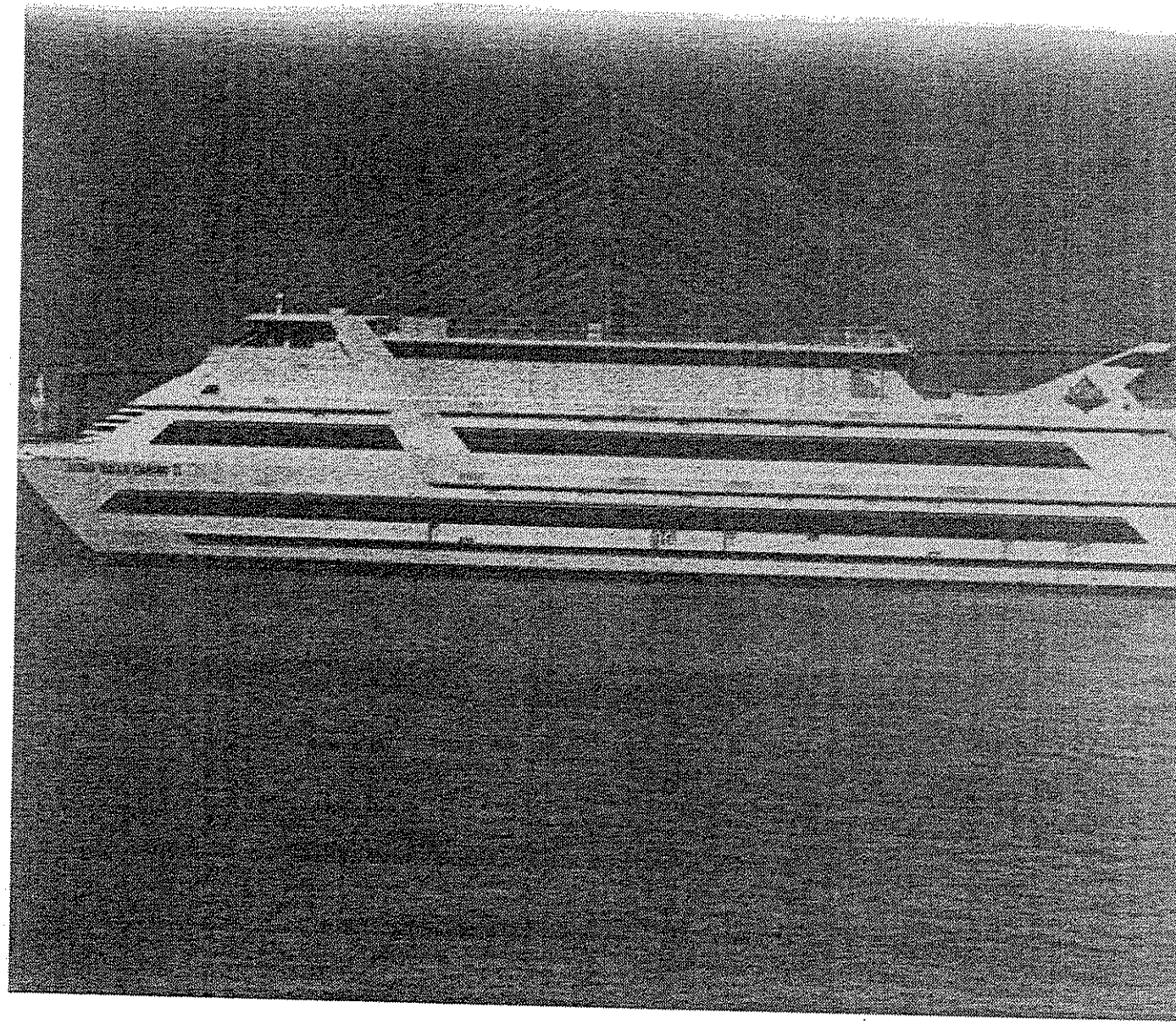
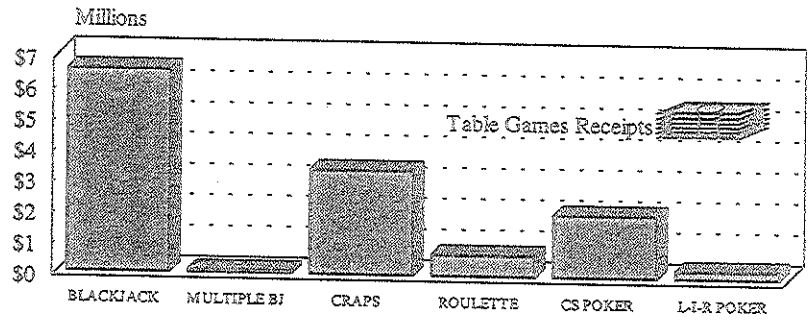
Licensing
Licensed: October 1991
Renewed: October 1997



Calendar Year Comparison			
	1996	1997	% Change
Number of Days Operational	366	365	-0.27%
Adjusted Gross Receipts	$72,431,296	$62,321,530	-13.96%
Patrons	1,332,645	1,174,280	-11.88%
AGR Per Patron	$54.35	$53.07	-2.35%
Admissions	2,312,551	2,052,723	-11.24%
AGR Per Admission	$31.32	$30.36	-3.07%
Gambling Sq. Ft.	19,300	19,300	0.00%
Number of Table Games	40	36	-11.04%
Table Drop	$69,478,647	$59,654,711	-14.14%
Table AGR	$14,723,123	$12,871,392	-12.58%
AGR/Table/Day	$1,006	$980	-2.55%
Table Game AGR to Drop %	21.19%	21.58%	1.82%
Number of EGD's	672	685	1.86%
EGD Handle	$942,908,351	$838,071,032	-11.12%
EGD AGR	$57,708,173	$49,450,138	-14.31%
AGR/EGD/Day	$234.63	$197.78	-15.71%
EGD AGR to Handle %	6.12%	5.90%	-3.59%
Total Tax	$19,111,361	$16,569,752	-13.30%
State Share of Revenue	$13,177,245	$11,400,952	-13.48%
Local Share of Revenue	$5,934,116	$5,168,800	-12.90%

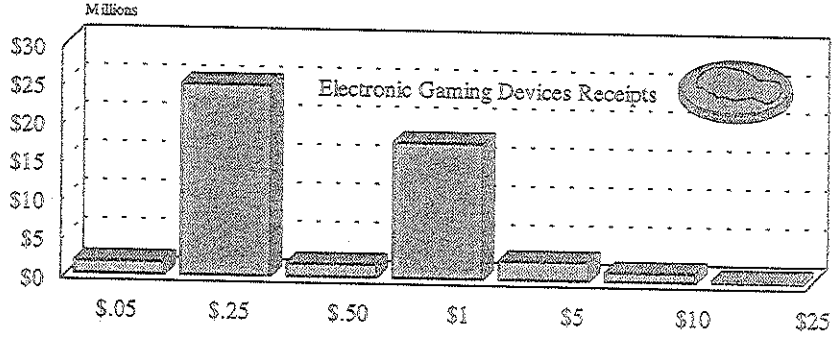
Table Games Detail

TABLE GAMES	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL TABLE DROP	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO DROP %
BLACKJACK	23	$32,126,768	$6,530,350	20.3%
MULTIPLE BJ	1	227,977	75,072	32.9%
CRAPS	4	16,967,128	3,353,941	19.8%
ROULETTE	3	2,200,707	674,138	30.6%
CS POKER	4	7,086,657	1,997,876	28.2%
LET IT RIDE POKER	1	1,045,474	240,015	23.0%
TOTAL	36	$59,654,711	$12,871,392	21.6%

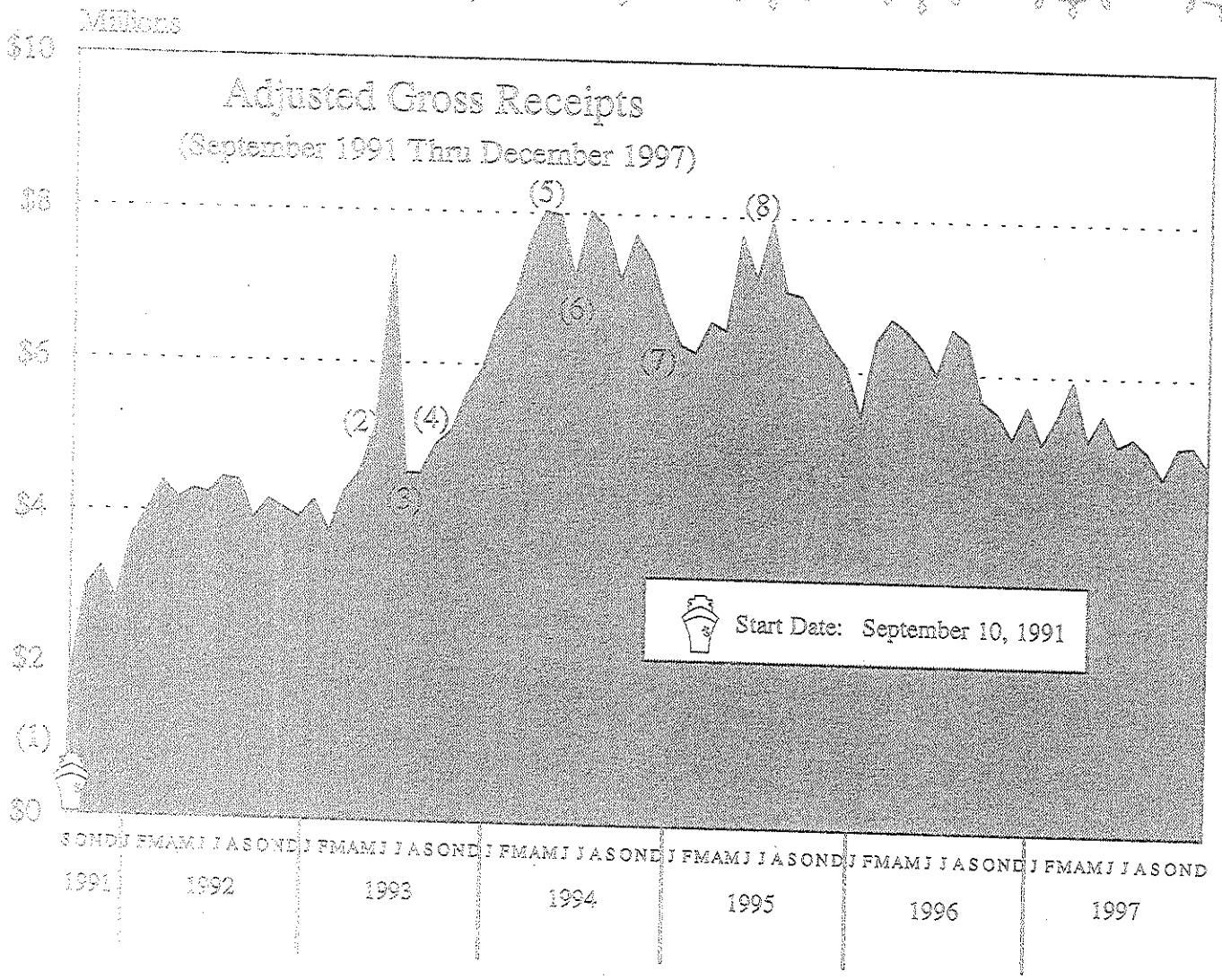


Electronic Games Detail

EGD	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL EGD HANDLE	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO HANDLE %
$0.05	27	$17,729,598	$1,644,754	9.3%
$0.25	417	376,506,795	24,779,660	6.6%
$0.50	18	20,648,482	1,676,891	8.1%
$1	197	341,747,712	17,565,413	5.1%
$5	17	46,005,480	2,383,215	5.2%
$10	6	26,416,640	1,118,755	4.2%
$25	3	9,016,325	281,450	3.1%
TOTAL	685	$838,071,032	$49,450,138	5.9%



	Month	Admission Total	Patron Total	AGR Total	Local Tax Share	Win Per Admission	Win Per Patron
Start date of the Alton Belle (09/10/91)	1991 Total	202,938	N/A	10,747,204	740,298	52.96	N/A
	1992 Total	816,731	N/A	49,738,494	3,303,656	60.90	N/A
	1993 Total	1,154,765	N/A	60,102,081	4,159,869	52.05	N/A
	1994 Total	2,604,072	N/A	89,073,919	7,057,768	34.21	N/A
	Jan	172,847	101,518	6,307,489	488,221	36.49	62.13
	Feb	172,913	105,990	6,212,106	483,518	35.93	58.61
	Mar	210,363	115,693	6,614,409	541,083	31.44	57.17
	Apr	209,920	119,159	6,508,978	535,369	31.01	54.62
St Louis boats temp close - high waters (5/11-6/20/95)	May	246,662	139,030	7,741,692	633,747	31.39	55.68
	June	227,406	131,011	7,184,087	586,610	31.59	54.84
	July	260,988	153,501	7,926,533	657,316	30.37	51.64
	Aug	231,459	136,012	7,036,366	583,277	30.40	51.73
	Sept	216,226	128,579	6,980,954	565,274	32.29	54.29
	Oct	206,341	122,577	6,646,285	538,655	32.21	54.22
	Nov	185,848	108,651	6,316,276	501,662	33.99	58.13
	Dec	178,631	105,274	6,072,724	482,267	34.00	57.68
	1995 Total	2,519,604	1,466,995	81,547,899	6,596,999	32.37	55.59
	Jan	169,798	96,312	5,433,824	441,489	32.00	56.42
	Feb	194,224	110,542	6,422,113	515,330	33.07	58.10
	Mar	213,821	123,011	6,704,910	549,066	31.36	54.51
	Apr	194,218	110,368	6,560,158	522,226	33.78	59.44
	May	202,105	115,473	6,339,657	519,088	31.37	54.90
St Louis boats temp close - high waters (5/31-6/7/96)	June	200,077	116,727	5,992,235	499,689	29.95	51.34
	July	206,935	122,106	6,593,184	536,594	31.86	54.00
	Aug	205,881	120,457	6,430,721	527,417	31.24	53.39
	Sept	190,952	111,363	5,658,889	473,896	29.64	50.81
	Oct	185,619	108,034	5,518,339	461,536	29.73	51.08
	Nov	172,312	97,390	5,174,775	431,051	30.03	53.13
	Dec	176,609	100,862	5,602,491	456,734	31.72	55.55
	1996 Total	2,312,551	1,332,645	72,431,296	5,934,116	31.32	54.35
	Jan	162,932	89,264	5,116,012	418,733	31.40	57.31
	Feb	175,656	98,335	5,480,702	449,691	31.20	55.74
Start up of Maryland Heights, Mo Riverboats (3/11/97)	Mar	187,444	106,520	5,937,841	484,336	31.68	55.74
	Apr	161,183	91,929	5,171,900	419,778	32.09	56.26
	May	172,215	99,332	5,507,038	447,567	31.98	55.44
	June	158,857	92,607	5,111,725	414,443	32.18	55.20
	July	180,690	106,257	5,214,060	441,393	28.86	49.07
	Aug	189,003	111,020	5,032,931	440,650	26.63	45.33
	Sept	167,537	97,496	4,690,803	402,077	28.00	48.11
	Oct	171,510	98,380	5,100,163	426,518	29.74	51.84
	Nov	162,007	90,192	5,122,076	418,111	31.62	56.79
	Dec	163,689	92,948	4,836,279	405,503	29.55	52.03
	1997 Total	2,052,723	1,174,280	62,321,530	5,168,800	30.36	53.07



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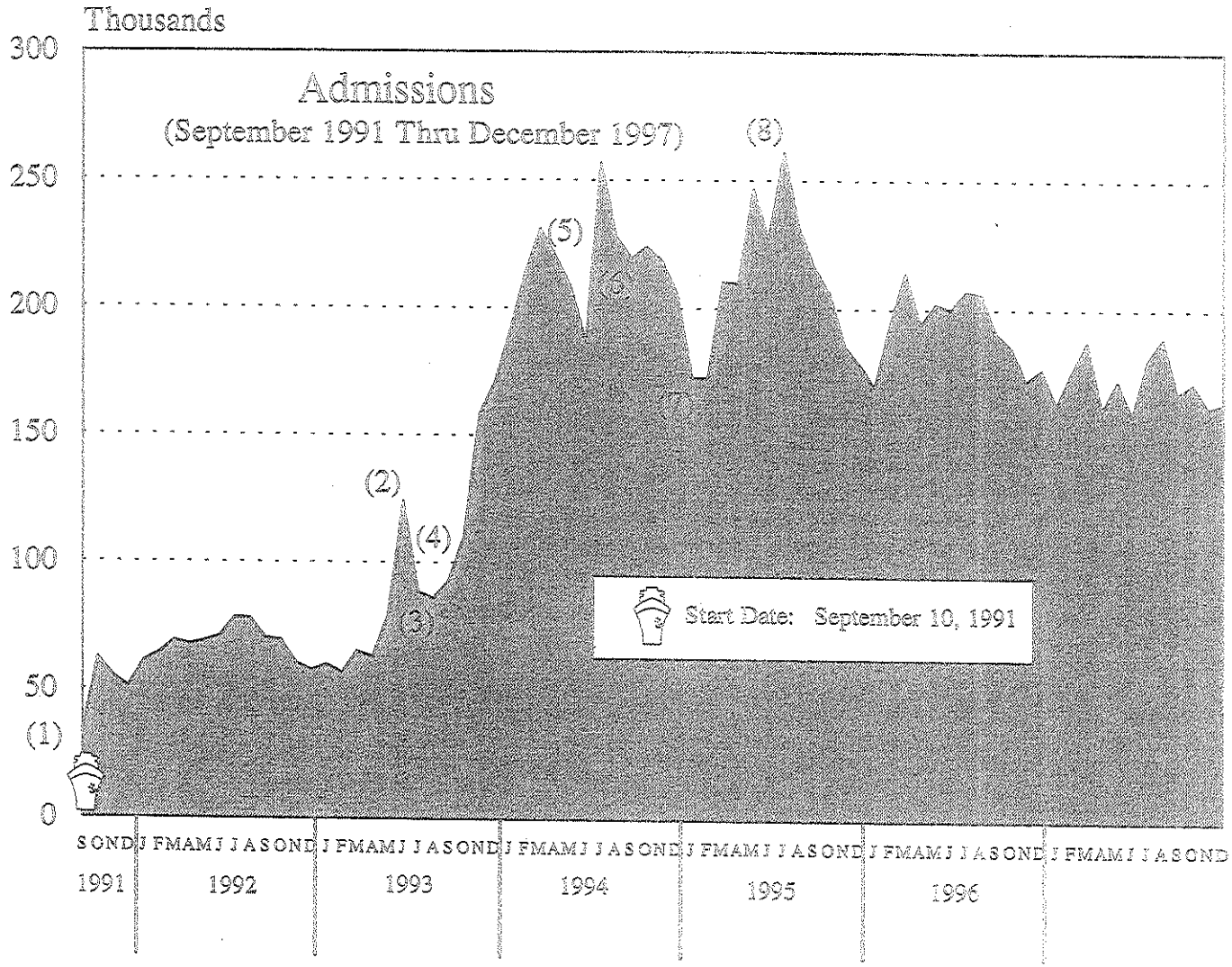

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Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation

Quick Facts

Operations began: November 28, 1991
Gambling Space: 26,216 sq. ft.
Employees: 1,012
AGR per Admission: $36.86
Average Daily Admissions: 7,333
No. of Authorized Gaming Positions: 1,142

Par-A-Dice
21 Blackjack Boulevard
East Peoria, Illinois 61611
Tel: 1-800-332-5634
(Illinois River)

Local Government
City of East Peoria

Licensing
Licensed: February 1992
Renewed: February 1997

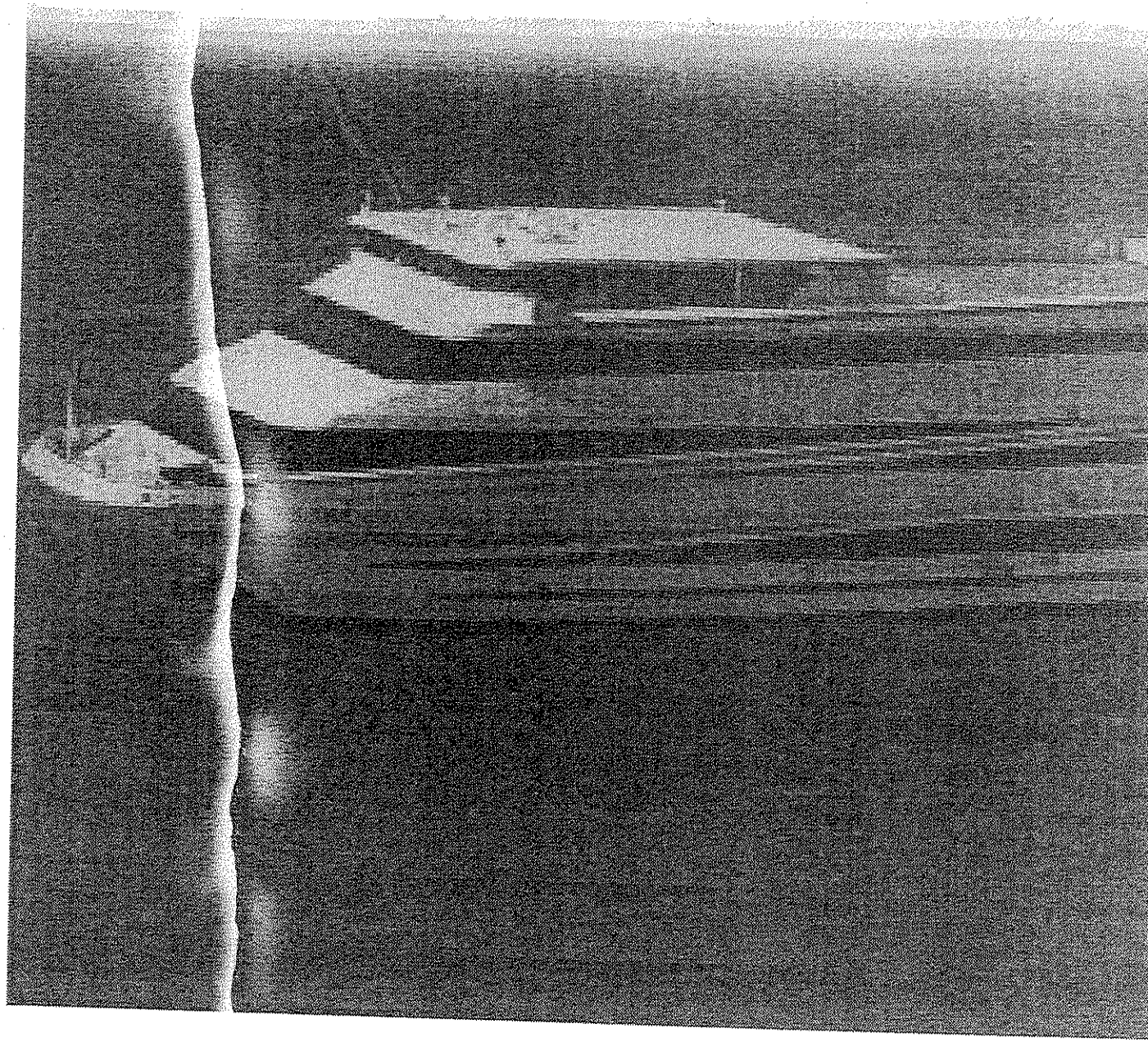

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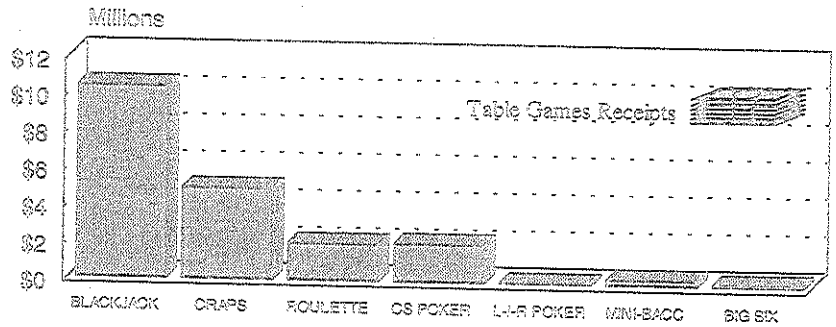
TABLE GAMES	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL TABLE DROP	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO DROP %
BLACKJACK	28	$61,357,486	$10,366,833	16.9%
CRAPS	4	23,227,786	4,903,549	21.1%
ROULETTE	3	7,374,242	1,983,680	26.9%
CS POKER	5	8,099,214	2,035,930	25.1%
LET IT RIDE POKER	1	233,227	30,320	13.0%
MINI-BACCARAT	1	1,615,400	284,164	17.6%
BIG SIX	1	134,943	77,502	57.4%
TOTAL	43	$102,644,298	$19,681,978	19.3%



