

# Youth Gambling Fact Sheet

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39.5% of NYS youth between the ages of 12-17 have gambled in the past year. 30% stated gambling began at 10 years old and under.

Source- OASAS, 2014-2015



### Top 3 Past- Year Gambling Behaviors

- Playing lottery, lotto, and scratch offs.
- Betting money on raffles and charity games.
- Betting money on sports.

Source- OASAS, 2014-2015



Consequences include increased risk of delinquency, crime, substance misuse, damaged relationships, depression, anxiety and poor general health.

Source-Wynne, et al (96) Hardoon et al (2002) Gupta & Derevensky (98) Potenza et al (2002)

## How You Can Help!

- Learn more about the dangers of youth gambling at [YouDecideNY.org](http://YouDecideNY.org).
- Be a positive influence by choosing not to gamble.
- Use teachable moments to discuss how to analyze media.
- Talk about the dangers and risks of youth gambling.
- Get involved by partnering with a local prevention agency.
- Go Gambling Free for youth and family events and publicly express they are gambling free.

## Know all of the facts before You Decide

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