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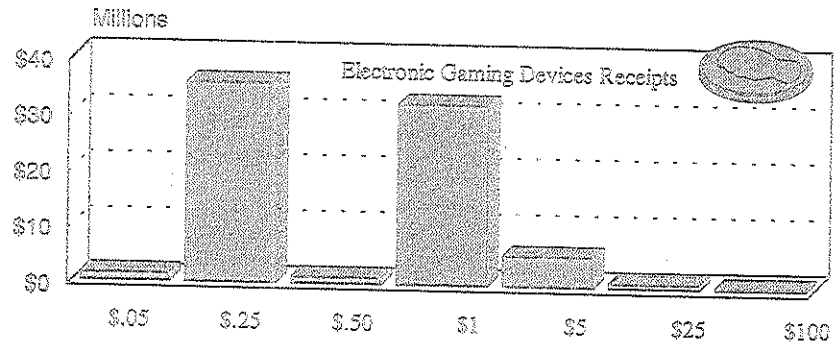
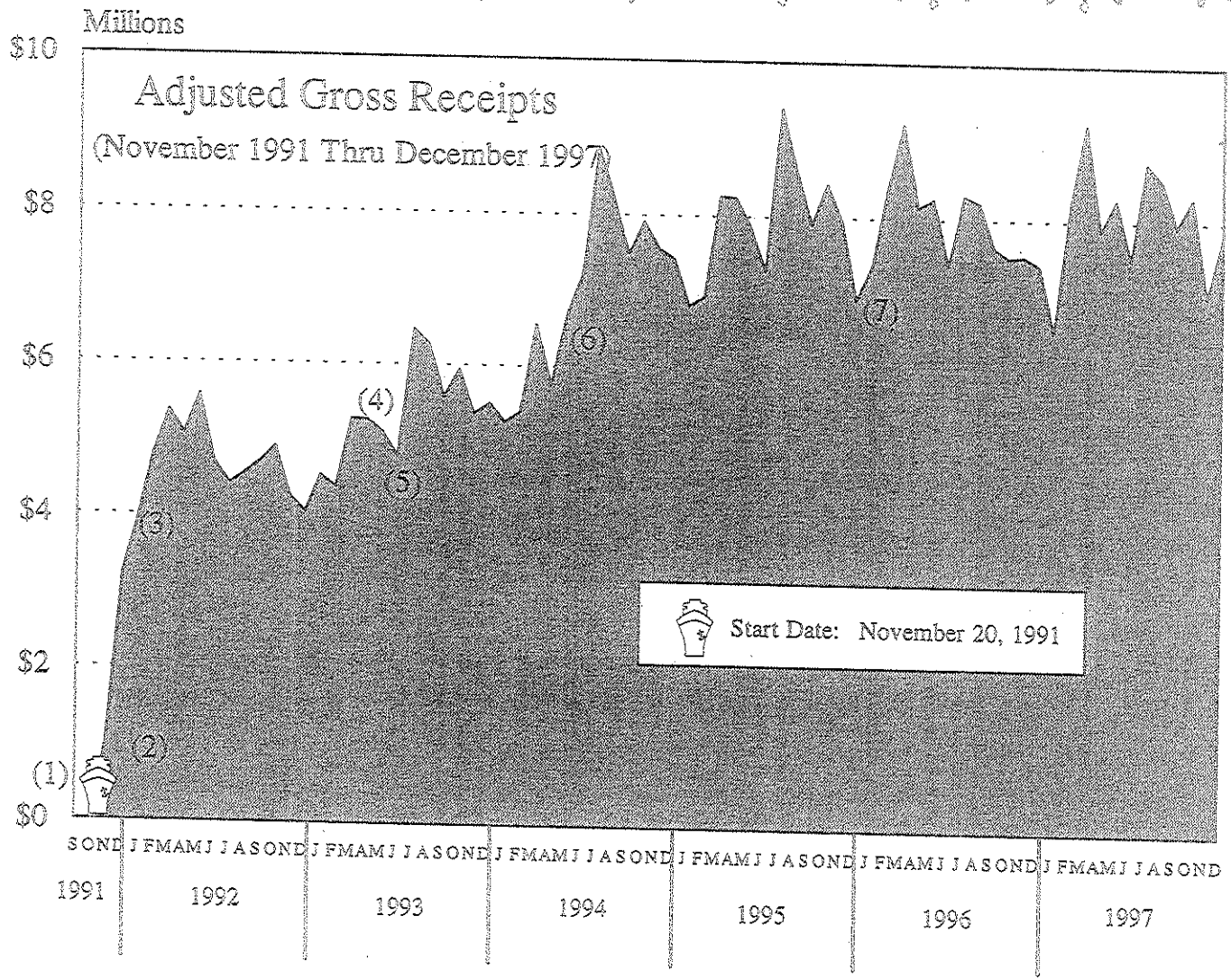
EGD	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL EGD HANDLE	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO HANDLE %
$0.05	23	$9,264,695	$1,297,082	14.0%
$0.25	633	457,960,155	35,599,964	8.1%
$0.50	12	15,786,042	1,019,576	6.5%
$1	316	503,698,216	32,155,691	6.4%
$5	26	124,327,940	5,362,585	4.3%
$25	3	12,375,950	723,080	5.8%
$100	1	2,566,300	199,400	7.8%
TOTAL	1,014	$1,105,979,298	$76,357,378	6.9%



	Month	Admission Total	Patron Total	AGR Total	Local Tax Share	Win Per Admission	Win Per Patron
Start date of the first boat (Alton Belle) 09/10/91	1991 Total	105,845	N/A	4,195,705	315,630	39.64	N/A
Start up of the Peoria (Par-A-Dice) 11/20/91	1992 Total	1,104,367	N/A	56,345,211	3,921,628	51.02	N/A
	1993 Total	1,252,023	N/A	64,500,277	4,477,037	51.52	N/A
	1994 Total	1,821,687	N/A	84,347,232	6,039,049	46.30	N/A
	Jan	132,675	84,326	6,824,016	473,876	51.43	80.92
	Feb	149,597	97,863	6,944,989	496,846	46.42	70.97
	Mar	165,146	108,504	8,255,559	577,924	49.99	76.09
	Apr	168,772	111,802	8,241,323	580,838	48.83	73.71
	May	159,701	106,612	7,867,139	553,058	49.26	73.79
	June	158,600	104,961	7,292,157	523,208	45.98	69.47
	July	206,756	139,095	9,395,611	676,537	45.44	67.55
	Aug	183,266	123,609	8,594,394	612,986	46.90	69.53
	Sept	177,765	120,154	7,909,841	573,257	44.50	65.83
	Oct	176,697	119,649	8,429,261	598,160	47.70	70.45
	Nov	160,209	107,585	7,947,544	557,586	49.61	73.87
	Dec	149,982	103,762	6,924,169	496,190	46.17	66.73
	1995 Total	1,989,166	1,327,922	94,626,003	6,720,466	47.57	71.26
Shortened cruise times; added 2 cruises per day (1/2/96)	Jan	185,479	91,814	7,380,385	554,498	39.79	80.38
	Feb	219,033	107,440	8,376,535	637,860	38.24	77.96
	Mar	262,660	127,701	9,214,059	723,362	35.08	72.15
	Apr	227,029	111,535	8,146,679	634,363	35.88	73.04
	May	226,706	111,614	8,254,658	639,439	36.41	73.96
	June	222,765	109,861	7,396,820	592,606	33.20	67.33
	July	254,499	124,935	8,305,380	669,768	32.63	66.48
	Aug	249,644	123,804	8,212,325	660,260	32.90	66.33
	Sept	229,691	111,883	7,637,999	611,591	33.25	68.27
	Oct	210,458	104,504	7,506,399	585,778	35.67	71.83
	Nov	218,146	107,553	7,528,935	594,593	34.51	70.00
	Dec	220,156	113,407	7,405,470	590,430	33.64	65.30
	1996 Total	2,726,266	1,346,051	95,365,644	7,494,548	34.98	70.85
	Jan	183,911	87,933	6,541,870	511,005	35.57	74.40
	Feb	222,628	106,429	8,188,113	632,034	36.78	76.93
	Mar	258,798	125,132	9,236,929	720,644	35.69	73.82
	Apr	219,868	108,815	7,882,028	613,969	35.85	72.44
	May	227,361	111,803	8,281,121	641,417	36.42	74.07
	June	208,431	103,774	7,507,556	583,809	36.02	72.35
	July	241,606	118,501	8,758,091	679,511	36.25	73.91
	Aug	244,764	121,625	8,527,370	671,133	34.84	70.11
	Sept	209,430	108,020	7,945,966	606,728	37.94	73.56
	Oct	215,955	104,919	8,306,209	631,265	38.46	79.17
	Nov	214,275	103,665	7,031,938	565,872	32.82	67.83
	Dec	229,677	117,644	7,832,165	621,285	34.10	66.58
	1997 Total	2,676,704	1,318,260	96,039,356	7,478,672	35.88	72.85



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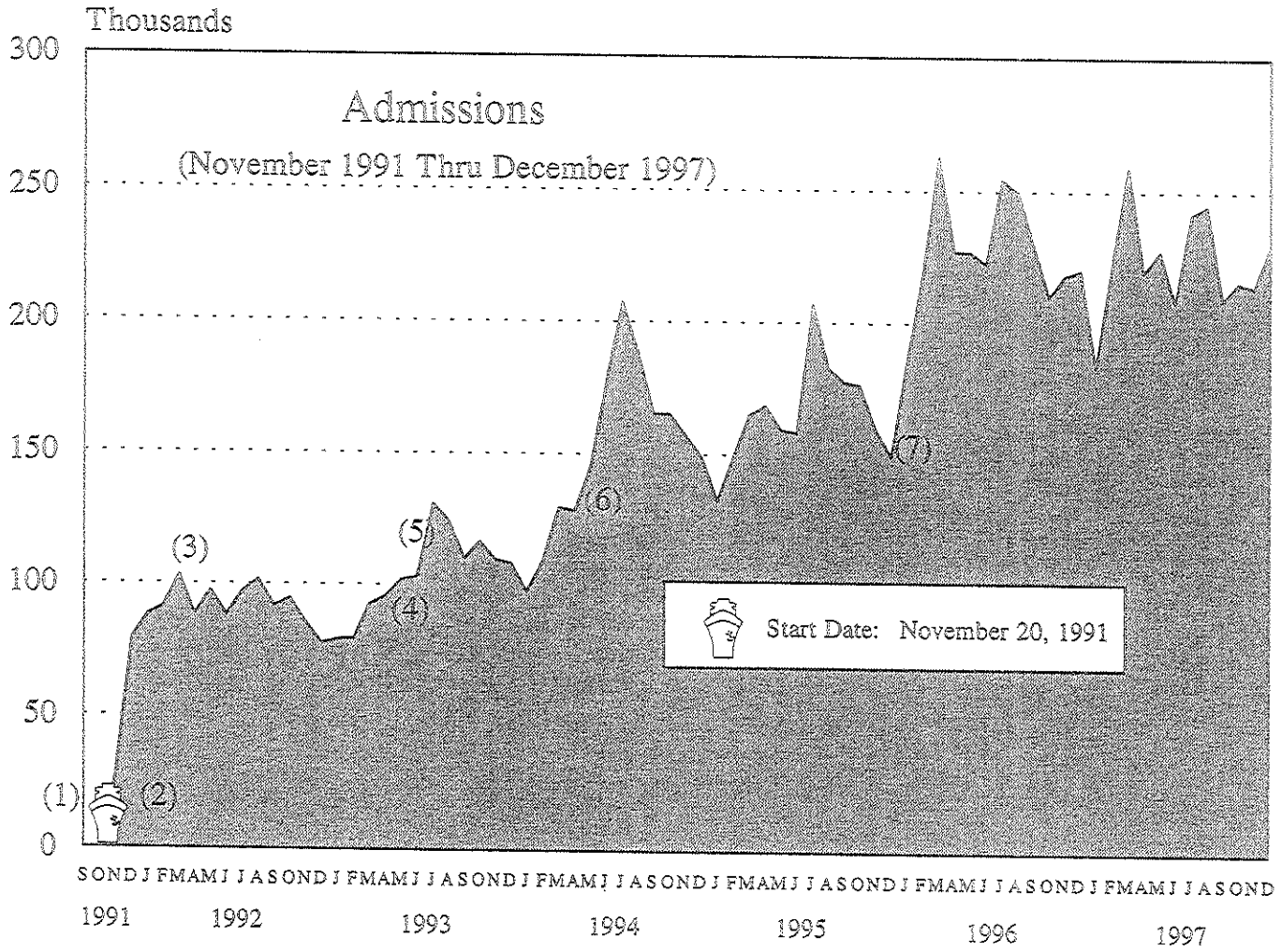

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Calendar Year Comparison			
	1996	1997	% Change
Number of Days Operational	366	365	-0.27%
Adjusted Gross Receipts	$15,632,765	$15,977,978	2.21%
Patrons	422,592	402,761	-4.69%
AGR Per Patron	$36.99	$39.67	7.24%
Admissions	696,793	668,408	-4.07%
AGR Per Admission	$22.44	$23.90	6.55%
Gambling Sq. Ft.	8,100	8,100	0.00%
Number of Table Games	24	21	-12.50%
Table Drop	$14,266,995	$12,220,194	-14.35%
Table AGR	$2,615,020	$2,681,889	2.56%
AGR/Table/Day	$304	$350	15.21%
Table Game AGR to Drop %	18.33%	21.95%	19.73%
Number of EGD's	395	391	-1.01%
EGD Handle	$185,217,126	$185,995,905	0.42%
EGD AGR	$13,017,745	$13,296,089	2.14%
AGR/EGD/Day	$90.12	$93.17	3.37%
EGD AGR to Handle %	7.03%	7.15%	1.71%
Total Tax	$4,520,139	$4,532,412	0.27%
State Share of Revenue	$3,041,708	$3,065,105	0.77%
Local Share of Revenue	$1,478,431	$1,467,307	-0.75%

Illinois Gaming Board Fiscal Year B

Line Item	FY 91 Actual	FY 92 Actual	FY 93 Actual	FY 94 Actual	FY 95 Actual	FY 96 Actual	FY 97 Actual	FY 98 Estimate
Operations:								
Personal Services	$652,721	$1,150,600	$1,476,077	$1,461,057	$1,508,385	$1,976,507	$2,112,793	$2,283,047
Retirement	25,231	54,600	62,785	69,163	78,900	83,634	92,240	100,932
Retirement Pick-Up	0	0	63,754	60,312	66,292	94,237	105,017	120,751
Social Security	29,556	53,500	76,499	78,389	74,795	103,122	108,056	148,318
Medicare Group Ins.	14,420	67,100	176,000	156,906	167,214	182,854	202,789	237,613
Contractual	1,060,804	1,383,400	3,244,129	5,749,148	7,115,263	9,124,178	9,421,586	9,725,210
Travel	63,552	61,600	79,554	37,725	54,636	75,468	57,618	93,110
Commodities	14,310	18,200	28,718	22,996	15,857	24,938	13,383	30,000
Printing	230	0	420	0	441	3,680	3,352	2,000
Equipment	105,636	21,000	93,649	2,581	386,257	59,295	33,106	69,600
EDP	12,145	63,500	93,330	94,596	106,937	115,442	80,238	100,800
Telecommunications	87,729	64,800	115,297	217,434	246,958	353,794	305,196	314,000
Operation of Autos	7,758	17,300	17,022	11,958	17,300	20,255	18,694	26,000
Total Operations	**$2,074,092**	**$2,955,600**	**$5,527,234**	**$7,962,265**	**$9,839,235**	**$12,217,404**	**$12,554,068**	**$13,251,381**
Transfers to EAF	0	8,000,000	54,000,000	118,000,000	170,800,000	205,000,000	185,000,000	170,000,000
Transfers to Locals	0	5,241,200	23,935,921	56,492,012	75,000,000	81,000,000	89,572,468	82,000,000
Refunds	25,000	141,700	103,039	97,322	0	5,428	30,925	200,000
Grand Total	**$2,099,092**	**$16,338,500**	**$83,566,194**	**$182,551,599**	**$255,639,235**	**$298,222,832**	**$287,157,461**	

Rock Island Boatworks, Inc.

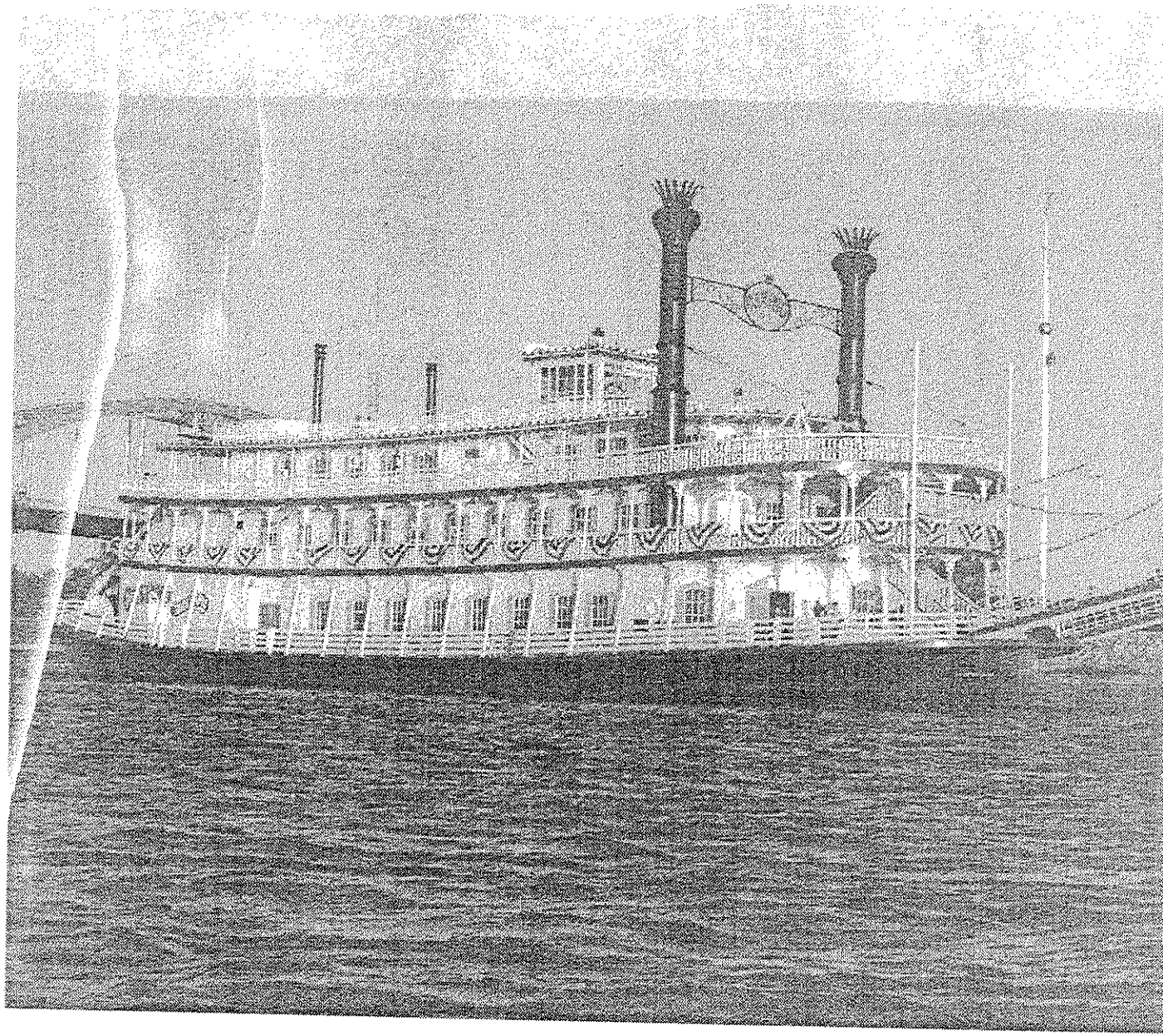
QUICK FACTS

Operations began: March 11, 1992
Gambling Space: 8,100 sq. ft.
Employees: 352
AGR per Admission: $23.90
Average Daily Admissions: 1,831
No. of Authorized Gaming Positions: 508

Casino Rock Island
1735 First Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois 61201
Tel: 1-800-477-7747
(Mississippi River)

Local Government
City of Rock Island

Licensing
Licensed: May 1992
Renewed: May 1997



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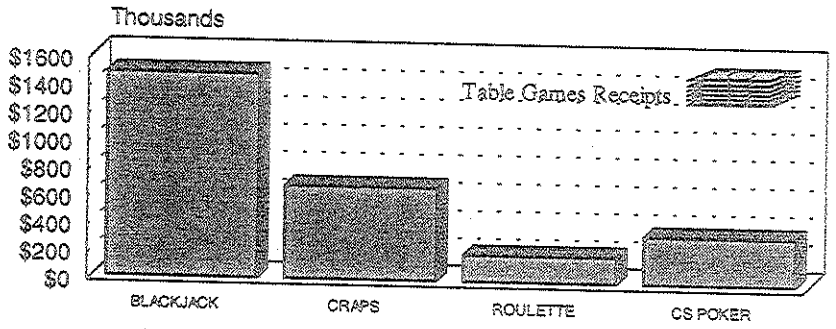
BLACKJACK	16	$7,967,604	$1,474,459	18.5%
CRAPS	2	2,509,441	670,640	26.7%
ROULETTE	1	785,068	192,445	24.5%
CS POKER	2	958,081	344,345	35.9%
TOTAL	21	$12,220,194	$2,681,889	21.9%



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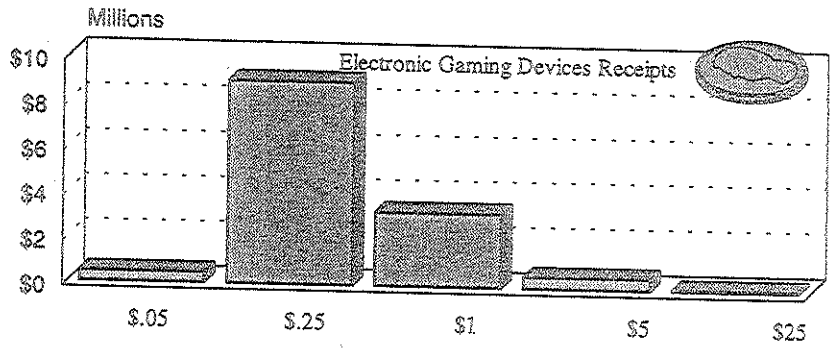
EGD	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL EGD HANDLE	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO HANDLE %
$0.05	24	$3,446,283	$459,768	13.3%
$0.25	271	113,603,129	8,979,270	7.9%
$1	88	55,328,073	3,275,061	5.9%
$5	6	10,460,795	510,790	4.9%
$25	2	3,157,625	71,200	2.3%
TOTAL	391	$185,995,905	$13,296,089	7.1%



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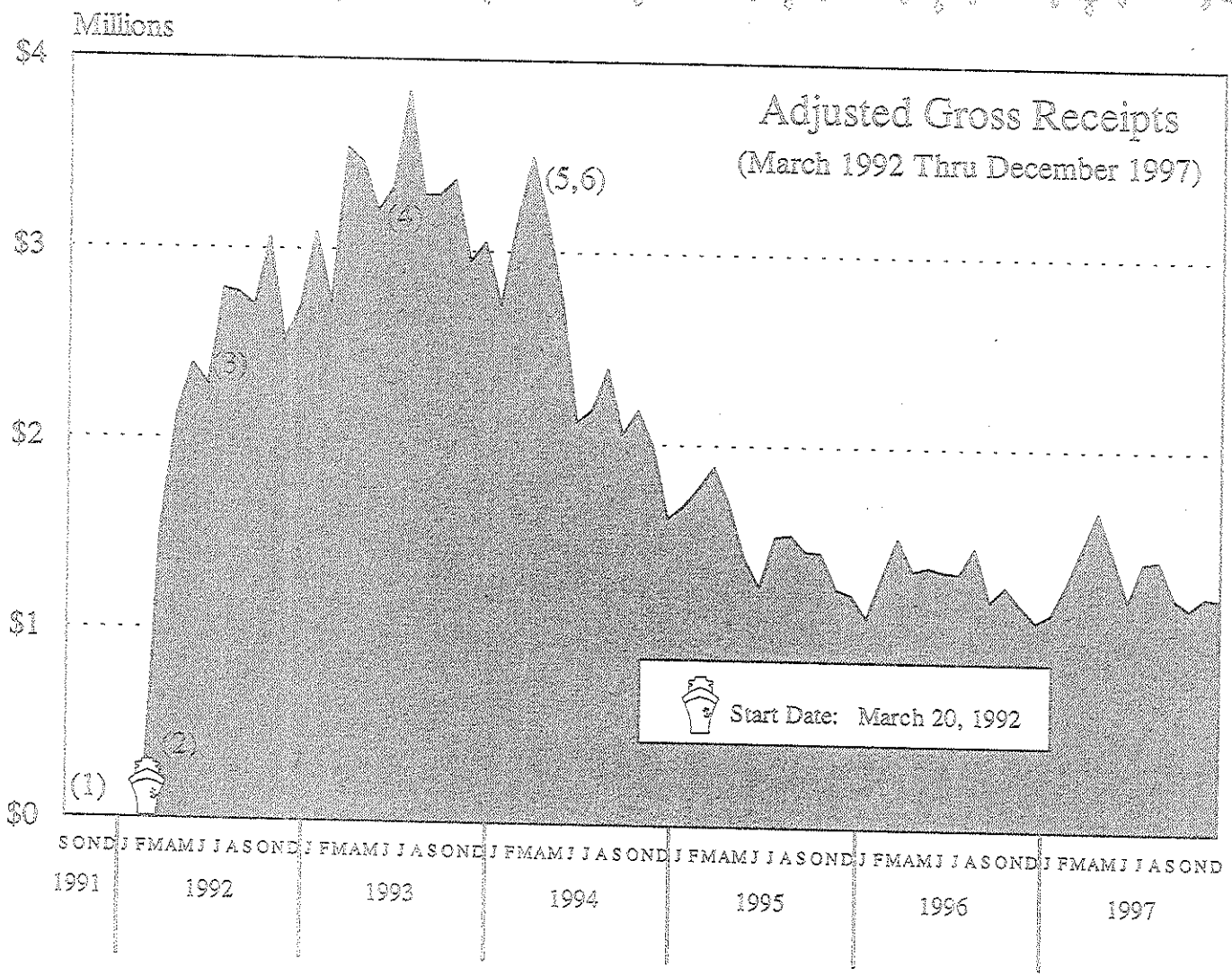
Start date of the first boat (Alton Belle) 09/10/91	1991 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Start up of Casino Rock Island (03/10/92)	1992 Total	632,913	N/A	24,842,694	1,875,048	39.25	N/A
	1993 Total	996,278	N/A	39,104,701	2,951,513	39.25	N/A
	1994 Total	945,231	N/A	29,810,707	2,435,766	31.54	N/A
	Jan	60,552	34,724	1,682,347	144,669	27.78	48.45
	Feb	71,999	41,124	1,777,903	160,894	24.69	43.23
	Mar	76,473	43,559	1,888,599	170,903	24.70	43.36
	Apr	69,110	40,527	1,695,087	153,864	24.53	41.83
	May	62,080	37,653	1,415,320	132,846	22.80	37.59
	June	59,029	36,889	1,259,349	121,996	21.33	34.14
	July	71,651	45,282	1,524,425	147,872	21.28	33.67
	Aug	71,697	45,860	1,536,455	148,520	21.43	33.50
	Sept	63,061	39,481	1,450,829	135,602	23.01	36.75
	Oct	60,529	36,758	1,442,338	132,646	23.83	39.24
	Nov	47,248	28,240	1,257,340	110,115	26.61	44.52
	Dec	51,600	31,567	1,224,892	112,845	23.74	38.80
	1995 Total	765,029	461,664	18,154,884	1,672,773	23.73	39.32
	Jan	45,476	26,812	1,108,966	100,924	24.39	41.36
	Feb	54,891	32,507	1,329,519	121,367	24.22	40.90
	Mar	68,556	39,419	1,525,626	144,837	22.25	38.70
	Apr	58,751	35,056	1,355,649	126,533	23.07	38.67
	May	60,123	36,103	1,376,975	128,972	22.90	38.14
	June	61,737	38,403	1,353,318	129,403	21.92	35.24
	July	68,961	43,418	1,344,801	136,201	19.50	30.97
	Aug	67,121	42,389	1,480,209	141,131	22.05	34.92
	Sept	60,640	38,328	1,201,286	120,704	19.81	31.34
	Oct	56,605	34,775	1,277,890	120,500	22.58	36.75
	Nov	49,533	29,267	1,180,996	108,583	23.84	40.35
	Dec	44,399	26,115	1,097,530	99,276	24.72	42.03
	1996 Total	696,793	422,592	15,632,765	1,478,431	22.44	36.99
	Jan	41,890	24,056	1,141,877	98,984	27.26	47.47
	Feb	51,876	30,265	1,297,720	116,762	25.02	42.88
	Mar	57,703	34,288	1,486,169	132,011	25.76	43.34
Flooding caused President (Davenport, IO) to close (4/15-26/97)	Apr	67,623	40,608	1,678,143	151,530	24.82	41.33
	May	57,552	34,648	1,451,280	130,116	25.22	41.89
	June	53,622	32,695	1,212,094	114,227	22.60	37.07
	July	66,283	40,288	1,413,050	136,936	21.32	35.07
	Aug	69,627	42,505	1,425,767	140,915	20.48	33.54
	Sept	55,041	33,819	1,230,765	116,579	22.36	36.39
	Oct	53,239	32,815	1,176,550	112,067	22.10	35.85
	Nov	50,734	30,881	1,237,225	112,595	24.39	40.06
	Dec	43,218	25,893	1,227,338	104,585	28.40	47.40
	1997 Total	668,408	402,761	15,977,978	1,467,307	23.90	39.67



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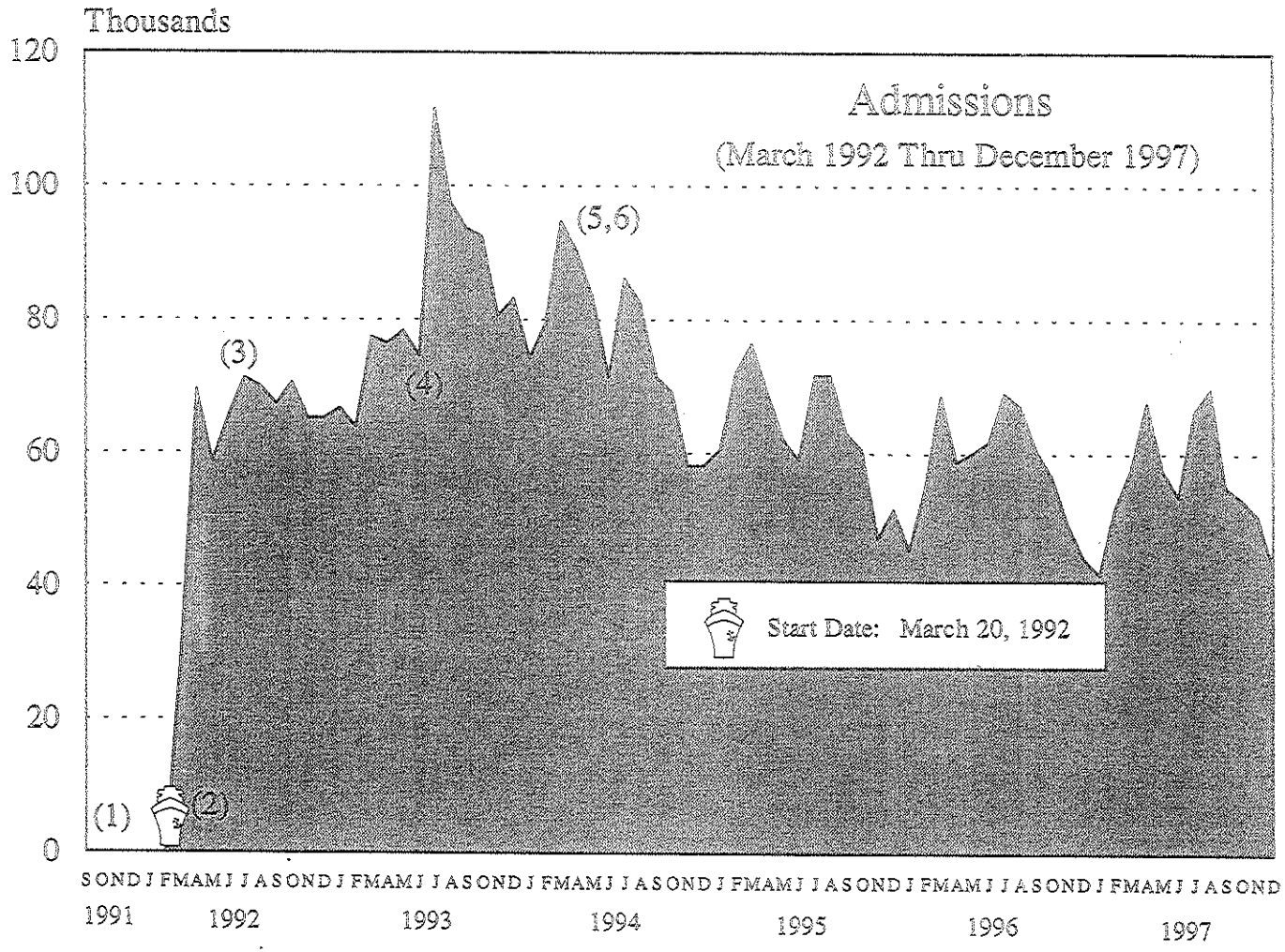

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Empress Casino - Joliet Corporation

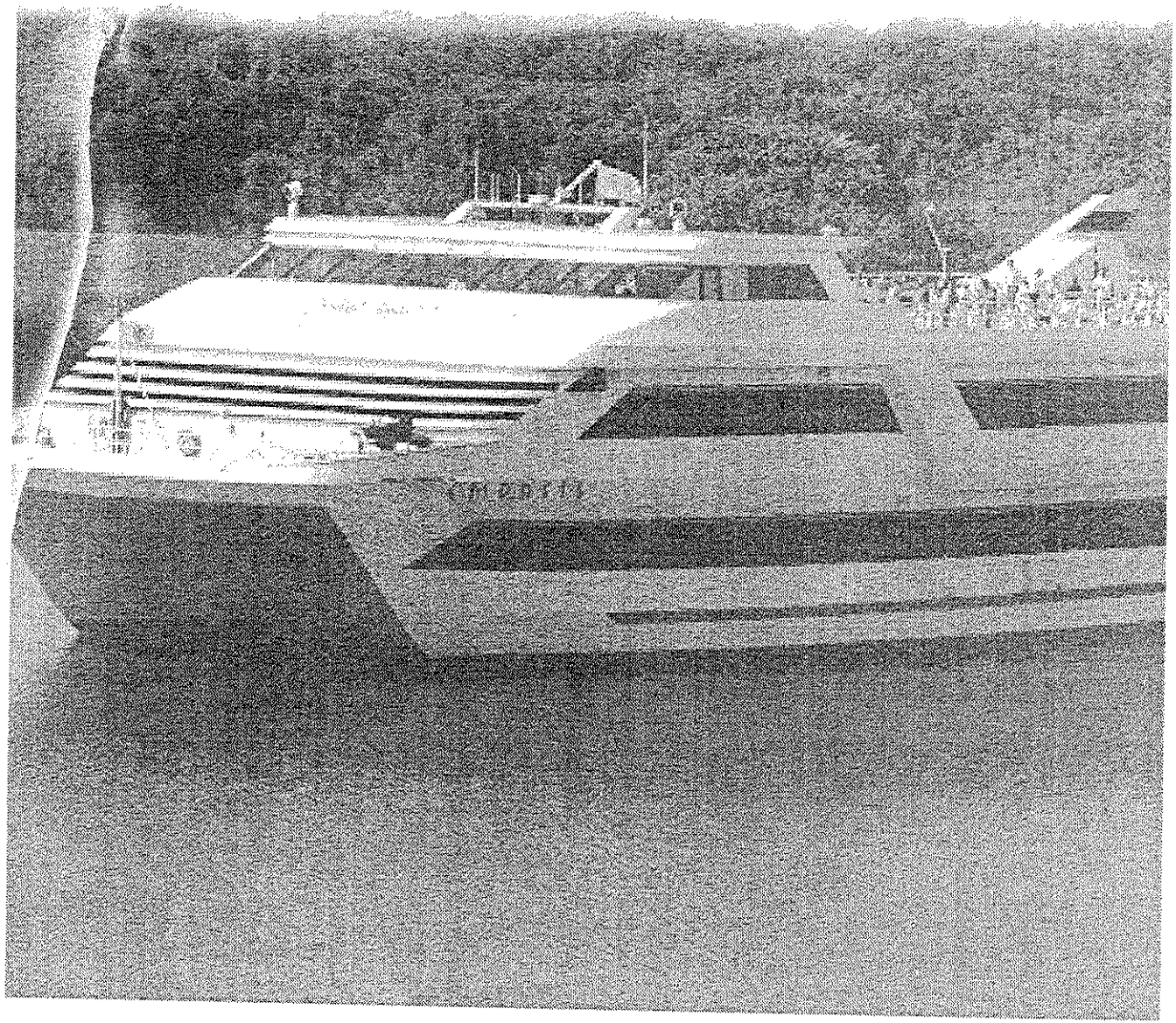
QUICK FACTS

Operations began June 17, 1992
Gambling Space: 36,260 sq. ft.
Employees: 1,578
AGR per Admission: $40.06
Average Daily Admissions: 9,335
No. of Authorized Gaming Positions: 1,200

Empress I and Empress II
2300 Empress Drive
Joliet, Illinois 60435
Tel: 1-888-436-7737
(Des Plaines River)

Local Government
City of Joliet

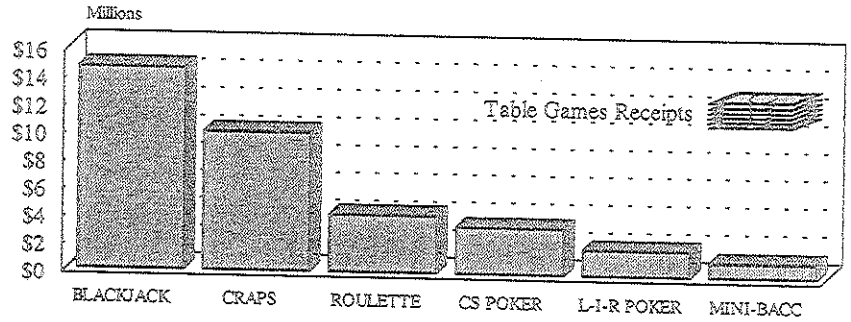
Licensing
Licensed: July 1992
Renewed: July 1997



Calendar Year Comparison			
	1996	1997	% Change
Number of Days Operational	366	365	-0.27%
Adjusted Gross Receipts	$167,884,431	$136,504,791	-18.69%
Patrons	1,960,277	1,826,094	-6.85%
AGR Per Patron	$85.64	$74.75	-12.72%
Admissions	3,361,983	3,407,122	1.34%
AGR Per Admission	$49.94	$40.06	-19.77%
Gambling Sq. Ft.	36,266	36,266	0.00%
Number of Table Games	60	52	-13.33%
Table Drop	$302,758,883	$214,516,612	-29.15%
Table AGR	$51,965,037	$34,822,462	-32.99%
AGR/Table/Day	$2,366	$1,835	-22.47%
Table Game AGR to Drop %	17.16%	16.23%	-5.42%
Number of EGD's	985	1,005	2.05%
EGD Handle	$1,999,968,876	$1,759,680,594	-12.01%
EGD AGR	$115,919,394	$101,682,329	-12.28%
AGR/EGD/Day	$321.54	$277.19	-13.79%
EGD AGR to Handle %	5.80%	5.78%	-0.30%
Total Tax	$40,300,852	$34,115,201	-15.35%
State Share of Revenue	$28,544,648	$23,882,840	-16.33%
Local Share of Revenue	$11,756,204	$10,232,361	-12.96%

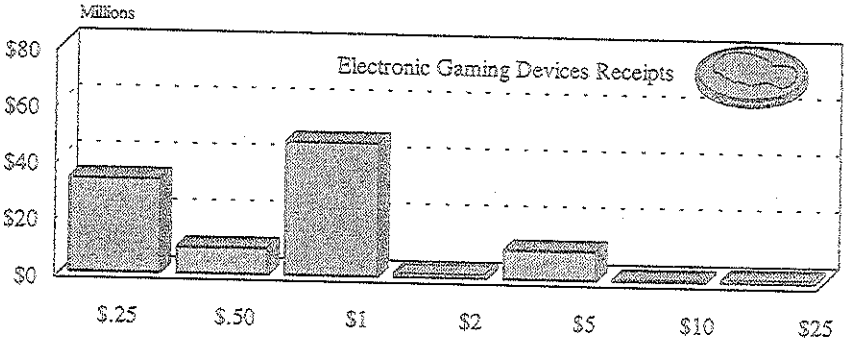
Table Games Detail

TABLE GAMES	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL TABLE DROP	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO DROP %
BLACKJACK	32	$117,018,900	$14,564,197	12.4%
CRAPS	6	51,416,157	9,975,069	19.4%
ROULETTE	4	14,852,087	4,100,522	27.6%
CS POKER	4	14,574,779	3,318,385	22.8%
LET IT RIDE POKER	4	11,516,773	1,829,567	15.9%
MINI-BACCARAT	2	5,137,916	1,034,722	20.1%
TOTAL	52	$214,516,612	$34,822,462	16.2%

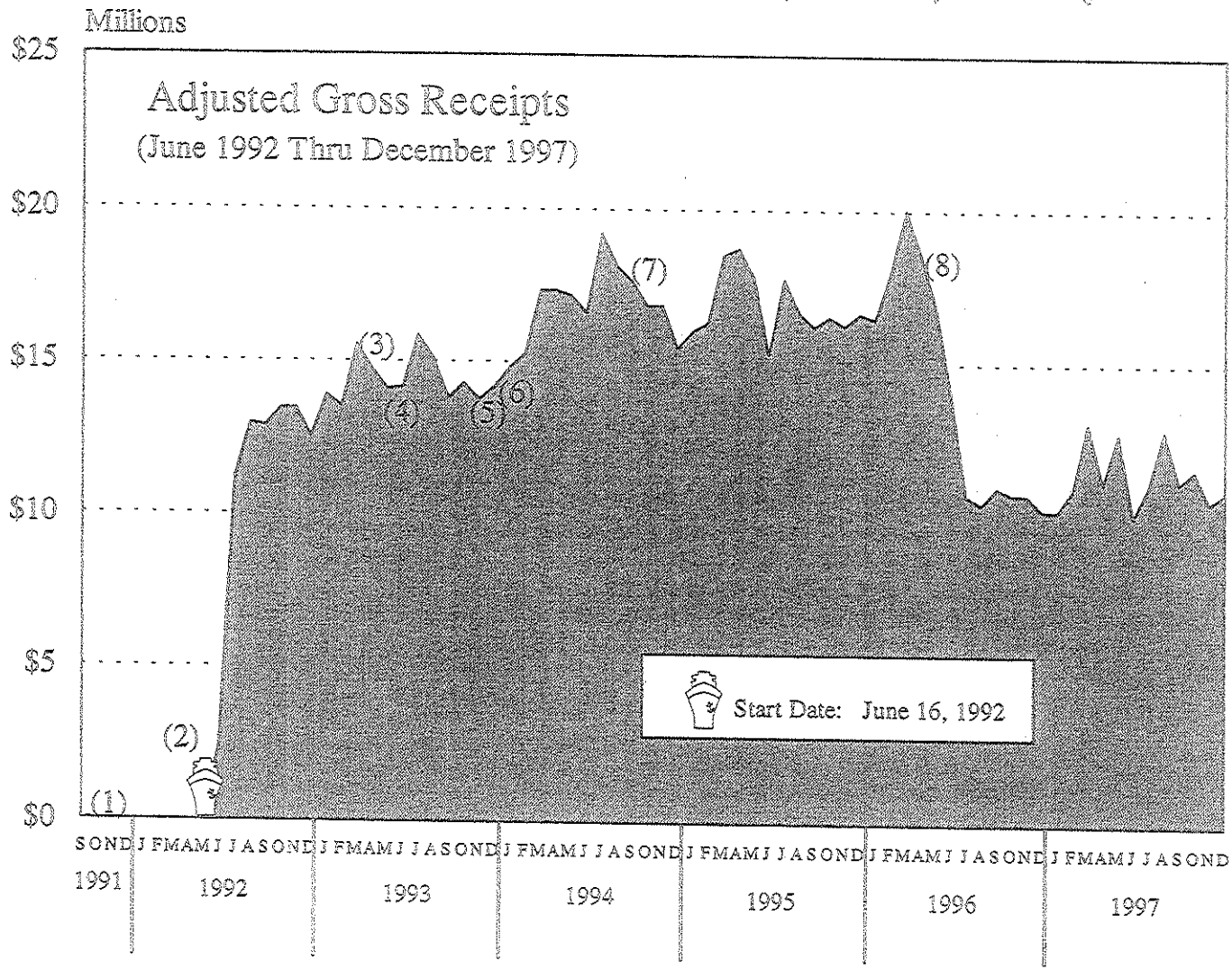


Electronic Games Detail

EGD	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL EGD HANDLE	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO HANDLE %
$0.25	368	$426,405,498	$32,925,624	7.7%
$0.50	115	125,865,882	9,129,258	7.3%
$1	448	931,911,322	46,931,811	5.0%
$2	14	16,749,032	1,257,320	7.5%
$5	50	220,844,370	10,133,718	4.6%
$10	3	7,606,440	424,870	5.6%
$25	7	30,298,050	879,728	2.9%
TOTAL	1,005	$1,759,680,594	$101,682,329	5.8%



	Month	Admission Total	Patron Total	AGR Total	Local Tax Share	Win Per Admission	Win Per Patron
Start date of the first boat (Alton Belle) 09/10/91	1991 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Start up of Joliet's Empress I (06/16/92)	1992 Total	1,043,962	N/A	78,887,572	4,988,340	75.57	N/A
Start up of Joliet's Empress II (12/26/93)	1993 Total	2,155,136	N/A	172,859,630	10,798,119	80.21	N/A
	1994 Total	3,152,962	N/A	202,771,211	13,291,523	64.31	N/A
	Jan	239,283	152,461	16,033,429	1,040,954	67.01	105.16
	Feb	243,488	156,450	16,318,194	1,059,398	67.02	104.30
	Mar	297,924	185,701	18,508,241	1,223,336	62.12	99.67
	Apr	314,711	196,688	18,739,255	1,251,675	59.54	95.27
	May	289,089	182,434	17,792,356	1,178,707	61.55	97.53
	June	265,543	167,861	15,275,013	1,029,294	57.52	91.00
	July	304,871	191,953	17,741,978	1,191,970	58.20	92.43
	Aug	291,773	184,826	16,644,951	1,124,021	57.05	90.06
	Sept	272,304	171,699	16,185,008	1,081,554	59.44	94.26
	Oct	290,052	184,621	16,500,781	1,115,091	56.89	89.38
	Nov	270,811	171,238	16,222,401	1,081,931	59.90	94.74
	Dec	267,849	164,501	16,620,847	1,098,891	62.05	101.04
	1995 Total	3,347,698	2,110,433	202,582,454	13,476,821	60.51	95.99
	Jan	264,433	161,541	16,438,251	1,086,346	62.16	101.76
	Feb	292,463	180,264	17,993,089	1,192,117	61.52	99.82
	Mar	328,705	202,968	20,032,109	1,330,310	60.94	98.70
	Apr	307,076	191,787	18,593,554	1,236,754	60.55	96.95
	May	301,905	192,486	16,849,707	1,144,390	55.81	87.54
Start up Northwest Indiana gaming (two boats - 6/11 & 6/28)	June	244,950	159,957	13,989,278	944,414	57.11	87.46
	July	216,093	140,528	10,741,467	753,166	49.71	76.44
	Aug	280,260	145,906	10,447,404	802,630	37.28	71.60
	Sept	296,103	153,694	10,997,907	845,998	37.14	71.56
	Oct	287,987	149,166	10,784,434	827,209	37.45	72.30
	Nov	282,516	146,812	10,759,991	820,516	38.09	73.29
	Dec	259,492	135,168	10,257,240	772,354	39.53	75.89
	1996 Total	3,361,983	1,960,277	167,885,431	11,756,204	49.94	85.64
	Jan	251,326	129,515	10,227,384	762,695	40.69	78.97
	Feb	276,458	144,632	10,941,591	823,538	39.58	75.65
	Mar	318,488	169,733	13,093,431	973,159	41.11	77.14
Start up of showboat Casino East Chicago, IN (4/18/97)	Apr	281,782	152,925	11,180,244	840,794	39.68	73.11
	May	296,137	163,496	12,751,825	933,728	43.06	77.99
	June	264,837	144,998	10,074,678	768,571	38.04	69.48
	July	305,629	165,654	11,101,126	860,685	36.32	67.01
Start up Blue Chip Casino Michigan City, IN (8/19/97)	Aug	327,829	177,482	12,890,933	972,376	39.32	72.63
	Sept	281,661	153,918	11,194,282	841,375	39.74	72.73
	Oct	291,172	157,171	11,611,777	871,761	39.88	73.88
	Nov	250,485	131,055	10,557,642	778,367	42.15	80.56
	Dec	261,318	135,515	10,879,878	805,312	41.63	80.29
	1997 Total	3,407,122	1,826,094	136,504,791	10,232,361	40.06	74.75



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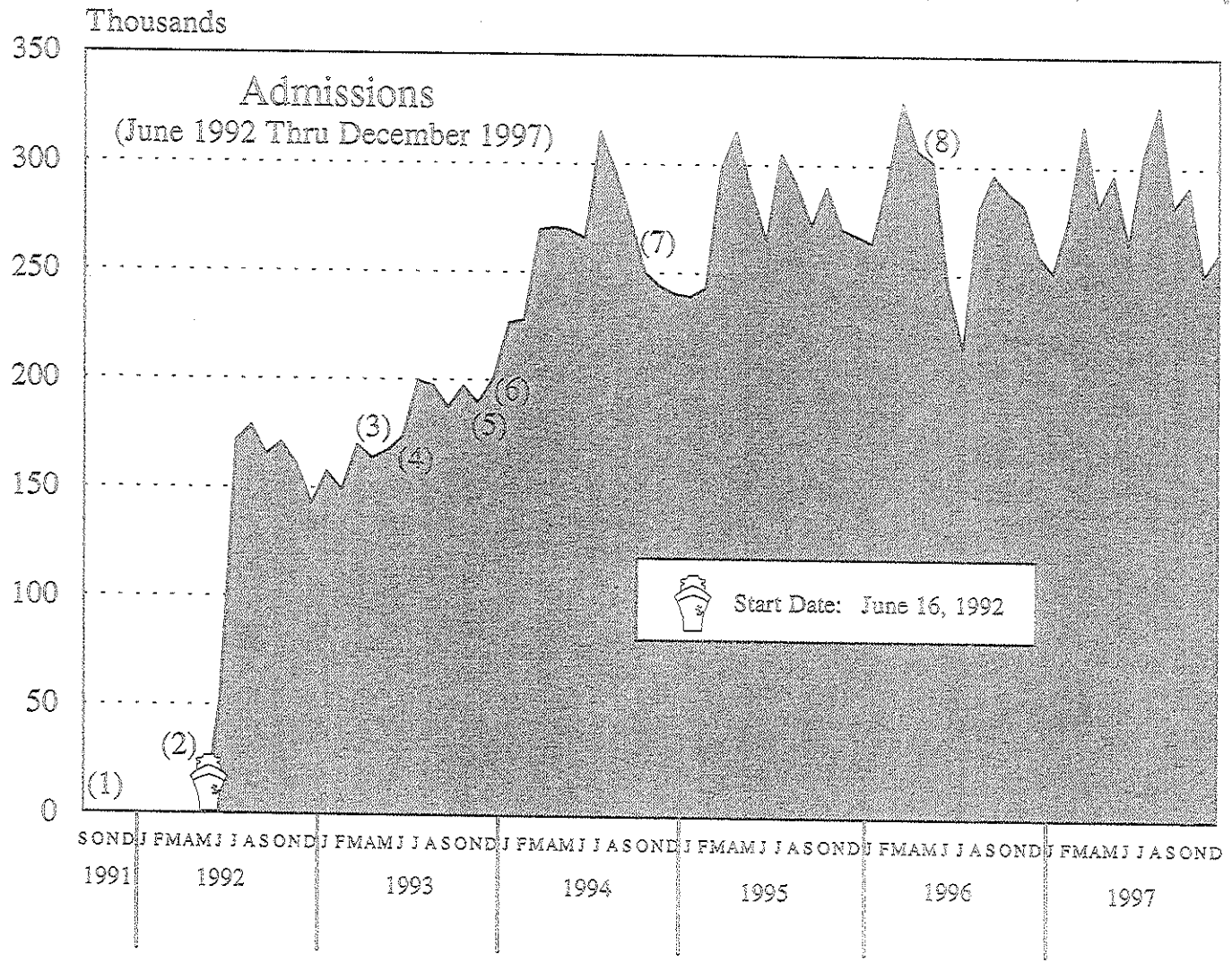

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H.P., Inc.

QUICKFACTS

Operations began June 18, 1992
Operations ceased July 29, 1997
Gambling Space: 6,400 sq. ft.
Employees: 143
AGR per Admission: $15.90
Average Daily Admissions: 204
No. of Authorized Gaming Positions: 313

The Silver Eagle
19731 Highway 20 West
East Dubuque, Illinois 61025
Tel: 1-800-745-8371
(Mississippi River)

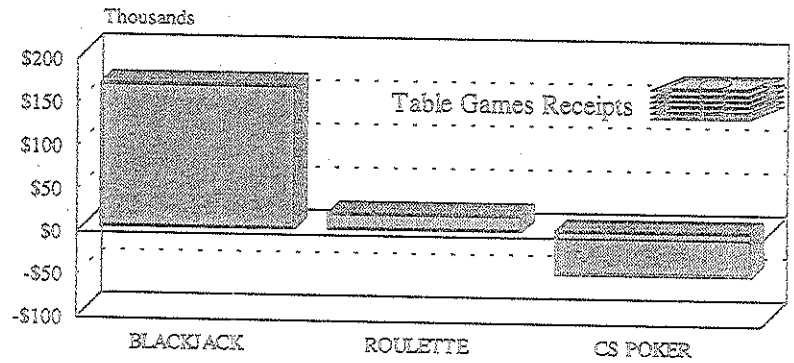
Local Government
Jo Daviess County

Licensing
Licensed: July 1992
Renewal denied: July 28, 1997

Calendar Year Comparison			
	1996	1997	% Change
Number of Days Operational	223	210	-5.83%
Adjusted Gross Receipts	$2,501,001	$671,270	-73.16%
Patrons	96,935	31,509	-67.49%
AGR Per Patron	$25.80	$21.30	-17.43%
Admissions	145,082	42,753	-70.53%
AGR Per Admission	$17.24	$15.70	-8.92%
Gambling Sq. Ft.	6,400	6,400	0.00%
Number of Table Games	14	11	-21.43%
Table Drop	$2,450,951	$1,100,445	-55.10%
Table AGR	$488,115	$132,470	-72.86%
AGR/Table/Day	$156	$57	-63.32%
Table Game AGR to Drop %	19.92%	12.04%	-39.55%
Number of EGD's	381	286	-24.93%
EGD Handle	$33,536,105	$8,279,460	-75.31%
EGD AGR	$2,012,886	$538,800	-73.23%
AGR/EGD/Day	$23.69	$8.97	-62.13%
EGD AGR to Handle %	6.00%	6.51%	8.42%
Total Tax	$790,364	$219,760	-72.20%
State Share of Revenue	$520,232	$143,443	-72.43%
Local Share of Revenue	$270,132	$76,317	-71.75%

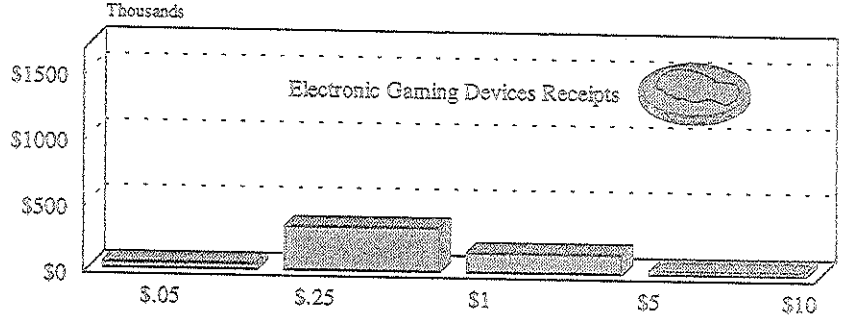
Table Games Detail

TABLE GAMES	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL TABLE DROP	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO DROP %
BLACKJACK	9	$936,716	$164,632	17.6%
ROULETTE	1	74,435	17,667	23.7%
CS POKER	1	89,294	(49,829)	-55.8%
TOTAL	11	$1,100,445	$132,470	12.0%

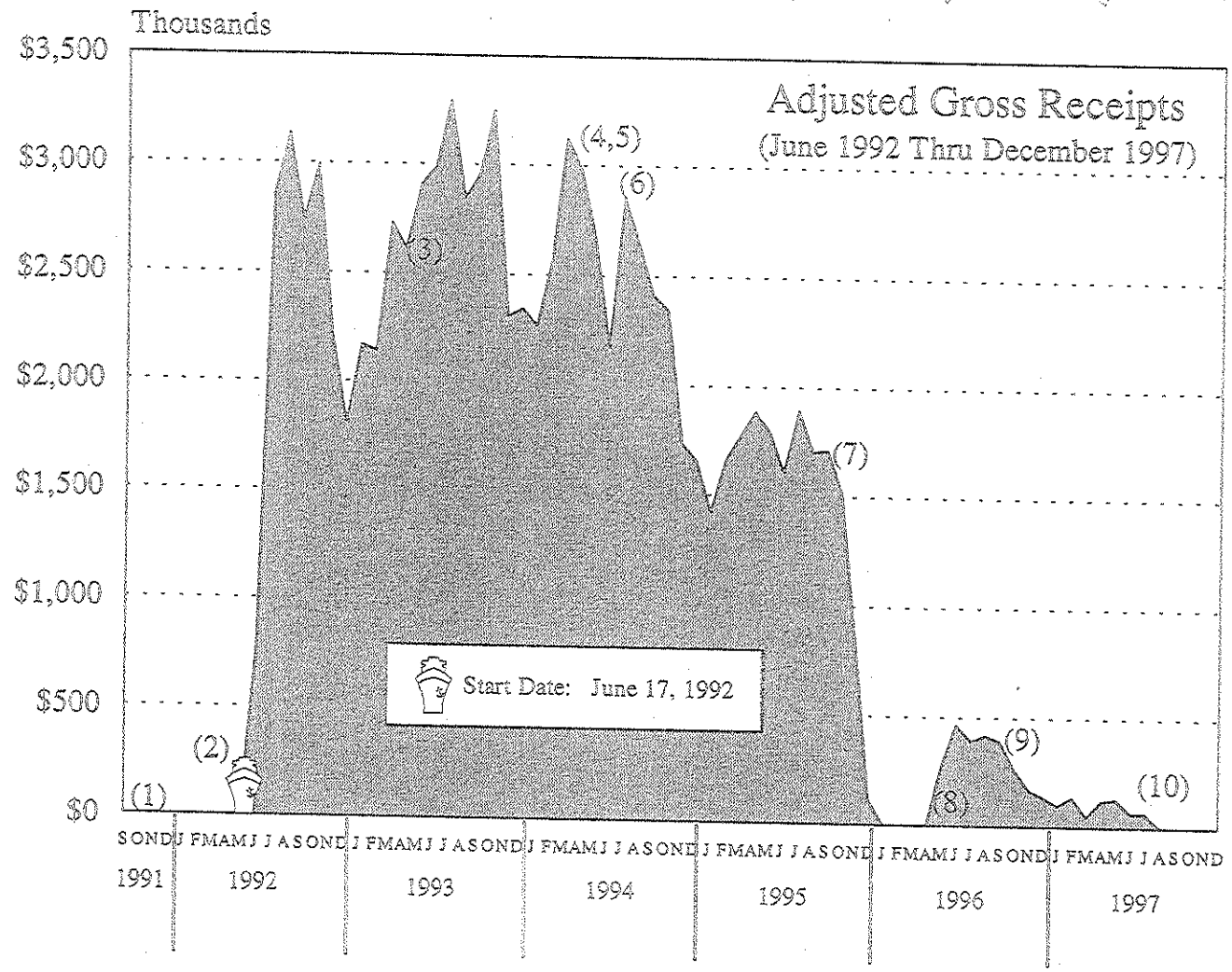


Electronic Games Detail

EGD	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL EGD HANDLE	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO HANDLE %
$0.05	24	$302,391	$43,383	14.3%
$0.25	200	4,891,861	327,139	6.7%
$1	58	2,704,463	144,035	5.3%
$5	4	380,745	24,243	6.4%
TOTAL	286	$8,279,460	$538,800	6.5%



	Month	Admission Total	Patron Total	AGR Total	Local Tax Share	Win Per Admission	Win Per Patron
Start date of the first boat (Alton Belle) 09/10/91	1991 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Start up of Jo Daviess County (Silver Eagle) 06/17/92	1992 Total	481,846	N/A	16,520,823	1,307,887	34.29	N/A
	1993 Total	840,133	N/A	32,530,253	2,466,646	38.72	N/A
	1994 Total	955,663	N/A	29,407,098	2,426,018	30.77	N/A
	Jan	55,783	31,143	1,421,562	126,861	25.48	45.65
	Feb	67,320	36,982	1,662,896	150,465	24.70	44.97
	Mar	72,653	41,662	1,774,247	161,365	24.42	42.59
	Apr	63,083	40,417	1,885,175	157,342	29.88	46.64
	May	62,367	40,308	1,792,970	152,016	28.75	44.48
	June	72,721	43,149	1,611,470	153,295	22.16	37.35
	July	93,941	55,958	1,892,255	188,553	20.14	33.82
	Aug	85,106	50,618	1,703,361	170,273	20.01	33.65
	Sept	81,290	48,145	1,710,393	166,810	21.04	35.53
	Oct	68,761	41,227	1,515,135	144,518	22.03	36.75
	Nov	32,286	32,285	826,333	73,603	25.59	25.59
Temporary shut down of operations (12/4/95)	Dec	4,580	4,580	113,496	10,255	24.78	24.78
	1995 Total	759,891	466,474	17,909,293	1,655,356	23.57	38.39
	Jan	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
	Feb	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
	Mar	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
	Apr	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Operation re-opens (5/22/96)	May	17,154	10,924	272,625	30,785	15.89	24.96
	June	27,435	18,329	462,508	50,560	16.86	25.23
	July	26,059	17,231	390,276	45,573	14.98	22.65
	Aug	23,928	15,085	416,065	44,731	17.39	27.58
Replace original boat with smaller boat (9/15/96)	Sept	21,618	14,654	390,409	41,138	18.06	26.64
	Oct	14,969	10,619	261,430	28,041	17.46	24.62
	Nov	7,471	5,267	170,530	15,998	22.83	32.38
	Dec	6,448	4,826	137,158	13,306	21.27	28.42
	1996 Total	145,082	96,935	2,501,001	270,132	17.24	25.80
	Jan	4,882	3496	98,326	9,798	20.14	28.13
	Feb	5,879	4205	137,878	12,773	23.45	32.79
	Mar	6,959	5000	49,083	9,413	7.05	9.82
	Apr	6,359	4770	121,714	12,445	19.14	25.52
	May	7,000	5147	130,404	13,520	18.63	25.34
	June	6,008	4536	67,442	9,380	11.23	14.87
Silver Eagle ceased operations (7/29/97)	July	5,666	4355	66,423	8,987	11.72	15.25
	Aug	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Sept	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Oct	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Nov	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
	Dec	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
	1997 Total	42,753	31,509	671,270	76,317	15.70	21.30



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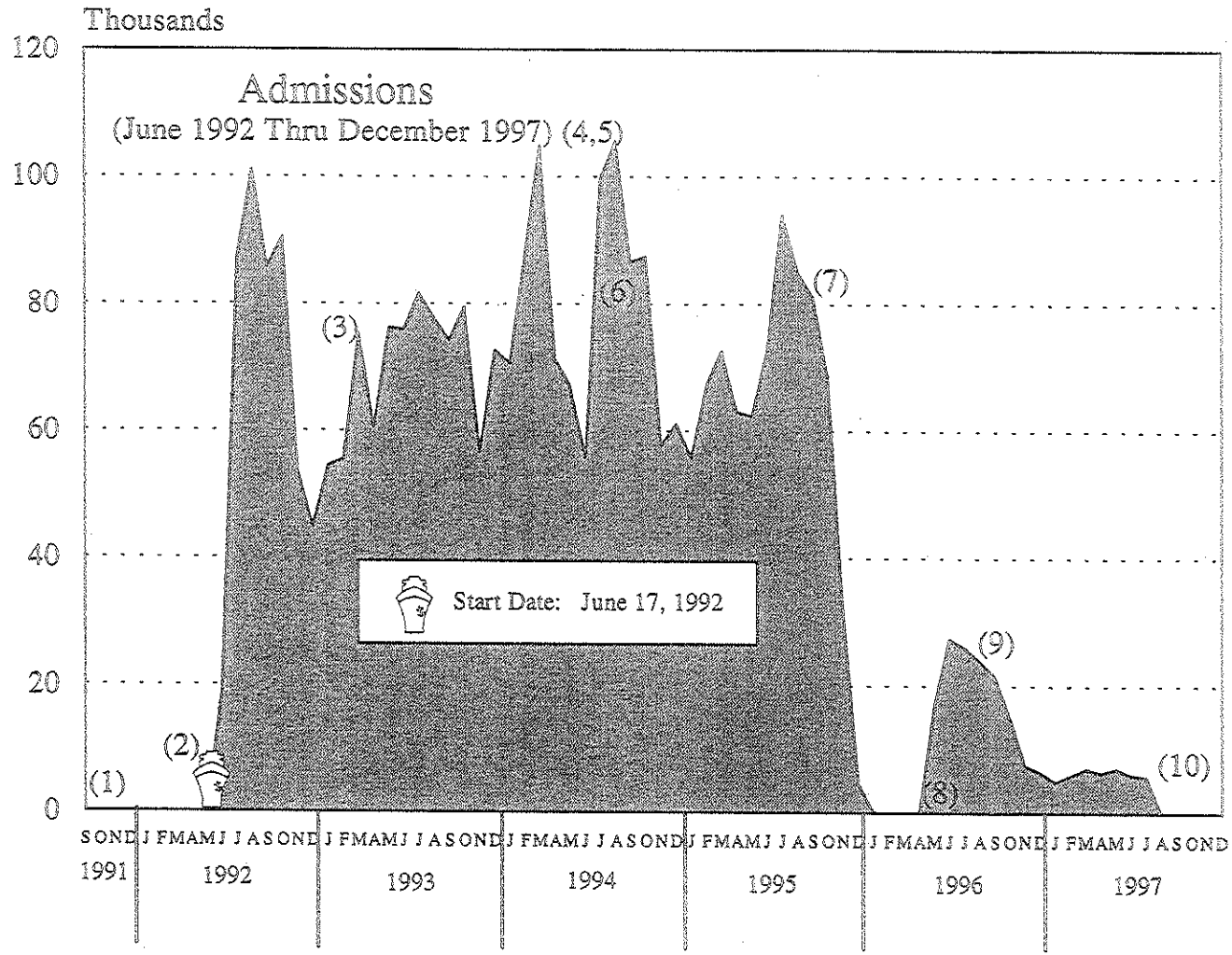

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Southern Illinois Riverboat Casino Cruises, Inc.

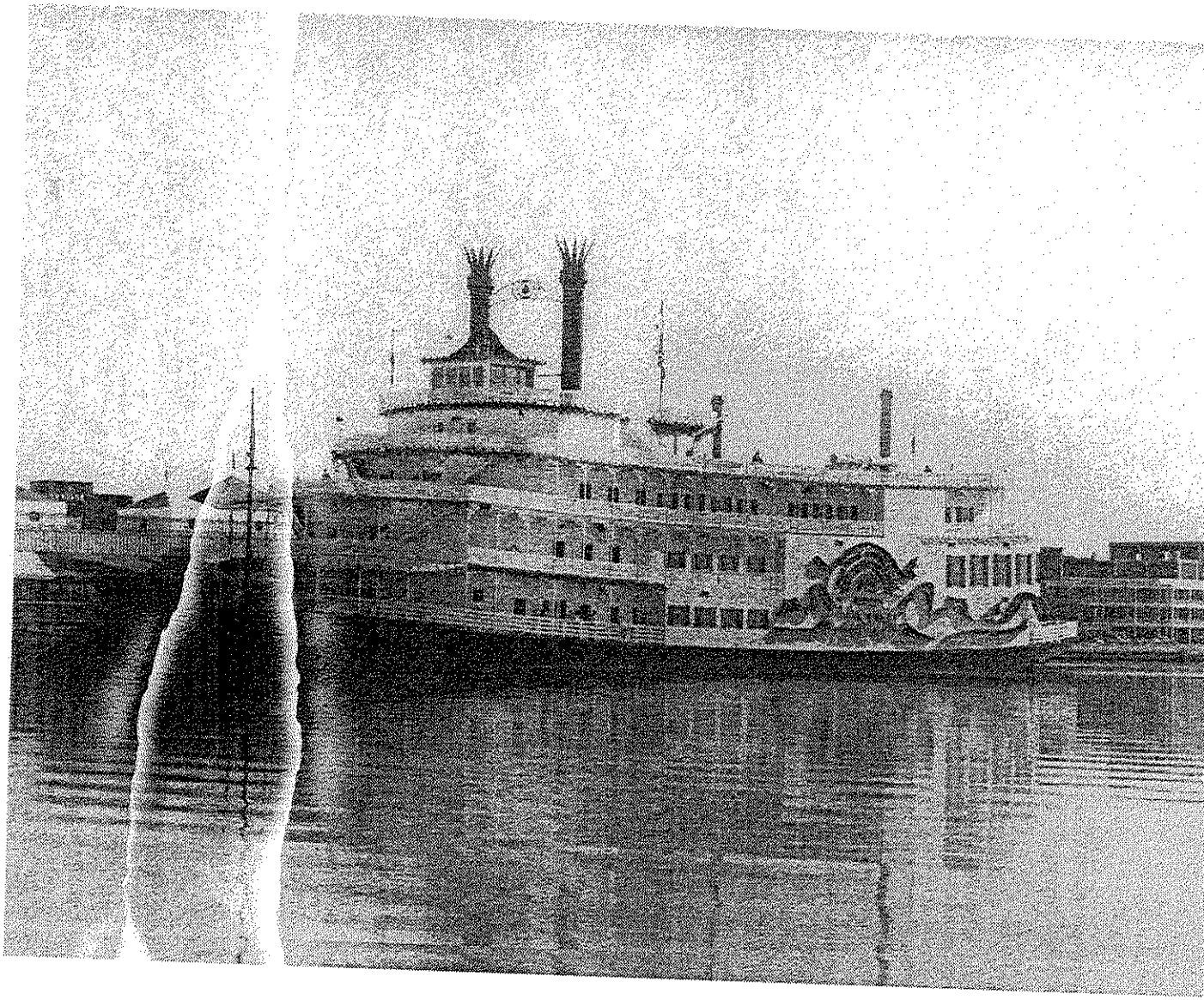
QUICK FACTS

Operations began: February 23, 1993
Gambling Space: 22,150 sq. ft.
Employees: 791
AGR per Admission: $37.76
Average Daily Admissions: 5,599
No. of Authorized Gaming Positions: 1,081

Players Riverboat Casino
203 Ferry Street
Metropolis, Illinois 62960
Tel: 1-800-935-7700
(Ohio River)

Local Government
City of Metropolis

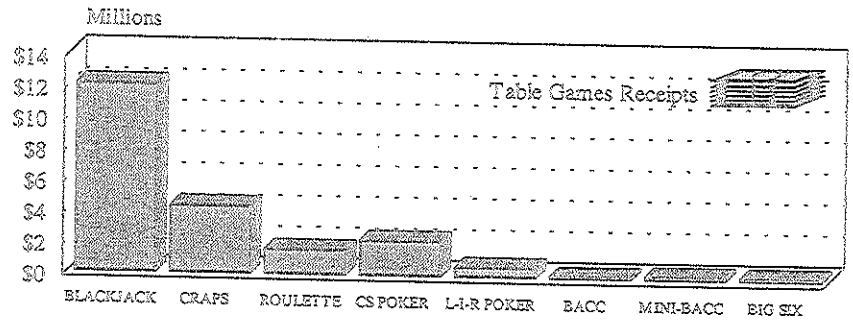
Licensing
Licensed: February 1993
Renewed: February 1997



Calendar Year Comparison			
	1996	1997	% Change
Number of Days Operational	366	363	-0.82%
Adjusted Gross Receipts	$76,663,166	$76,740,757	0.10%
Patrons	985,669	1,039,883	5.50%
AGR Per Patron	$77.78	$73.80	-5.12%
Admissions	1,934,106	2,032,272	5.08%
AGR Per Admission	$39.64	$37.76	-4.73%
Gambling Sq. Ft.	22,150	22,150	0.00%
Number of Table Games	50	52	3.67%
Table Drop	$102,316,210	$99,166,822	-3.08%
Table AGR	$23,295,865	$21,026,970	-9.74%
AGR/Table/Day	$1,262	$1,114	-11.76%
Table Game AGR to Drop %	22.77%	21.20%	-6.87%
Number of EGD's	886	894	0.92%
EGD Handle	$661,516,817	$787,315,014	19.02%
EGD AGR	$53,367,301	$55,713,787	4.40%
AGR/EGD/Day	$164.57	$171.68	4.32%
EGD AGR to Handle %	8.07%	7.08%	-12.28%
Total Tax	$19,200,845	$19,412,695	1.10%
State Share of Revenue	$13,433,581	$13,543,385	0.82%
Local Share of Revenue	$5,767,264	$5,869,310	1.77%

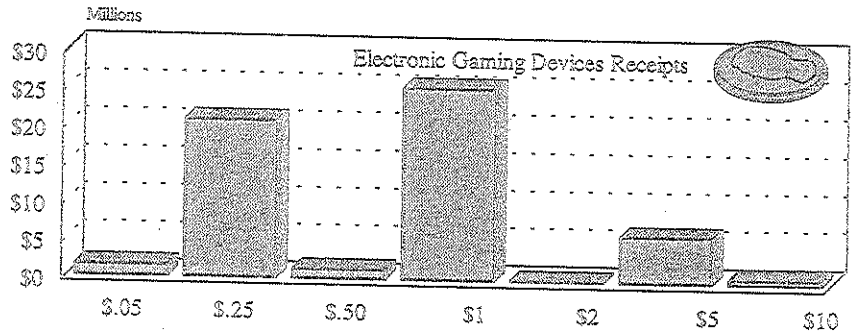
Table Games Detail

TABLE GAMES	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL TABLE DROP	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO DROP %
BLACKJACK	34	$63,405,356	$12,066,291	19.0%
CRAPS	4	19,245,691	4,276,665	22.2%
ROULETTE	5	4,699,072	1,541,086	32.8%
CS POKER	4	7,775,828	2,192,846	28.2%
LET IT RIDE POKER	2	3,001,441	587,793	19.6%
BACCARAT	1	195,350	70,058	35.9%
MINI-BACCARAT	1	623,492	168,624	27.0%
BIG SIX	1	220,592	123,607	56.0%
TOTAL	52	$99,166,822	$21,026,970	21.2%

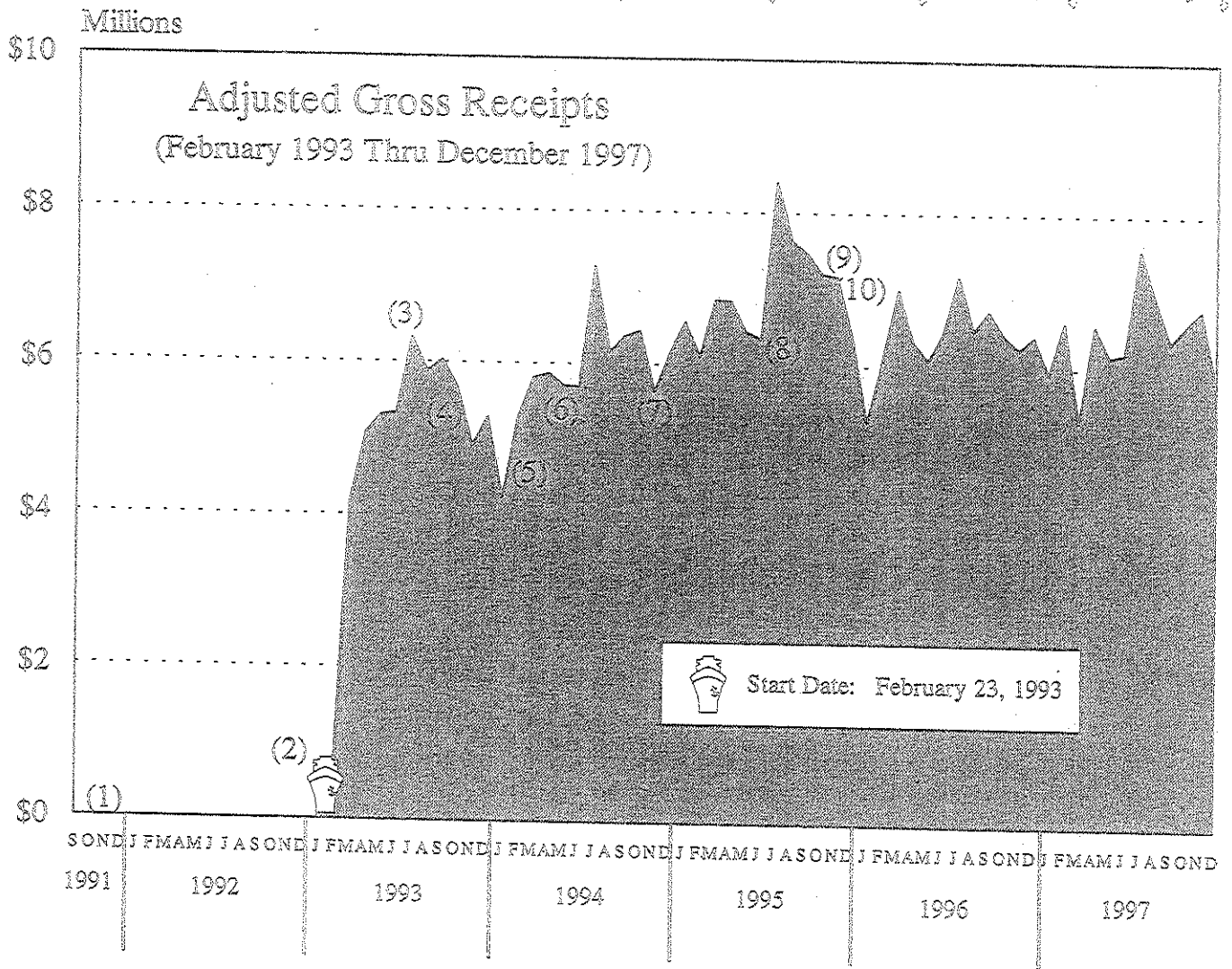


Electronic Games Detail

EGD	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL EGD HANDLE	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO HANDLE %
$0.05	41	$9,835,952	$1,463,718	14.9%
$0.25	472	247,888,268	20,850,565	8.4%
$0.50	28	14,866,257	1,213,426	8.2%
$1	318	366,436,095	25,392,867	6.9%
$2	1	1,334,032	94,336	7.1%
$5	32	133,380,940	6,122,586	4.6%
$10	2	13,573,470	576,289	4.2%
TOTAL	894	$787,315,014	$55,713,787	7.1%



	Month	Admission Total	Patron Total	AGR Total	Local Tax Share	Win Per Admission	Win Per Patron
Start date of the first boat (Alton Belle) 09/10/91	1991 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1992 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Start up of Metropolis (Players Riverboat Casino) 2/23/93	1993 Total	1,085,773	N/A	54,402,452	3,805,896	50.10	N/A
	1994 Total	1,269,154	N/A	70,609,220	4,799,615	55.63	N/A
	Jan	103,122	63,122	6,551,925	430,718	63.54	103.80
	Feb	139,414	66,431	6,109,115	444,870	43.82	91.96
	Mar	163,020	78,841	6,848,205	505,430	42.01	86.86
	Apr	160,319	79,586	6,835,171	502,078	42.63	85.88
	May	164,909	79,580	6,438,065	486,812	39.04	80.90
	June	161,462	81,669	6,335,637	478,244	39.24	77.58
	July	212,329	107,370	8,405,152	632,587	39.59	78.28
Expanded gaming space (8/95)	Aug	189,886	96,641	7,636,168	571,694	40.21	79.02
	Sept	182,437	92,182	7,470,263	555,950	40.95	81.04
	Oct	177,835	90,469	7,208,037	538,237	40.53	79.67
New replacement boat (11/15/95)	Nov	179,210	89,025	7,170,075	537,714	40.01	80.54
Start up of Evansville, Indiana's Casino Aztar (12/5/95)	Dec	152,205	75,980	6,387,946	471,602	41.97	84.07
	1995 Total	1,986,148	1,000,896	83,395,759	6,155,936	41.99	83.32
	Jan	125,286	61,421	5,278,485	389,210	42.13	85.94
	Feb	144,843	72,922	6,064,634	448,075	41.87	83.17
	Mar	177,677	88,496	7,000,989	527,726	39.40	79.11
	Apr	157,449	79,487	6,327,599	473,829	40.19	79.61
	May	159,302	81,073	6,087,061	463,655	38.21	75.08
	June	167,393	85,647	6,445,015	489,644	38.50	75.25
	July	193,115	99,643	7,182,356	552,233	37.19	72.08
	Aug	187,202	96,803	6,480,080	511,206	34.62	66.94
	Sept	165,015	86,279	6,734,122	501,721	40.81	78.05
	Oct	155,249	80,637	6,418,163	476,157	41.34	79.59
	Nov	158,388	80,015	6,246,060	470,691	39.44	78.06
	Dec	143,187	73,246	6,398,602	463,117	44.69	87.36
	1996 Total	1,934,106	985,669	76,663,166	5,767,264	39.64	77.78
	Jan	142,434	71,238	5,936,704	439,269	41.68	83.34
	Feb	172,569	87,530	6,591,285	502,133	38.20	75.30
Flooding caused Players to close (3/9 & 10/97)	Mar	140,028	68,176	5,316,148	405,836	37.96	77.98
	Apr	166,817	86,479	6,549,955	494,315	39.26	75.74
	May	173,443	88,242	6,162,148	481,550	35.53	69.83
	June	174,497	90,097	6,204,309	484,712	35.56	68.86
	July	191,564	98,313	7,551,624	569,145	39.42	76.81
	Aug	203,652	104,578	6,912,080	549,256	33.94	66.09
	Sept	167,078	86,574	6,348,014	484,479	37.99	73.32
	Oct	181,604	95,653	6,572,331	510,221	36.19	68.71
	Nov	171,561	87,331	6,774,843	510,303	39.49	77.58
	Dec	147,025	75,672	5,821,316	438,091	39.59	76.93
	1997 Total	2,032,272	1,039,883	76,740,757	5,869,310	37.76	73.80



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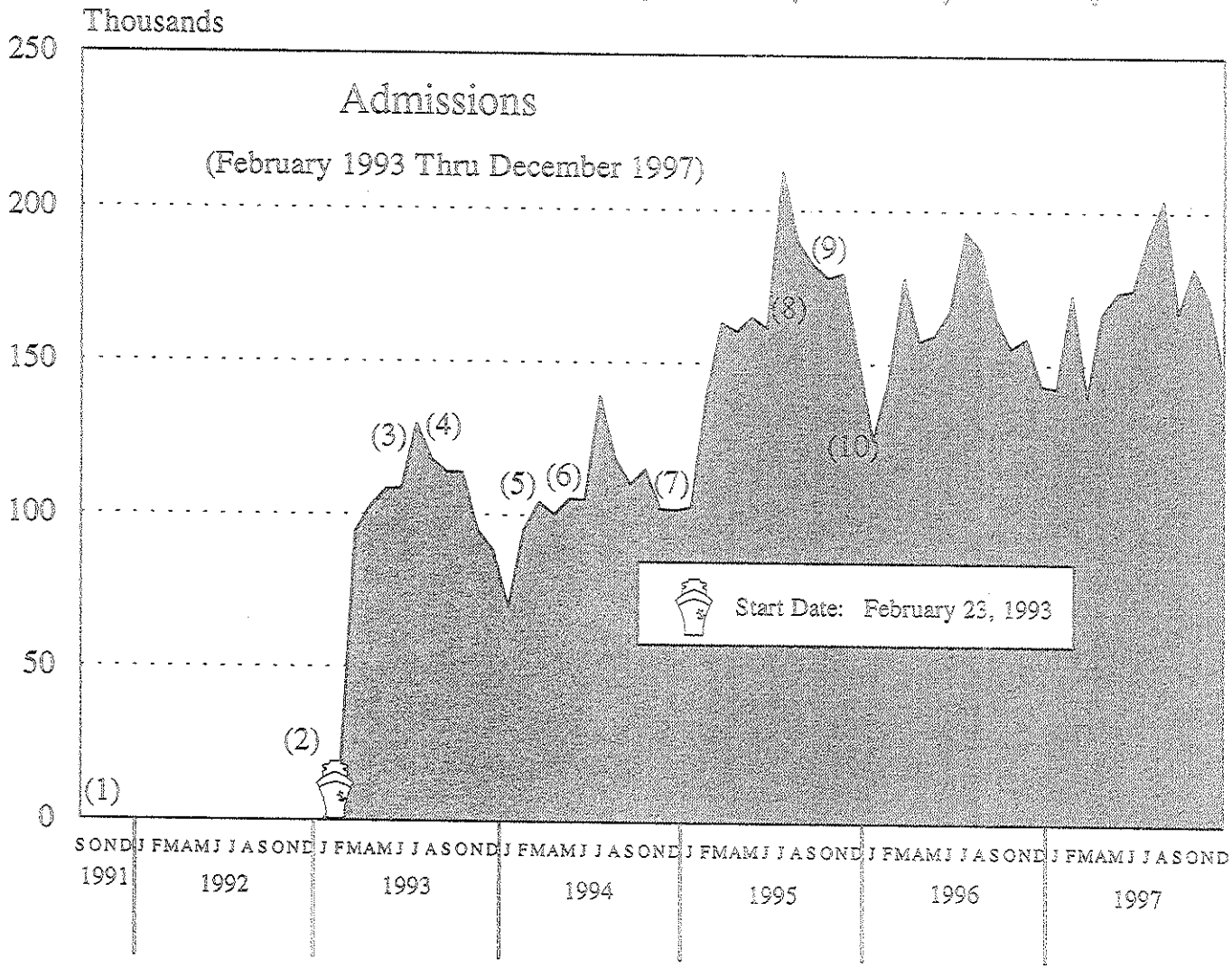

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Harrah's Casino Cruises Joliet

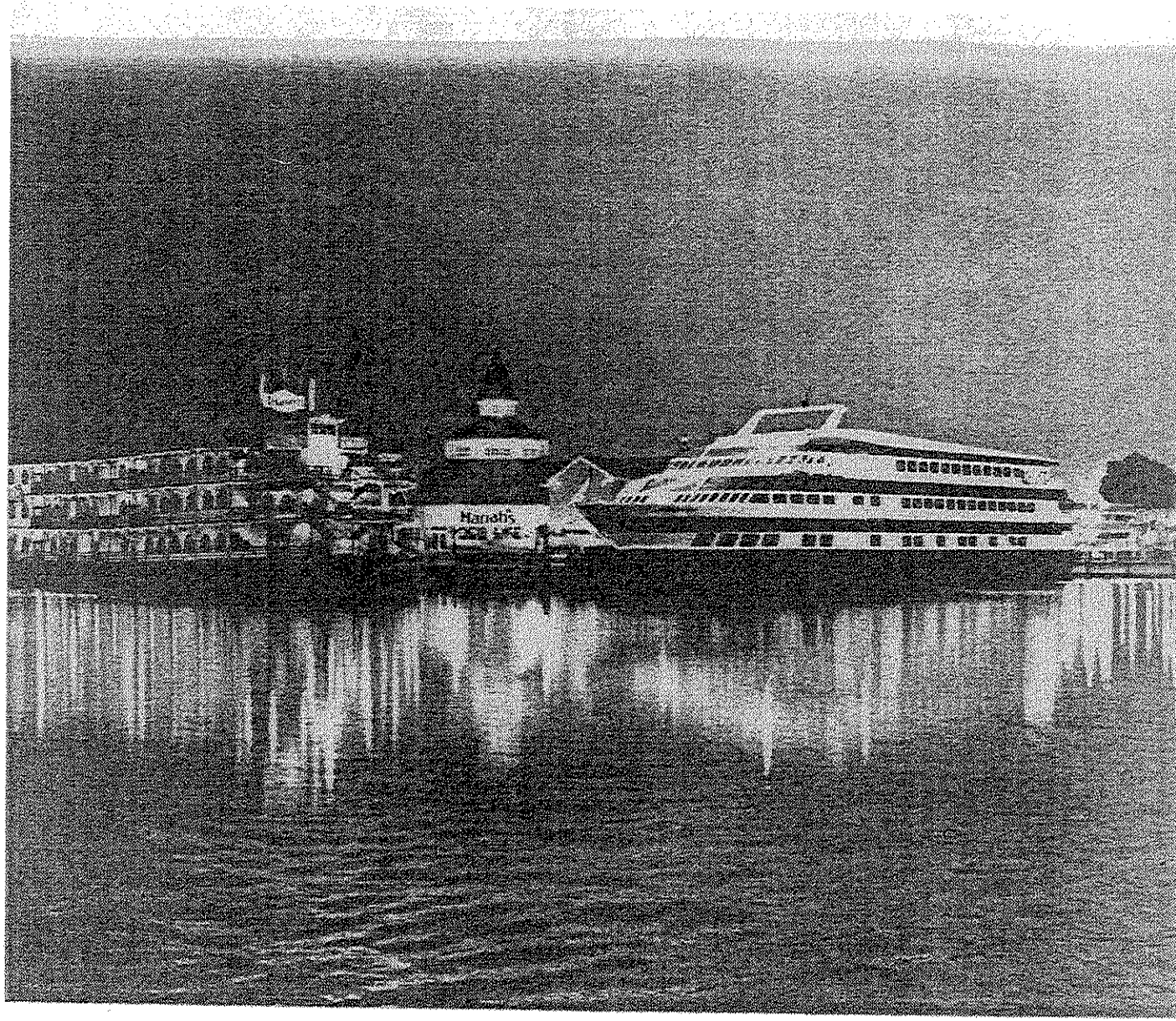
QUICK FACTS

Operations began: May 4, 1993
Gambling Space: 37,160 sq. ft.
Employees: 1,345
AGR per Admission: $48.78
Average Daily Admissions: 8,568
No. of Authorized Gaming Positions: 1,200

Northern Star and Southern Star
151 North Joliet Street
Joliet, Illinois 60432
Tel: 1-800-427-7247
(Des Plaines River)

Local Government
City of Joliet

Licensing
Licensed: August 1993
Renewed: August 1997



Calendar Year Comparison			
	1996	1997	% Change
Number of Days Operational	366	365	-0.27%
Adjusted Gross Receipts	$181,568,146	$152,565,997	-15.97%
Patrons	1,777,988	1,565,447	-11.95%
AGR Per Patron	$102.12	$97.46	-4.56%
Admissions	2,879,259	3,127,340	8.62%
AGR Per Admission	$63.06	$48.78	-22.64%
Gambling Sq. Ft.	37,160	37,160	0.00%
Number of Table Games	60	56	-6.67%
Table Drop	$260,063,751	$225,348,625	-13.35%
Table AGR	$46,950,488	$35,397,552	-24.61%
AGR/Table/Day	$2,138	$1,732	-19.00%
Table Game AGR to Drop %	18.05%	15.71%	-12.99%
Number of EGD's	982	988	0.61%
EGD Handle	$2,324,231,585	$1,957,667,313	-15.77%
EGD AGR	$134,617,658	$117,168,445	-12.96%
AGR/EGD/Day	$374.55	$324.91	-13.25%
EGD AGR to Handle %	5.79%	5.99%	3.34%
Total Tax	$42,072,147	$36,767,879	-12.61%
State Share of Revenue	$30,114,481	$26,012,239	-13.62%
Local Share of Revenue	$11,957,666	$10,755,640	-10.05%

Table Games Detail

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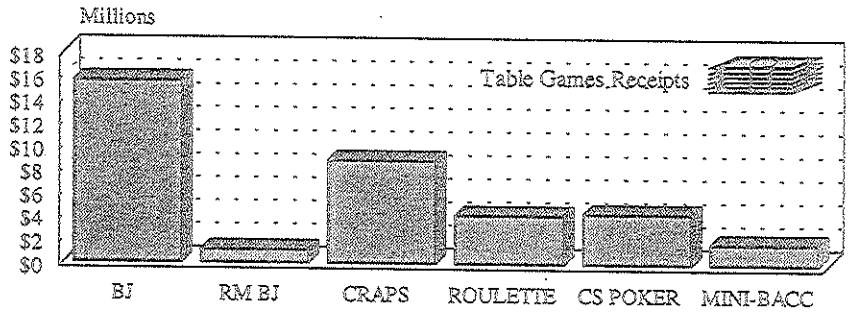
BLACKJACK	36	$123,106,227	$15,540,061	12.6%
ROYAL MATCH BJ	2	5,529,735	1,059,706	19.2%
CRAPS	6	49,666,315	8,772,620	17.7%
ROULETTE	4	16,495,909	4,071,011	24.7%
CS POKER	6	18,393,447	4,257,917	23.1%
MINI-BACCARAT	2	12,156,992	1,696,237	14.0%
TOTAL	56	$225,348,625	$35,397,552	15.7%



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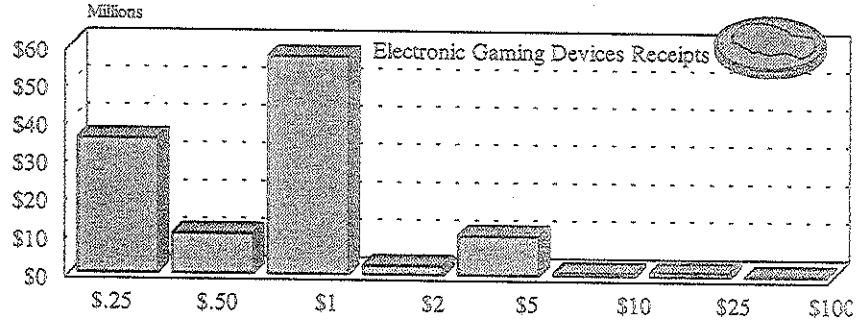
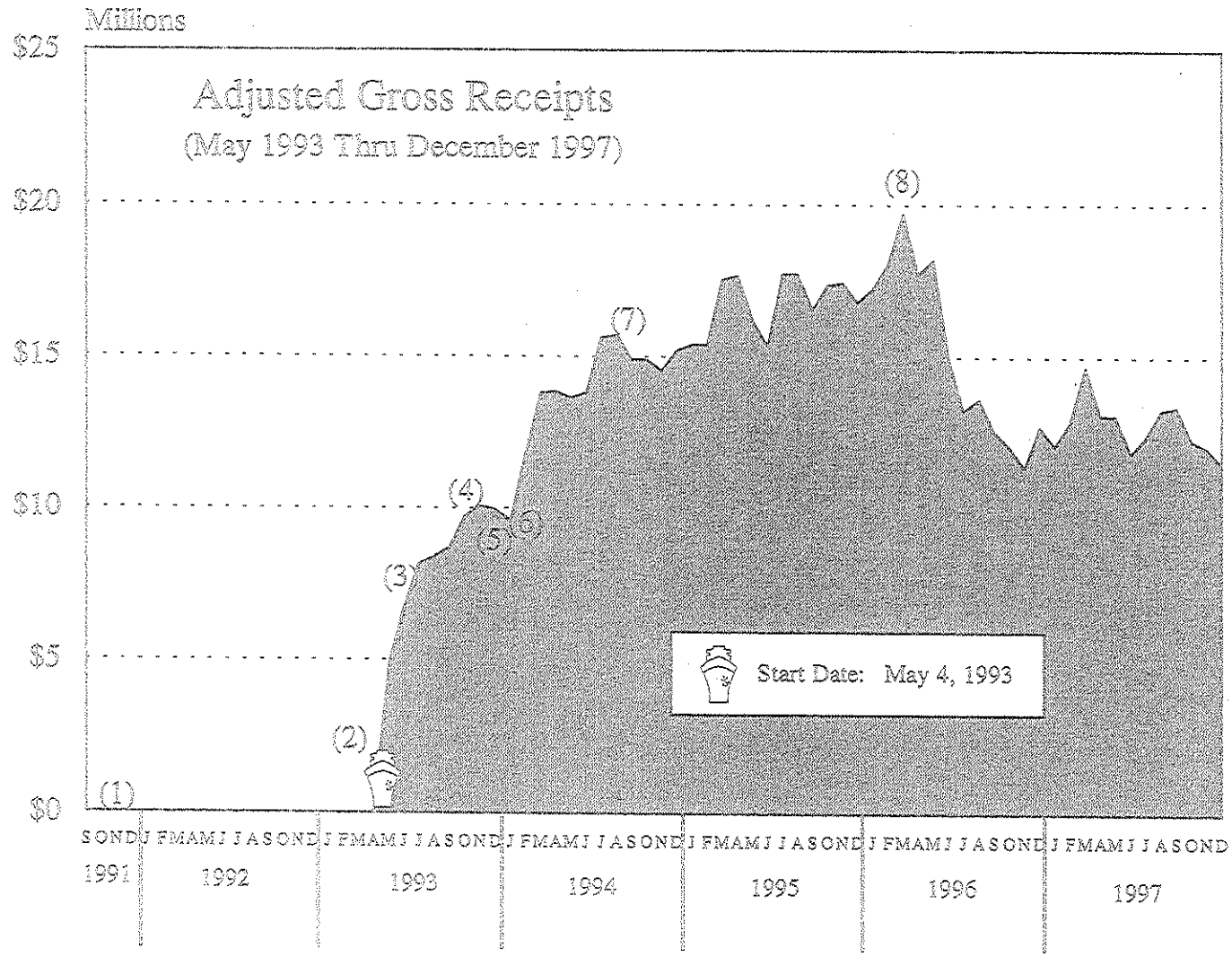
$0.25	352	$419,471,864	$35,338,014	8.4%
$0.50	106	132,960,584	10,372,585	7.8%
$1	449	1,117,579,413	57,464,131	5.1%
$2	16	39,065,172	2,178,822	5.6%
$5	56	217,354,390	10,159,120	4.7%
$10	4	14,581,390	707,810	4.9%
$25	3	13,668,300	889,363	6.5%
$100	2	2,986,200	58,600	2.0%
TOTAL	988	$1,957,667,313	$117,168,445	6.0%



	Month	Admission Total	Patron Total	AGR Total	Local Tax Share	Win Per Admission	Win Per Patron
Start date of the first boat (Alton Belle) 09/10/91	1991 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1992 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Start up of Joliet Harrah's Northern Star (05/04/93)	1993 Total	984,802	N/A	66,504,195	4,310,011	67.53	N/A
	1994 Total	2,684,777	N/A	167,484,237	11,058,989	62.38	N/A
	Jan	231,187	145,697	15,418,186	1,002,096	66.69	105.82
	Feb	228,815	148,615	15,402,270	998,929	67.31	103.64
	Mar	258,552	166,926	17,546,592	1,135,882	67.86	105.12
	Apr	256,254	168,172	17,684,323	1,140,470	69.01	105.16
	May	245,010	158,643	16,231,433	1,056,582	66.25	102.31
	June	231,307	149,873	15,370,084	999,811	66.45	102.55
	July	274,182	179,717	17,742,371	1,161,300	64.71	98.72
	Aug	274,539	180,591	17,753,863	1,162,231	64.67	98.31
	Sept	262,750	172,171	16,568,136	1,091,157	63.06	96.23
	Oct	264,086	172,296	17,377,560	1,132,964	65.80	100.86
	Nov	261,596	169,078	17,441,881	1,133,690	66.67	103.16
	Dec	257,733	162,222	16,811,432	1,098,305	65.23	103.63
	1995 Total	3,046,011	1,974,001	201,348,131	13,113,417	66.10	102.00
	Jan	260,938	165,652	17,254,013	1,123,639	66.12	104.16
	Feb	268,854	172,224	18,032,517	1,170,480	67.07	104.70
	Mar	297,263	189,459	19,714,585	1,282,991	66.32	104.06
	Apr	275,698	174,870	17,720,692	1,161,733	64.28	101.34
	May	286,789	180,032	18,186,059	1,196,092	63.41	101.02
Start up Northwest Indiana gaming (two boats - 6/11 & 6/28)	June	240,554	152,126	15,039,197	992,514	62.52	98.86
	July	212,105	132,411	13,247,428	874,476	62.46	100.05
	Aug	213,258	136,426	13,619,651	894,241	63.86	99.83
	Sept	189,378	120,334	12,586,515	818,704	66.46	104.60
	Oct	180,973	115,225	12,077,467	784,846	66.74	104.82
	Nov	195,648	115,855	11,375,969	764,446	58.15	98.19
	Dec	257,801	123,374	12,714,053	893,504	49.32	103.05
	1996 Total	2,879,259	1,777,988	181,568,146	11,957,666	63.06	102.12
	Jan	256,578	123,114	12,096,685	861,412	47.15	98.26
	Feb	279,643	135,899	12,880,390	923,663	46.06	94.78
	Mar	311,292	152,217	14,668,837	1,044,734	47.12	96.37
Start up Showboat Casino East Chicago, IN (4/18/97)	Apr	274,731	136,416	13,098,767	929,669	47.68	96.02
	May	267,111	134,584	13,083,505	921,286	48.98	97.21
	June	241,931	123,652	11,861,730	835,018	49.03	95.93
	July	268,717	137,041	12,401,622	888,798	46.15	90.50
Start up Blue Chip Casino Michigan City, IN (8/19/97)	Aug	276,437	140,543	13,265,986	939,736	47.99	94.39
	Sept	250,464	128,300	13,369,809	918,955	53.38	104.21
	Oct	241,928	123,245	12,287,981	856,327	50.79	99.70
	Nov	228,927	116,976	12,036,718	830,763	52.58	102.90
	Dec	229,581	113,460	11,513,967	805,279	50.15	101.48
	1997 Total	3,127,340	1,565,447	152,565,997	10,755,640	48.78	97.46



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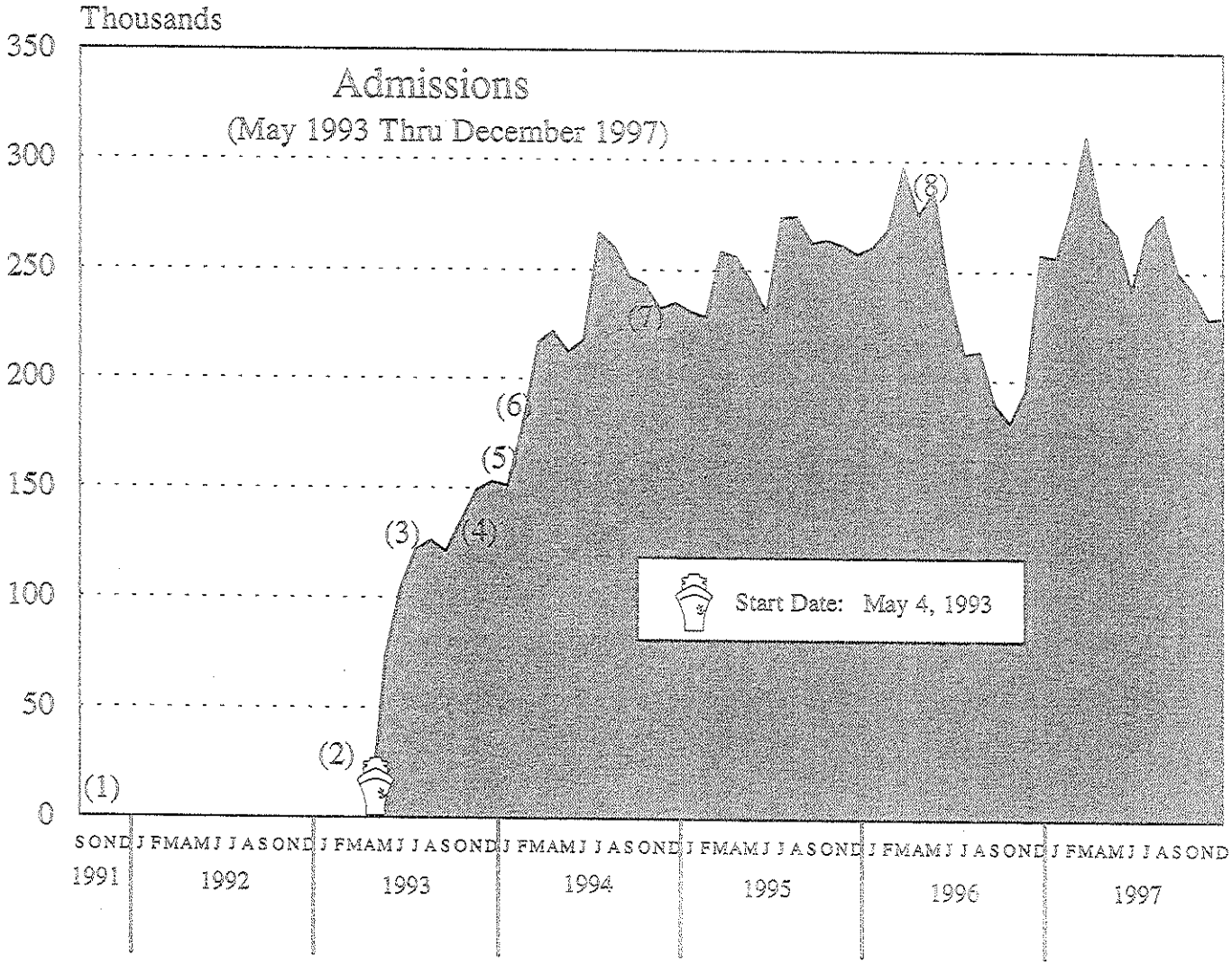

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Hollywood Casino–Aurora, Inc.

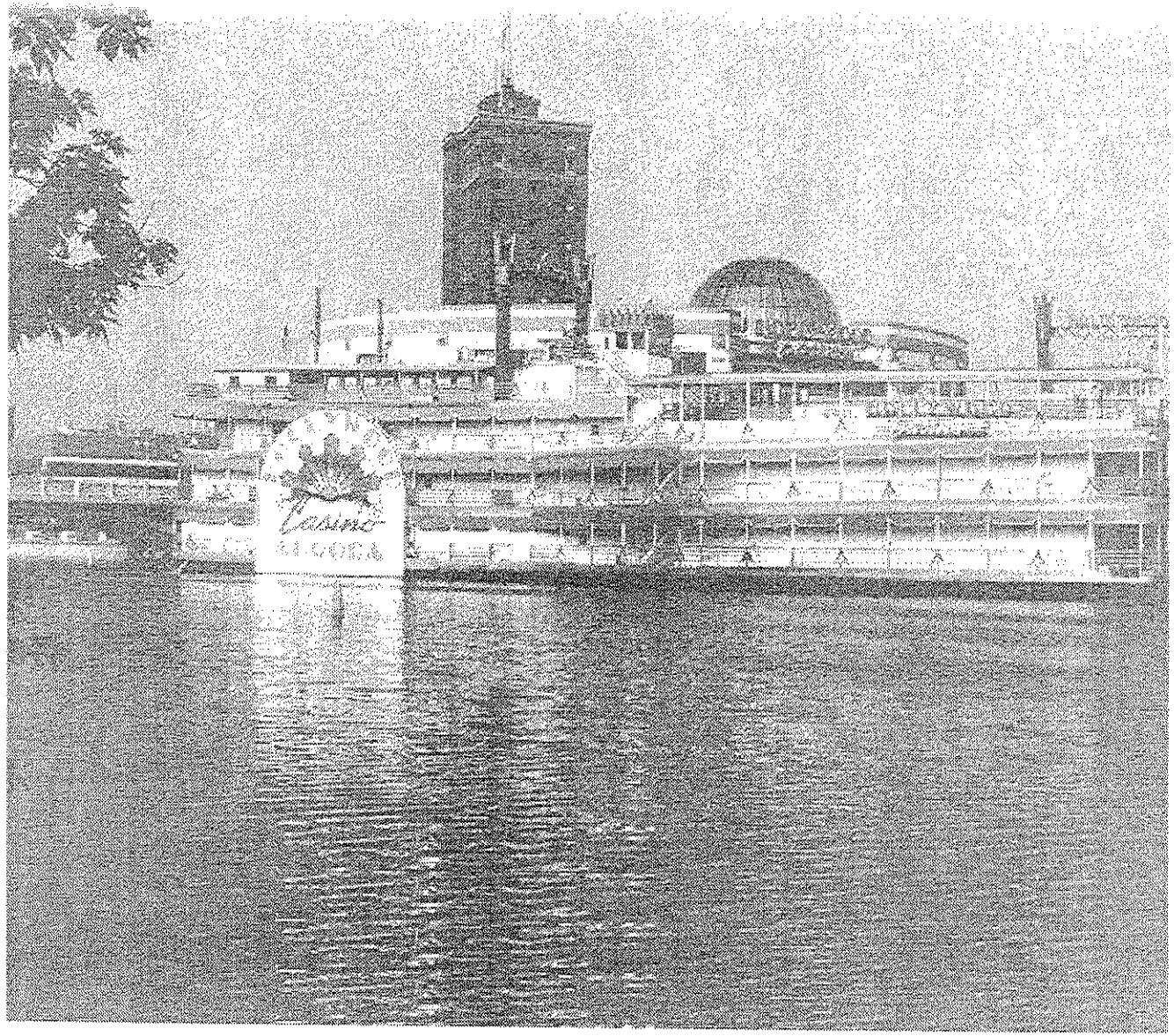
QUICK FACTS

Operations began: June 17, 1993
Gambling Space: 32,100 sq. ft.
Employees: 1,612
AGR per Admission: $42.62
Average Daily Admissions: 9,886
No. of Authorized Gaming Positions: 1,200

City of Lights I and City of Lights II
49 West Galena Boulevard
Aurora, Illinois 60606
Tel: 1-800-888-7777
(Fox River)

Local Government
City of Aurora

Licensing
Licensed: July 1993
Renewed: July 1997



Calendar Year Comparison			
	1996	1997	% Change
Number of Days Operational	366	365	-0.27%
Adjusted Gross Receipts	$157,210,011	$153,798,896	-2.17%
Patrons	1,891,818	1,914,407	1.19%
AGR Per Patron	$83.10	$80.34	-3.32%
Admissions	3,180,239	3,608,393	13.46%
AGR Per Admission	$49.43	$42.62	-13.78%
Gambling Sq. Ft.	32,100	32,100	0.00%
Number of Table Games	58	57	-2.44%
Table Drop	$304,850,448	$279,911,096	-8.18%
Table AGR	$51,474,380	$48,262,149	-6.24%
AGR/Table/Day	$2,425	$2,320	-4.33%
Table Game AGR to Drop %	16.89%	17.24%	2.11%
Number of EGD's	971	976	0.55%
EGD Handle	$1,902,643,509	$1,866,686,676	-1.89%
EGD AGR	$105,735,631	$105,536,747	-0.19%
AGR/EGD/Day	$297.52	$296.25	-0.43%
EGD AGR to Handle %	5.56%	5.65%	1.73%
Total Tax	$37,802,481	$37,976,565	0.46%
State Share of Revenue	$26,761,741	$26,678,227	-0.31%
Local Share of Revenue	$11,040,740	$11,298,338	2.33%

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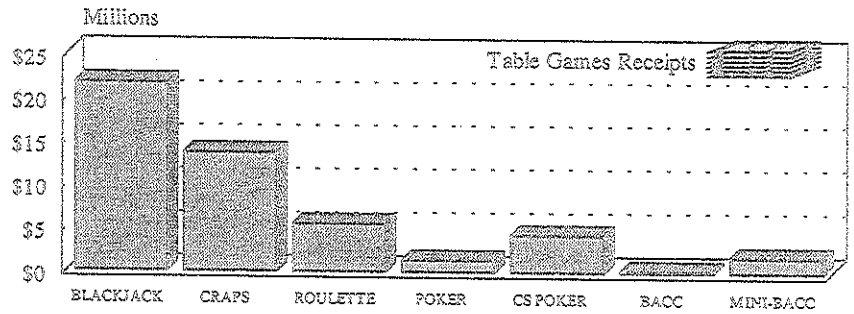
BLACKJACK	34	$153,631,973	$21,695,157	14.1%
CRAPS	8	71,090,312	13,628,704	19.2%
ROULETTE	4	19,234,514	5,458,233	28.4%
POKER	3	6,302,776	1,344,164	21.3%
CS POKER	6	18,084,835	4,210,956	23.3%
BACCARAT	1	1,087,787	179,357	16.5%
MINI-BACCARAT	1	10,478,899	1,745,578	16.7%
TOTAL	57	$279,911,096	$48,262,149	17.2%



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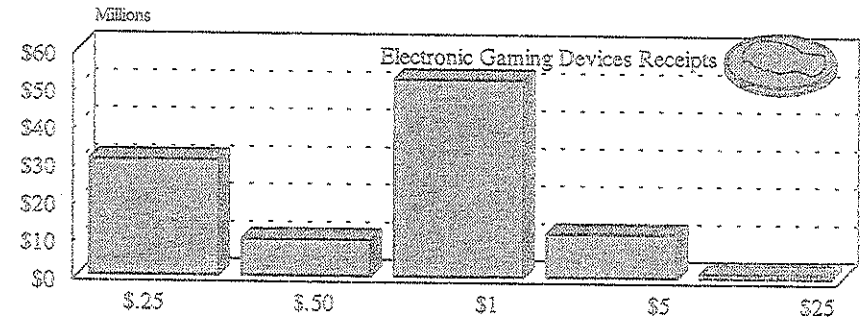
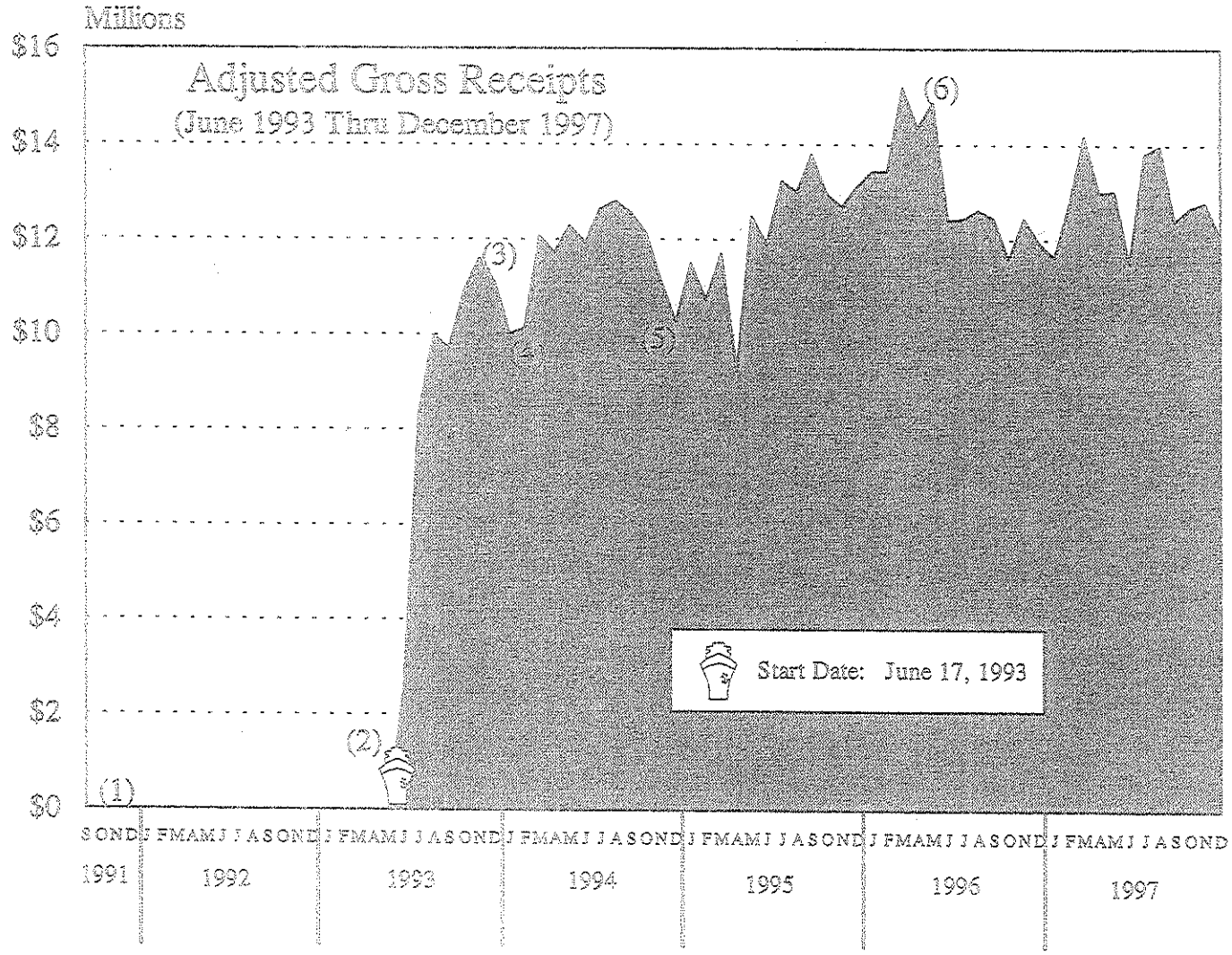
$0.25	374	$351,738,182	$30,738,033	8.7%
$0.50	100	129,105,758	9,685,106	7.5%
$1	432	1,086,783,121	52,465,456	4.8%
$5	64	271,597,840	11,545,782	4.3%
$25	6	27,461,775	1,102,370	4.0%
TOTAL	976	$1,866,686,676	$105,536,747	5.7%



	Month	Admission Total	Patron Total	AGR Total	Local Tax Share	Win Per Admission	Win Per Patron
Start date of first boat (Alton Belle) 09/10/91	1991 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1992 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Start up of Aurora's Hollywood City of Lights I & II (6/17/93)	1993 Total	994,627	N/A	64,139,618	4,201,608	64.49	N/A
	1994 Total	2,352,893	N/A	139,716,301	9,338,618	59.38	N/A
	Jan	182,268	117,472	11,499,758	757,256	63.09	97.89
	Feb	182,339	120,286	10,747,302	719,704	58.94	89.35
	Mar	200,776	130,840	11,712,399	786,396	58.34	89.52
	Apr	162,786	136,230	9,293,153	627,444	57.09	68.22
	May	232,709	141,619	12,485,070	856,963	53.65	88.16
	June	235,647	146,602	11,898,209	830,557	50.49	81.16
	July	270,493	170,164	13,236,716	932,329	48.94	77.79
	Aug	265,308	168,351	13,008,245	915,720	49.03	77.27
	Sept	257,413	160,457	13,797,138	947,270	53.60	85.99
	Oct	242,798	150,302	12,956,397	890,618	53.36	86.20
	Nov	242,267	150,656	12,698,847	877,209	52.42	84.29
	Dec	248,279	151,361	13,123,484	904,453	52.86	86.70
	1995 Total	2,723,083	1,744,340	146,456,718	10,045,919	53.78	83.96
	Jan	245,809	153,202	13,429,703	917,294	54.63	87.66
	Feb	255,029	159,582	13,445,160	927,287	52.72	84.25
	Mar	286,401	179,022	15,186,514	1,045,727	53.03	84.83
	Apr	264,581	163,730	14,347,101	981,936	54.23	87.63
Start up Northwest Indiana gaming (two boats - 6/11 & 6/28)	May	269,751	169,395	14,872,713	1,013,387	55.13	87.80
	June	245,768	152,774	12,413,322	866,434	50.51	81.25
	July	244,653	154,640	12,437,611	866,534	50.84	80.43
	Aug	240,013	152,650	12,628,266	871,426	52.61	82.73
	Sept	271,537	150,568	12,452,859	894,180	45.86	82.71
	Oct	280,880	150,974	11,606,677	861,214	41.32	76.88
	Nov	297,714	157,790	12,445,208	919,974	41.80	78.87
	Dec	278,103	147,491	11,944,877	875,347	42.95	80.99
	1996 Total	3,180,239	1,891,818	157,210,011	11,040,740	49.43	83.10
	Jan	286,850	151,479	11,647,645	869,232	40.61	76.89
	Feb	292,393	155,747	12,744,035	929,595	43.59	81.83
	Mar	327,677	174,215	14,177,217	1,036,538	43.27	81.38
Start up Showboat Casino East Chicago, IN (4/18/97)	Apr	292,101	155,156	12,994,325	941,817	44.49	83.75
	May	305,136	163,599	13,014,590	955,866	42.65	79.55
	June	284,303	149,292	11,521,244	860,365	40.52	77.17
	July	325,193	173,966	13,808,300	1,015,608	42.46	79.37
Start up Blue Chip Casino Michigan City, IN (8/19/97)	Aug	323,087	174,190	13,971,855	1,021,680	43.24	80.21
	Sept	280,213	150,709	12,393,700	899,898	44.23	82.24
	Oct	292,914	156,370	12,679,109	926,869	43.29	81.08
	Nov	303,235	157,183	12,785,823	942,526	42.16	81.34
	Dec	295,291	152,501	12,061,053	898,344	40.84	79.09
	1997 Total	3,608,393	1,914,407	153,798,896	11,298,338	42.62	80.34



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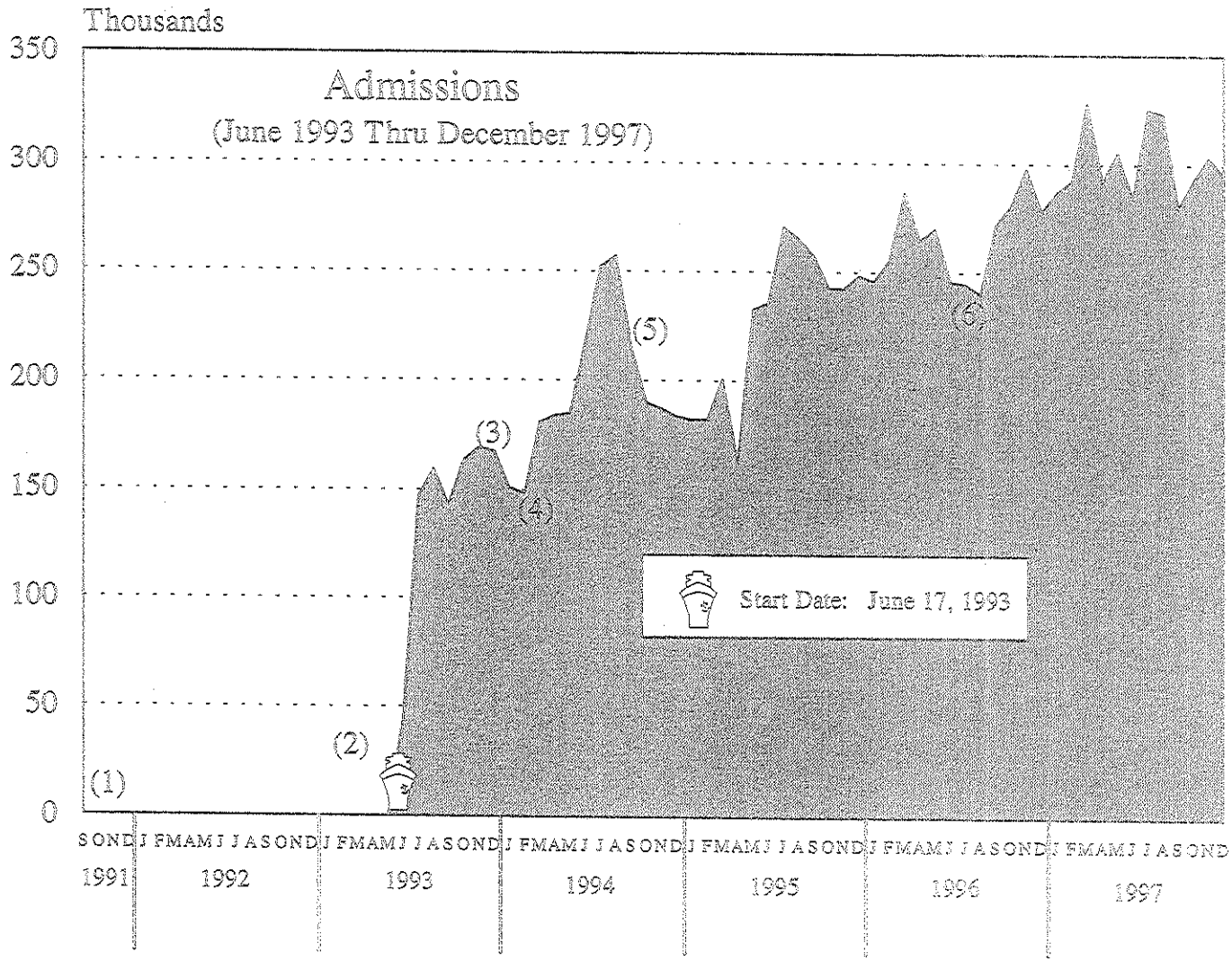

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Casino Queen, Inc.

QUICK FACTS

Operations began June 23, 1993
Gambling Space: 26,000 sq. ft.
Employees: 1,160
AGR per Admission: $82.32
Average Daily Admissions: 9,884
No. of Authorized Gaming Positions: 1,200

Casino Queen
200 South Front Street
East St. Louis, Illinois 62201
Tel: 1.800.777.0777
(Mississippi River)

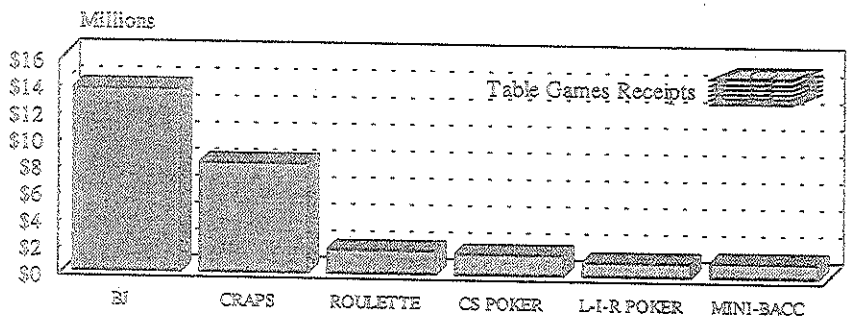
Local Government
City of East St. Louis

Licensing
Licensed: July 1993
Renewed: July 1997

Calendar Year Comparison			
	1996	1997	% Change
Number of Days Operational	366	365	-0.27%
Adjusted Gross Receipts	$128,987,975	$116,590,371	-9.61%
Patrons	1,996,915	1,769,059	-11.41%
AGR Per Patron	$64.59	$65.91	2.03%
Admissions	4,105,920	3,607,561	-12.14%
AGR Per Admission	$31.42	$32.32	2.88%
Gambling Sq. Ft.	25,000	27,500	10.00%
Number of Table Games	59	54	-7.91%
Table Drop	$166,365,828	$137,156,097	-17.56%
Table AGR	$33,225,076	$27,198,948	-18.14%
AGR/Table/Day	$1,539	$1,380	-10.28%
Table Game AGR to Drop %	19.97%	19.83%	-0.70%
Number of EGD's	960	990	3.17%
EGD Handle	$1,796,445,830	$1,735,829,223	-3.37%
EGD AGR	$95,762,899	$89,391,423	-6.65%
AGR/EGD/Day	$272.55	$247.38	-9.24%
EGD AGR to Handle %	5.33%	5.15%	-3.39%
Total Tax	$34,009,435	$30,533,196	-10.22%
State Share of Revenue	$23,454,116	$21,096,116	-10.05%
Local Share of Revenue	$10,555,319	$9,437,080	-10.59%

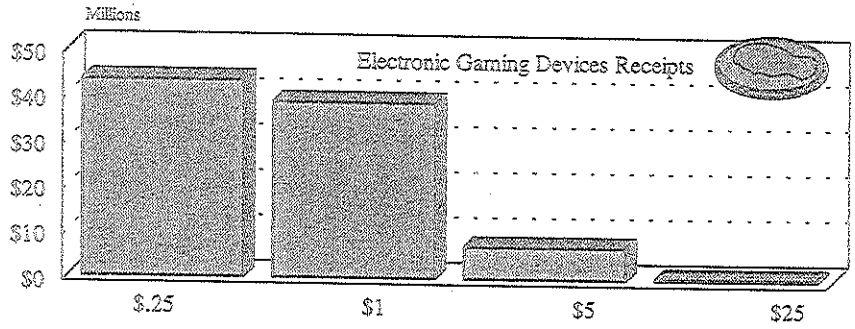
Table Games Detail

TABLE GAMES	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL TABLE DROP	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO DROP %
BLACKJACK	35	$78,518,393	$13,657,687	17.4%
CRAPS	7	35,684,244	8,144,677	22.8%
ROULETTE	4	5,980,688	1,744,996	29.2%
CS POKER	4	7,486,024	1,541,058	20.6%
LET IT RIDE POKER	2	4,183,948	1,029,971	24.6%
MINI-BACCARAT	2	5,302,800	1,080,559	20.4%
TOTAL	54	$137,156,097	$27,198,948	19.8%

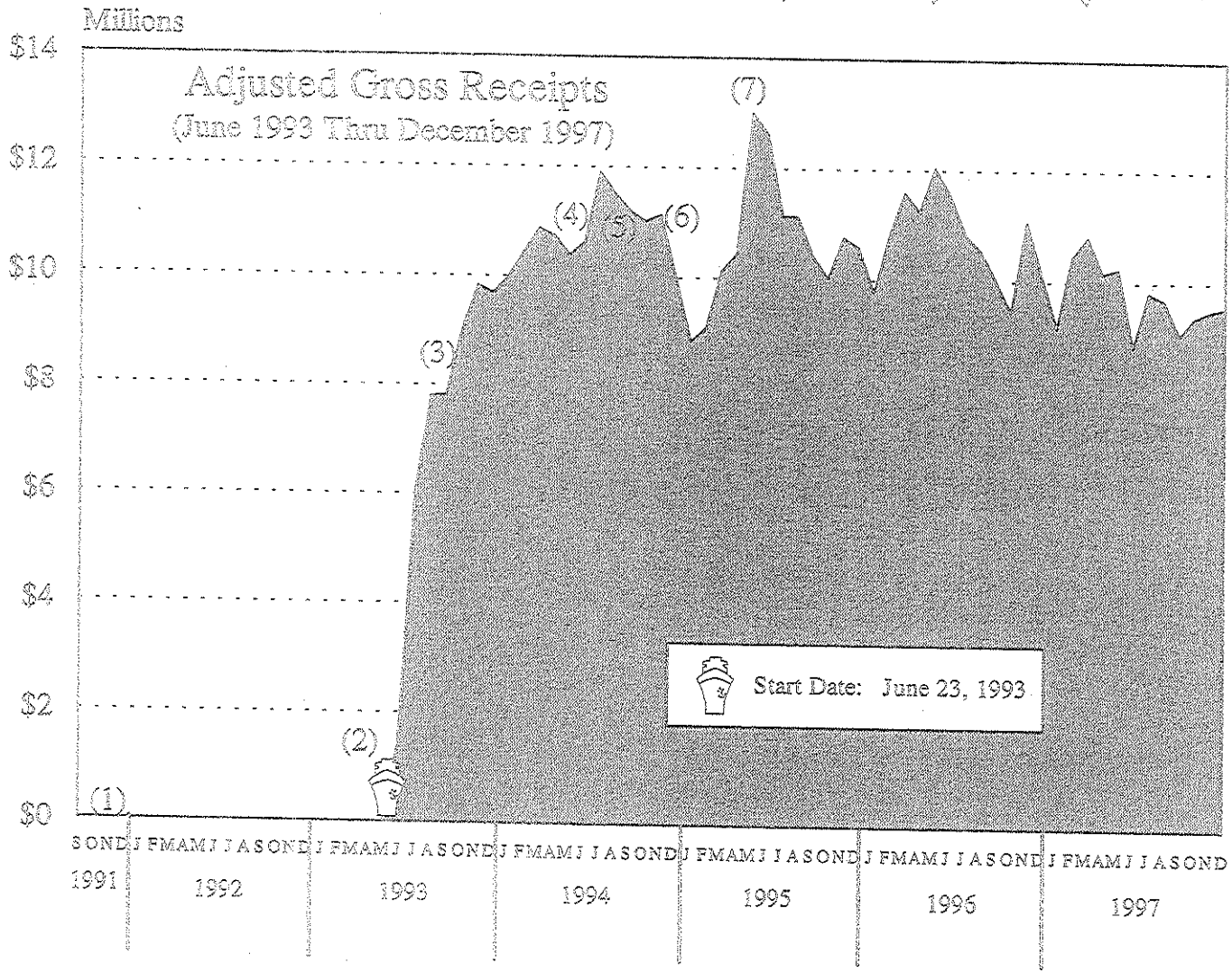


Electronic Games Detail

EGD	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL EGD HANDLE	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO HANDLE %
$0.25	590	$646,087,429	$43,321,219	6.7%
$1	369	853,818,049	38,618,695	4.5%
$5	29	220,179,145	7,045,249	3.2%
$25	2	15,744,600	406,260	2.6%
TOTAL	990	$1,735,829,223	$89,391,423	5.1%



	Month	Admission Total	Patron Total	AGR Total	Local Tax Share	Win Per Admission	Win Per Patron
Start date of the first boat (Alton Belle) 09/10/91	1991 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1992 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Start up of East St. Louis (Casino Queen) 06/23/93	1993 Total	1,215,951	N/A	51,541,276	3,793,015	42.39	N/A
	1994 Total	3,671,883	N/A	129,785,446	10,161,155	35.35	N/A
	Jan	250,652	126,086	8,839,591	692,632	35.27	70.11
	Feb	249,063	127,356	9,104,536	704,290	36.56	71.49
	Mar	275,928	143,193	10,130,155	782,436	36.71	70.74
	Apr	316,780	159,481	10,452,049	839,382	32.99	65.54
St Louis boats temporarily close - high waters (5/18 - 6/20/95)	May	405,295	204,898	12,993,329	1,054,961	32.06	63.41
	June	381,258	194,357	12,627,674	1,012,642	33.12	64.97
	July	356,334	179,778	11,140,727	913,370	31.26	61.97
	Aug	340,622	173,650	11,129,565	897,100	32.67	64.09
	Sept	335,382	168,935	10,423,629	856,563	31.08	61.70
	Oct	320,719	159,183	10,016,665	821,552	31.23	62.93
	Nov	323,572	157,976	10,757,659	861,455	33.25	68.10
	Dec	327,574	158,997	10,582,221	856,685	32.30	66.56
	1995 Total	3,883,179	1,953,890	128,197,800	10,293,069	33.01	65.61
	Jan	311,662	147,196	9,775,362	800,430	31.37	66.41
	Feb	332,473	160,002	10,781,425	871,544	32.43	67.38
	Mar	375,171	181,784	11,580,554	954,200	30.87	63.71
	Apr	347,091	167,581	11,245,985	909,390	32.40	67.11
	May	374,245	182,365	12,039,325	976,211	32.17	66.02
	June	372,508	181,287	11,548,403	949,928	31.00	63.70
	July	366,817	178,213	10,826,103	908,122	29.51	60.75
	Aug	356,160	176,159	10,544,178	883,369	29.61	59.86
	Sept	323,561	160,404	10,016,354	824,379	30.96	62.44
	Oct	308,484	151,680	9,447,325	780,850	30.63	62.28
	Nov	319,744	155,521	11,070,526	873,270	34.62	71.18
	Dec	318,004	154,723	10,112,435	823,626	31.80	65.36
	1996 Total	4,105,920	1,996,915	128,987,975	10,555,319	31.42	64.59
	Jan	301,080	142,133	9,163,921	759,276	30.44	64.47
	Feb	325,539	156,829	10,456,014	848,340	32.12	66.67
Start up of Maryland Heights, MO Riverboats (3/11/97)	Mar	327,892	159,347	10,802,767	868,030	32.95	67.79
	Apr	298,902	146,640	10,153,440	806,574	33.97	69.24
	May	318,533	156,781	10,229,660	830,016	32.11	65.25
	June	277,734	136,522	8,832,701	719,369	31.80	64.70
	July	303,575	150,250	9,818,132	794,482	32.34	65.35
	Aug	316,846	157,434	9,676,961	800,694	30.54	61.47
	Sept	284,068	142,356	9,052,299	736,683	31.87	63.59
	Oct	283,470	141,362	9,365,035	751,722	33.04	66.25
	Nov	288,661	140,759	9,492,223	763,272	32.88	67.44
	Dec	281,261	138,646	9,547,218	758,622	33.94	68.86
	1997 Total	3,607,561	1,769,059	116,590,371	9,437,080	32.32	65.91



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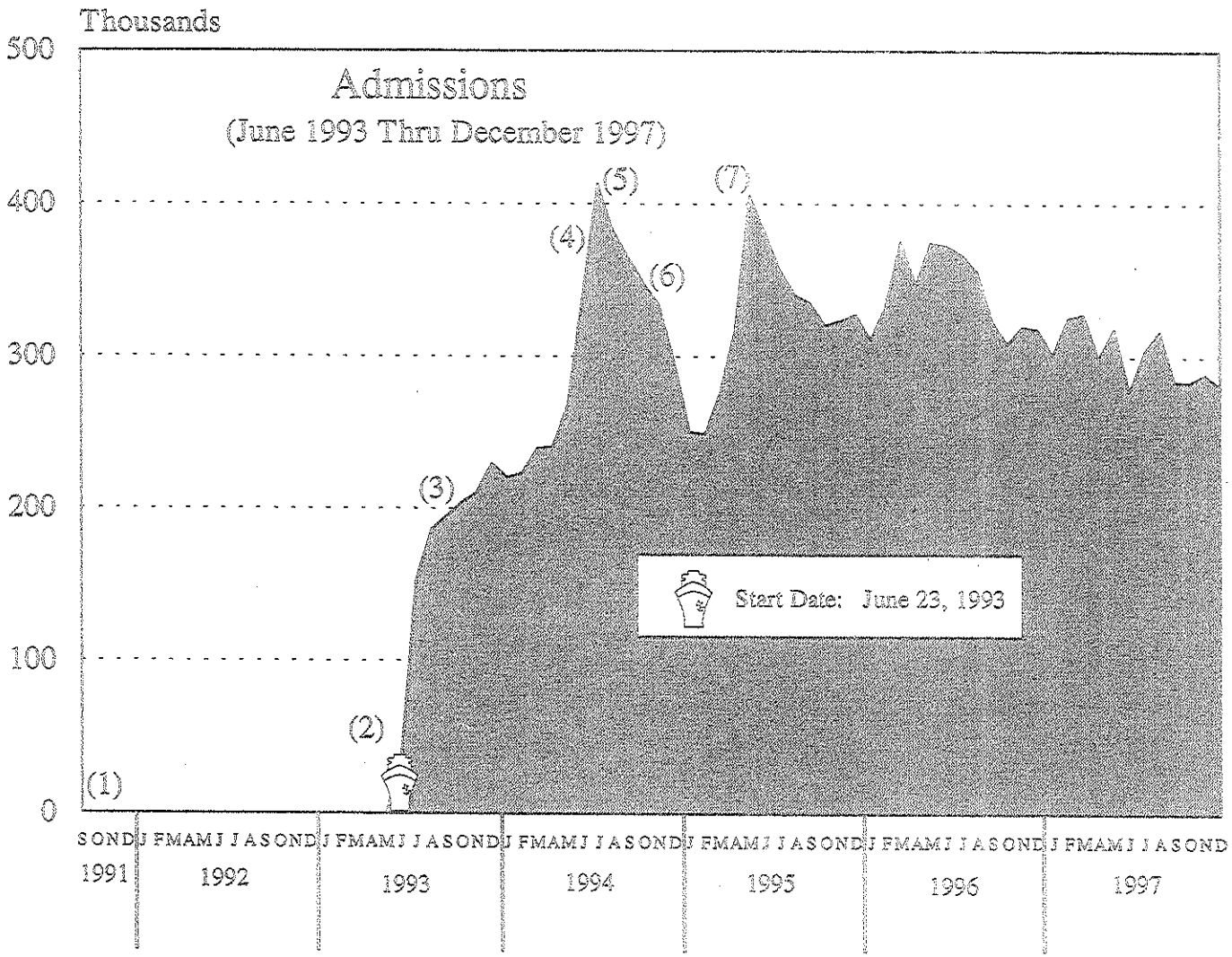

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Elgin Riverboat Resort

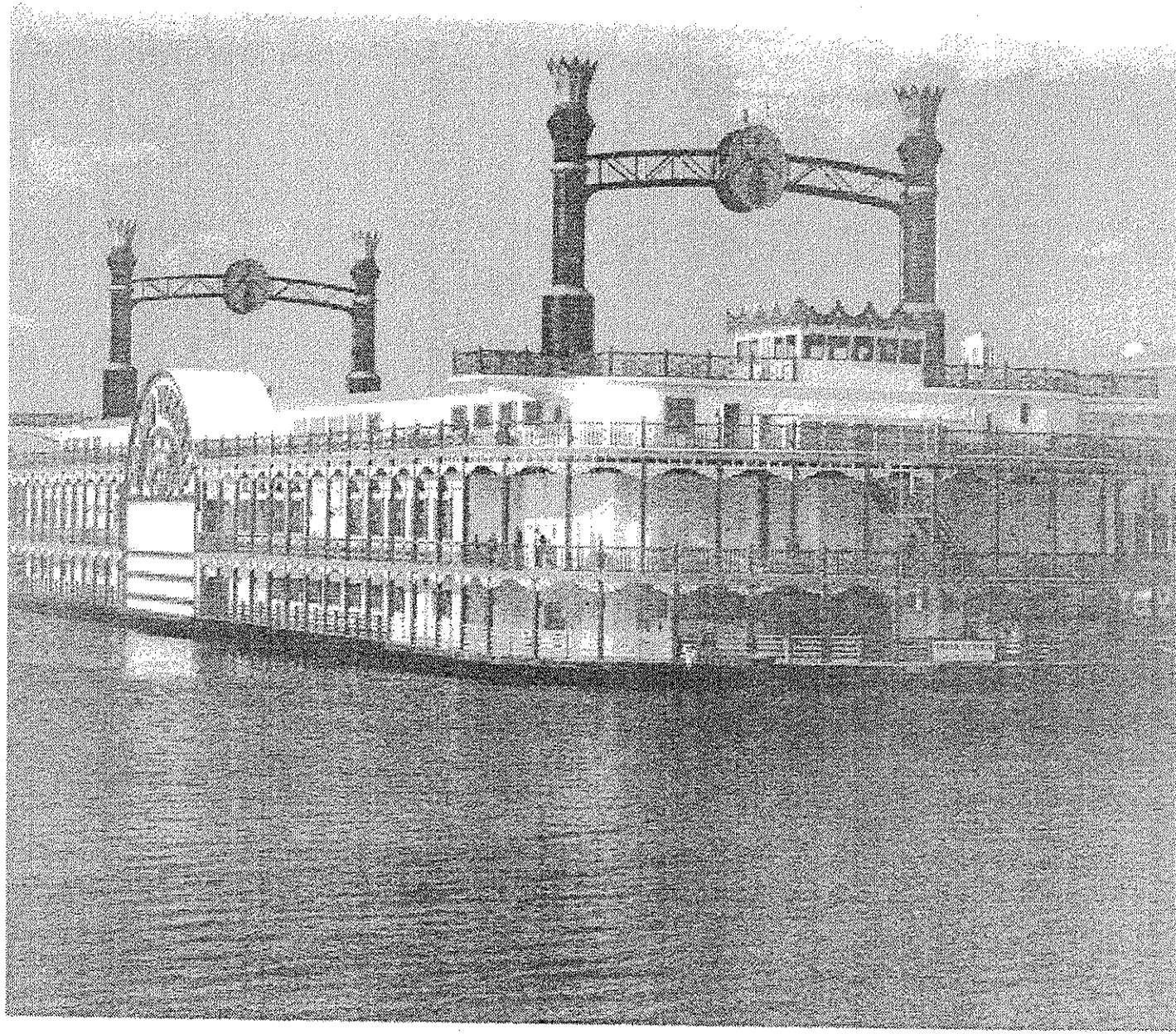
QUICK FACTS

Operations began: October 6, 1994
Gambling Space: 29,830 sq. ft.
Employees: 1,571
AGR per Admission: $64.92
Average Daily Admissions: 10,274
No. of Authorized Gaming Positions: 1,200

Grand Victoria
250 South Grove Street
Elgin, Illinois 60120
Tel: 1-847-468-7000
(Fox River)

Local Government
City of Elgin

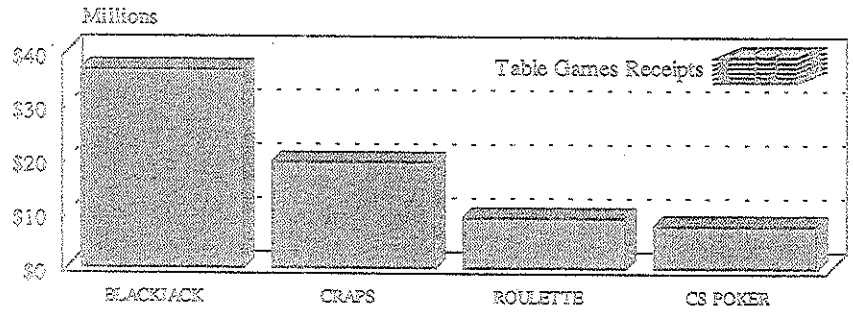
Licensing
Licensed: October 1994
Renewed: October 1997



Calendar Year Comparison			
	1996	1997	% Change
Number of Days Operational	366	365	-0.27%
Adjusted Gross Receipts	$233,247,096	$243,362,847	4.34%
Patrons	2,264,994	2,232,564	-1.43%
AGR Per Patron	$102.98	$109.01	5.85%
Admissions	3,869,130	3,748,863	-3.11%
AGR Per Admission	$60.28	$64.92	7.68%
Gambling Sq. Ft.	29,850	29,850	0.00%
Number of Table Games	56	56	0.00%
Table Drop	$365,110,539	$351,087,701	-3.84%
Table AGR	$76,127,317	$73,324,140	-3.68%
AGR/Table/Day	$3,714	$3,587	-3.42%
Table Game AGR to Drop %	20.85%	20.88%	0.16%
Number of EGD's	977	977	0.00%
EGD Handle	$2,835,945,701	$3,188,320,753	12.43%
EGD AGR	$157,119,779	$170,038,707	8.22%
AGR/EGD/Day	$439.40	$476.83	8.52%
EGD AGR to Handle %	5.54%	5.33%	-3.74%
Total Tax	$54,387,679	$56,170,295	3.28%
State Share of Revenue	$38,856,194	$40,253,290	3.60%
Local Share of Revenue	$15,531,485	$15,917,005	2.48%

Table Games Detail

TABLE GAMES	AVERAGE # OF UNITS	TOTAL TABLE DROP	ADJUSTED GROSS RECEIPTS	AGR TO DROP %
BLACKJACK	34	$204,419,219	$36,719,103	18.0%
CRAPS	8	87,264,793	19,561,517	22.4%
ROULETTE	7	30,759,035	9,231,686	30.0%
CS POKER	7	28,644,654	7,811,834	27.3%
TOTAL	56	$351,087,701	$73,324,140	20.9%



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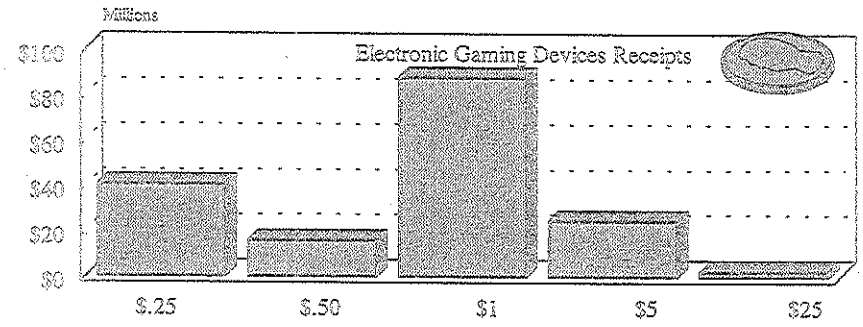
$0.25	356	$479,433,102	$40,340,923	8.4%
$0.50	91	217,237,302	15,543,739	7.2%
$1	437	1,829,502,204	87,806,860	4.8%
$5	84	606,441,070	24,350,771	4.0%
$25	9	55,707,075	1,996,414	3.6%
TOTAL	977	$3,188,320,753	$170,038,707	5.3%



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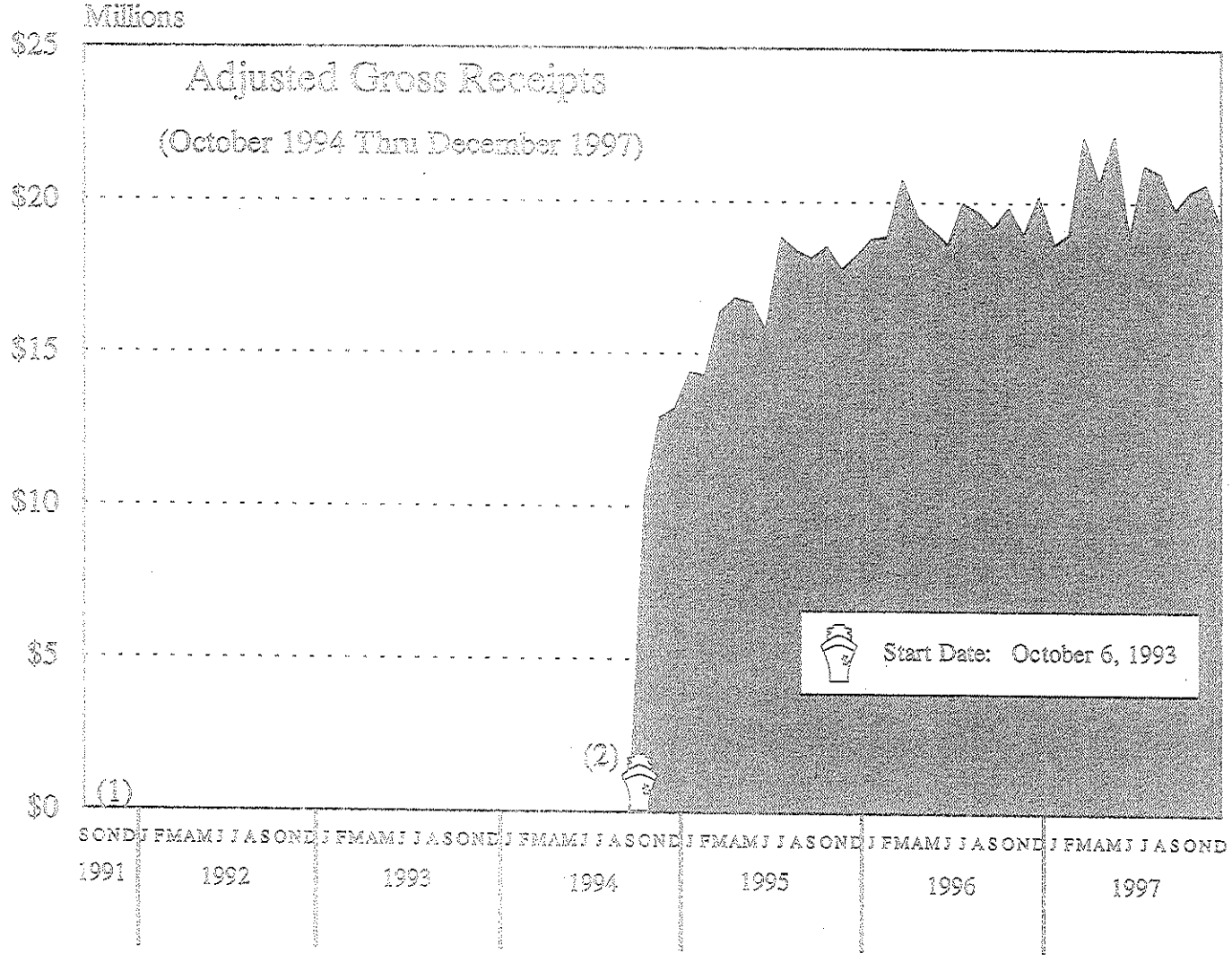
Start date of the first boat (Alton Belle) 09/10/91	1991 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1992 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1993 Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1994 Total	908,887	N/A	36,545,739	2,736,174	40.21	N/A
	Jan	302,341	184,047	14,385,790	1,021,631	47.58	78.16
	Feb	277,457	174,474	14,292,744	992,094	51.51	81.92
	Mar	302,728	181,073	16,356,308	1,120,543	54.03	90.33
	Apr	332,252	190,973	16,813,462	1,172,925	50.60	88.04
	May	318,837	184,742	16,652,529	1,151,463	52.23	90.14
	June	308,213	179,879	15,751,643	1,095,795	51.11	87.57
	July	369,532	216,152	18,797,048	1,309,384	50.87	86.96
	Aug	336,726	205,626	18,395,467	1,256,499	54.63	89.46
	Sept	319,429	197,677	18,139,533	1,226,406	56.79	91.76
	Oct	325,411	197,265	18,503,861	1,250,604	56.86	93.80
	Nov	311,654	186,882	17,776,490	1,200,479	57.04	95.12
	Dec	311,444	182,431	18,228,011	1,222,845	58.53	99.92
	1995 Total	3,816,024	2,281,221	204,092,886	14,020,668	53.48	89.47
	Jan	308,180	179,034	18,775,598	1,246,960	60.92	104.87
	Feb	310,566	180,991	18,851,567	1,253,144	60.70	104.16
	Mar	346,639	198,921	20,711,806	1,382,228	59.75	104.12
	Apr	328,080	188,552	19,498,721	1,303,016	59.43	103.41
	May	335,292	191,485	19,067,254	1,288,655	56.87	99.58
	June	314,841	181,344	18,608,650	1,245,274	59.10	102.62
	July	334,485	194,877	19,971,994	1,333,084	59.71	102.49
	Aug	328,683	196,130	19,682,132	1,312,790	59.88	100.35
	Sept	312,389	188,878	19,162,213	1,270,500	61.34	101.45
	Oct	320,367	190,491	19,804,210	1,310,578	61.82	103.96
	Nov	319,217	190,722	18,928,632	1,265,649	59.30	99.25
	Dec	310,391	183,569	20,184,319	1,319,607	65.03	109.95
	1996 Total	3,869,130	2,264,994	233,247,096	15,531,485	60.28	102.98
	Jan	297,159	175,428	18,632,883	1,228,803	62.70	106.21
	Feb	290,900	176,337	18,933,024	1,237,551	65.08	107.37
	Mar	331,989	201,476	22,106,969	1,437,338	66.59	109.73
Start Showboat Casino East Chicago, IN (4/18/97)	Apr	311,134	185,193	20,587,947	1,340,531	66.17	111.17
	May	321,368	192,865	22,165,679	1,429,652	68.97	114.93
	June	295,893	173,255	18,842,340	1,238,010	63.68	108.75
	July	332,539	197,273	21,225,145	1,393,796	63.83	107.59
Start Blue Chip Casino Michigan City, IN (8/19/97)	Aug	342,991	203,140	20,960,937	1,391,038	61.11	103.18
	Sept	301,263	178,704	19,771,992	1,289,863	65.63	110.64
	Oct	305,953	182,742	20,367,367	1,324,321	66.57	111.45
	Nov	312,890	185,793	20,594,340	1,342,607	65.82	110.85
	Dec	304,784	180,358	19,174,224	1,263,495	62.91	106.31
	1997 Total	3,748,863	2,232,564	243,362,847	15,917,005	64.92	109.01



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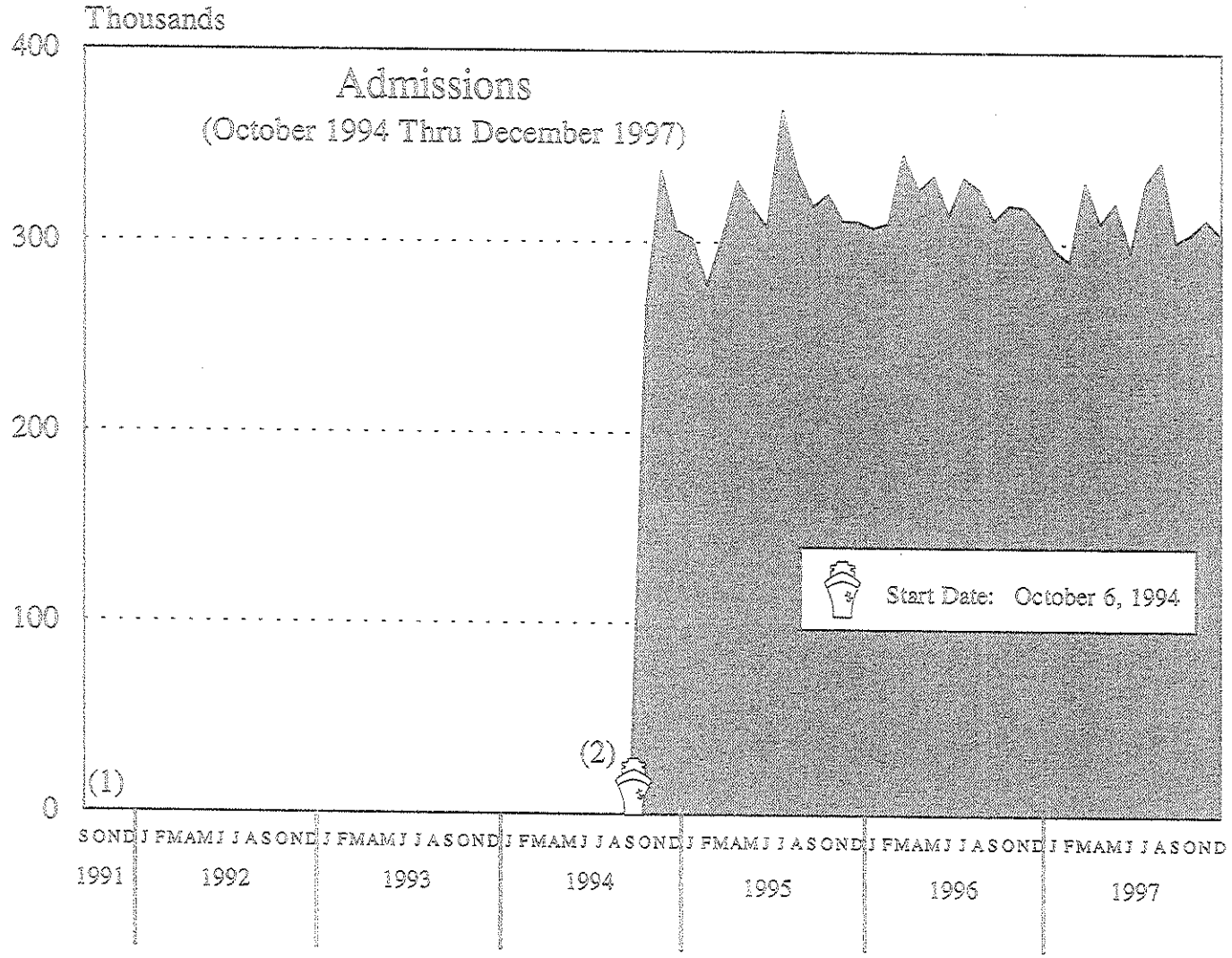

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Glossary of Terms

Adjusted Gross Receipts (AGR)
Gross gaming receipts, less winnings paid to wagerers.

Admissions
The sum of both turnstile patron count and passengers remaining on board for one or more subsequent excursions.

Educational Assistance Fund (EAF)
A fund of the state of Illinois into which state-retained gaming taxes are deposited.

Electronic Gaming Device (EGD)
A video gaming machine or reel type of machine, commonly known as a slot machine.

EGD Drop
The total face value of tokens or representations of tokens collected from the drop bucket and U.S. currency collected from the bill validator drop box.

EGD Handle
The total amount wagered on an electronic gaming device.

EGD Win Percent
The percentage of the total EGD handle that is retained as winnings by the casino. (Board rules provide that EGDs must pay out at least 80 percent and no more than 100 percent of amounts wagered in those machines. The amount remaining after these payouts is the casino win and is used to calculate the actual electronic gaming device win percentage.)

Gaming Positions
Each riverboat casino is allowed up to 1,200 gaming positions. The formula developed by the Board to calculate those positions are:

Electronic gaming devices — 90 percent of the total number of devices available for play
Craps — 10 positions for each craps table
Other table games — 5 positions for each table
Keno — 5 gambling positions

Local Share of Riverboat Gambling Revenue
One-half of the admissions tax ($1 of the $2-per-person tax) and one-fourth of the wagering tax (the wagering tax is 20 percent of the AGR), paid to the local governmental unit where the riverboats dock.

Patrons
The number of individuals that have boarded the riverboat through the turnstiles.

Slot Machine
The common phrase to describe an Electronic Gaming Device.

State Share of Riverboat Gambling Revenue
One-half of the admissions tax ($1 of the $2-per-person tax) and three-fourths of the wagering tax (the wagering tax is 20 percent of the AGR), retained by the state.

Total Table Drop
The total amount of cash or cash equivalents contained in the drop box for chips purchased at a table game. This does not reflect the total dollars wagered at the gaming tables. Individuals playing table games may be betting with winnings for which there is no accurate means of determining, or accounting for, actual dollars wagered.

Riverboat Casino Licensees

Alton Gaming Company
Alton Belle, Alton
Initially licensed: October 1991

Par-A-Dice Gaming Corporation
Par-A-Dice, East Peoria
Initially licensed: February 1992

Rock Island Boatworks
Casino Rock Island, Rock Island
Initially licensed: May 1992

Empress River Casino Corporation
Empress I and Empress II, Joliet
Initially licensed: July 1992

H.P., Inc.
Silver Eagle, Jo Daviess County
Initially licensed: July 1992

Southern Illinois Riverboat Casino Cruises
Players Riverboat Casino, Metropolis
Initially licensed: February 1993

Hollywood Casino - Aurora, Inc.
City of Lights I and City of Lights II, Aurora
Initially licensed: July 1993

Harrah's Casino Cruises Joliet
Northern Star and Southern Star, Joliet
Initially licensed: August 1993

Casino Queen, Inc.
Casino Queen, East St. Louis
Initially licensed: July 1993

Elgin Riverboat Resort
Grand Victoria, Elgin
Initially licensed: October 1994

Appendix A

Illinois Licensed Suppliers

Anchor Coin, Inc.*
815 Pilot Road, Suite G
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119
Supplier: Electronic Gaming Devices

Aristocrat, Inc.
750 A. South Rock Boulevard
Reno, Nevada 89502
Supplier: Electronic Gaming Devices

Atronic Casino Technology, Ltd.
15500 Greenway-Hayden Loop
Scottsdale, Arizona 85260
Supplier: Electronic Gaming Devices

Bally Gaming, Inc.
6601 South Bermuda Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119
Supplier: Electronic Gaming Devices

The Bud Jones Company, Inc.
3640 South Valley View Boulevard
Las Vegas, Nevada 89103
Supplier: Table Games and Equipment

Casino Data Systems, Inc.
3300 Birtcher Drive
Las Vegas, Nevada 89118
Supplier: Electronic Gaming Devices

GDC, Inc.
2601 Elm Street
Hernando, Mississippi 38632
Supplier: Tokens

George C. Matteson Company, Inc.
2925 N. Seven Highway
Blue Springs, Missouri 64014
Supplier: Playing Cards

IGT
1085 Palms Airport Drive
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119-3715
Supplier: Electronic Gaming Devices

Mikohn Gaming Corporation
1045 Palms Airport Drive
Las Vegas, Nevada 89119
Supplier: Accessory Gaming Equipment

* License pending as of December 31, 1997.

Illinois Gaming Board Approved Games

Baccarat / Mini-baccarat
A card game played upon a table with a layout, using a single deck or multiple decks of cards dealt from a shoe. The shoe may be offered to each player. The highest game count possible is nine (9). The hand with the highest point count wins.

Big Six
A game played on a vertical wheel having separate compartments. A player bets on the outcome of the wheel spin by placing wagers on areas of a layout which correspond to the compartments on the wheel.

Blackjack (Twenty-one)
A card game played upon a table with a layout, using a single deck or multiple decks of cards. The player attempts to beat the dealer by obtaining a card total equal to or less than twenty-one (21), such that his total is higher than the dealer's.

The Board has approved the following game variations of Blackjack:

Multi-Action Blackjack
wherein the player makes two or three wagers, the dealer uses a common up-card and the player uses initial cards dealt for all hands played;

Royal Match 21
wherein the player, while playing Blackjack, may place additional wagers based on obtaining matching suits; and,

Twenty-One Super Bucks
wherein the player, while playing Blackjack, may place an additional wager to win a progressive jackpot. A player wins a progressive jackpot by obtaining a specific combination of cards previously identified by the owner licensee.

Caribbean Stud Poker
A five card stud poker game, played upon a table with a layout, using a standard fifty-two card deck. Each player plays against the dealer and also has the option of making an additional wager to win a progressive jackpot. A player wins a progressive jackpot by obtaining a specific poker hand previously identified by the owner licensee.

Craps
A game, played upon a table with a layout, in which two dice are rolled to make different points or combinations. Wagers are placed upon various possible outcomes for a given roll of the dice or for a series of rolls.

Give-Away
A game where patron entry to the game is determined by attendance on a riverboat or the attainment of a certain outcome or an accumulation of points/credits on a gaming device.

Let It Ride Poker
A card game, using a standard fifty-two card deck, played upon a table with a layout accommodating up to seven players. A player places multiple wagers and seeks to attain a winning poker hand using, in combination, cards dealt to the player and community cards held by the dealer.

Multi-Action Blackjack
(see Blackjack)

Poker
A card game played simultaneously by a maximum of 11 players who are dealt cards by a non-player dealer. The object of the game is for each player to bet the superiority of his own hand and win the other players' bets by either making a bet that no other player is willing to match, or proving to hold the most valuable cards after all the betting is over.

Red Dog
A card game played upon a table with a layout, using a single deck or multiple decks of cards with each suit valued in a descending order with the Ace as the high card. The dealer deals three cards face-up. Wagers are won if each of the three cards dealt have identical values or if the third card dealt has a value between the values of the first and second cards.

Roulette
A game using a table layout and a horizontal rotating wheel with 37 or 38 compartments. Players make wagers on numbers and colors corresponding to the compartments on the wheel. The outcome of the game is determined by the compartment in which a nonmetallic ball comes to rest.

Royal Match 21
(see Blackjack)

Sic Bo
A dice game played with three dice contained in a sealed shaker. Wagers are placed on a layout showing all possible winning combinations.

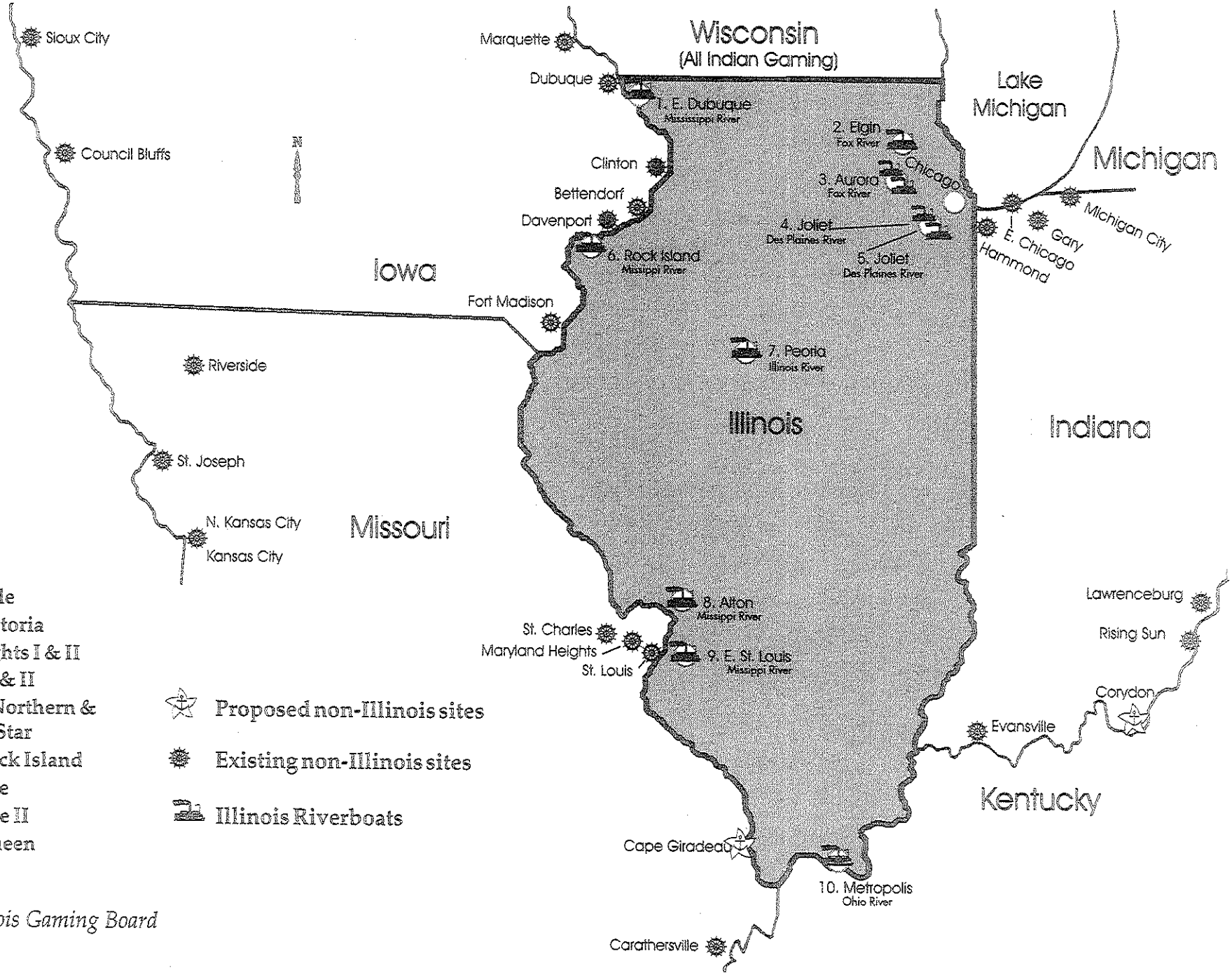
Single-Position, Multi-Game Video Electronic Gaming Device
Any electronically operated microprocessor based gaming device which upon payment of consideration and after a selection of games available on the monitor is made by a single patron, and not in concert or competition with any other patron or patrons, and by receipt of such consideration shall cause such device to operate whether by reason of the skill of the patron or application of the element of chance or both, that reaches a game outcome by utilizing a random number generator and then portrays the outcome of that random number generation of the game selected by the patron on a video monitor and then may deliver or entitle the patron playing or operating the device to receive premiums, merchandise, tokens, redeemable game credits or anything of value other than non-redeemable free games or United States currency, whether the payoff is made automatically from the machine or in any manner.

Single-Position, Reel-Type Electronic Gaming Device
Any electronically operated microprocessor based gaming device which upon payment of consideration is available to play or operate by a single patron, and not in concert or competition with any other patron or patrons, and by receipt of such consideration shall cause such device to operate whether by reason of the skill of the patron, or application of the element of chance or both, that reaches a game outcome by utilizing a random number generator and then portrays the outcome of that random number generation in a stepper motor reel position and then may deliver or entitle the person playing or operating the device to receive premiums, merchandise, tokens, redeemable game credits or anything of value other than non-redeemable free games or United States currency, whether the payoff is made automatically from the machines or in any manner.

Single-Position, Single-Game Video Electronic Gaming Device
The same as a Single-Position, Reel-Type Electronic Gaming Device, except that the game outcome is portrayed on a video monitor rather than stepper motor reel position.

Twenty-One Super Bucks
(see Blackjack)

Riverboat Casino Map



Legend

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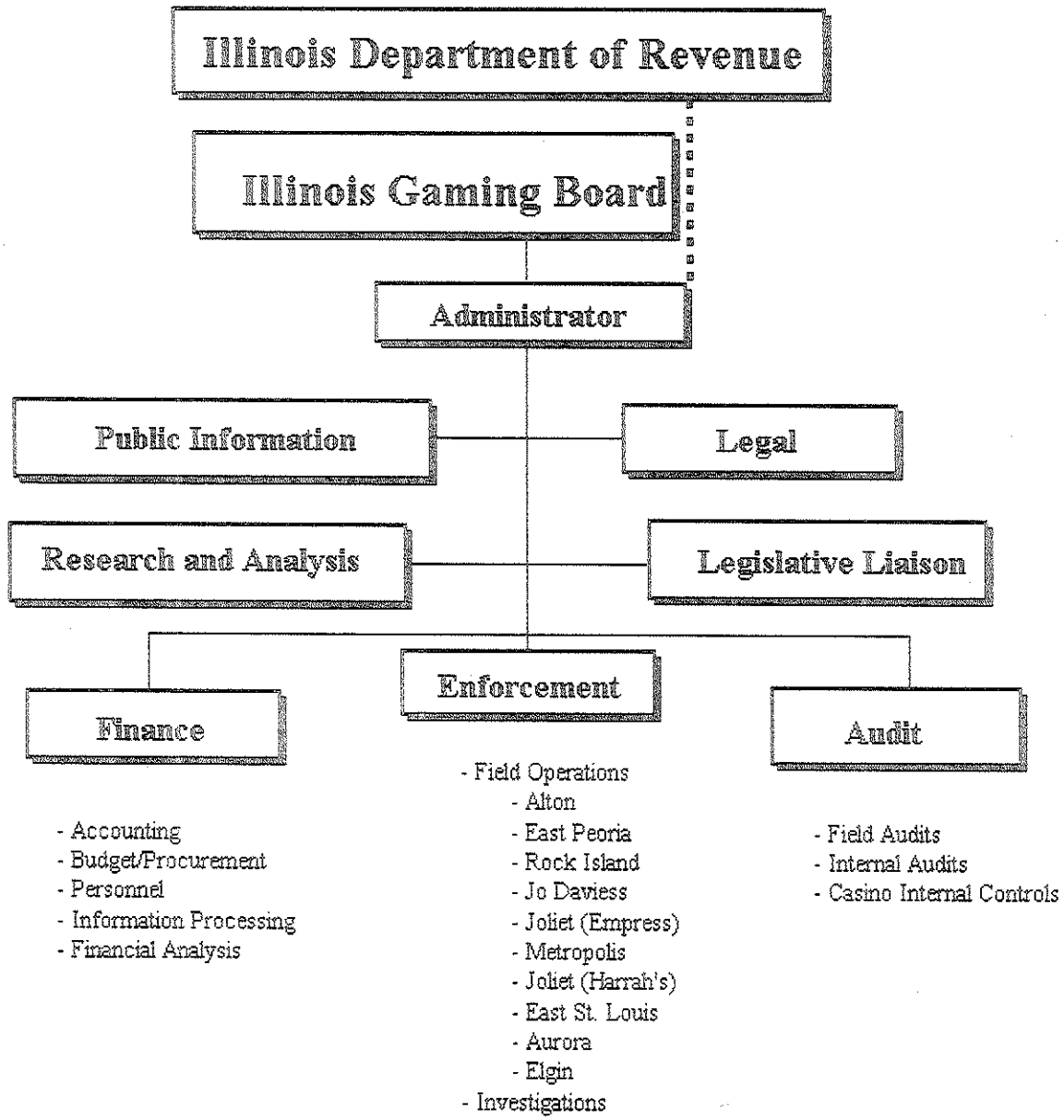
Proposed non-Illinois sites

Existing non-Illinois sites

Illinois Riverboats

Illinois Gaming Board Organizational Chart

(Organizational chart of the Illinois Gaming Board and its administrative staff)



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