

Illinois Sports Betting Has A Big September

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Day	Team	Odds
TUESDAY OCTOBER 3	101 SO MISS	
	102 TULSA	-6
	123 MARYLAND	-13.5
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4	103 C FLORIDA	
	104 MARSHALL	-3.5
	124 GA TECH	
	125 BUL GREEN	
	126 OHIO ST*	-34.5
THURSDAY OCTOBER 5	105 FLA ST	-11
	106 NC ST	
	107 TCU	-1
	108 UTAH	
	127 KENT ST*	-24.5
	128 TEMPLE*	
	129 BALL ST	-5.5
	130 BUFFALO	
	131 ARKANSAS	
	132 AUBURN	-16
FRIDAY OCTOBER 6	109 LOUISVILE	-33
	110 MD TN ST*	
	133 DUKE*	
	134 ALABAMA*	-29
	135 OKLA ST	-3
	136 KANSAS ST	
	137 TEXAS A&M	-1.5
SATURDAY OCTOBER 7	111 N*WESTERN	
	112 WISCONSIN	-20.5
	113 PURDUE	
	114 IOWA	-11
	115 PITTSBURG	-6.5
	116 SYRACUSE	
	117 INDIANA	
	118 ILLINOIS	-7
	119 CLEMSON	-16
	120 WK FOREST	
	121 CAR	
	122 TENN-FLA	-19
	138 KANSAS	
	139 S DIEGO S	
140 BYU	-27	
141 RICE	-2	
142 TULANE		
143 NAVY		
144 AIR FORCE	-3	
145 STANFORD		
146 NTR DAME	-32	
147 W VIRGINI	-26	
148 MISS ST		
149 LSU	-2	
150 FLORIDA		
151 WASH ST	-4	
152 OREGON ST		
153 ARIZONA		
154 UCLA	-11.5	
OCTOBER 7	155 OKLAHOMA	
	156 TEXAS	-6
	157 PENN ST	-2.5
	158 MINNESOTA	
	159 MICH ST	
	160 MICHIGAN	-17
	161 UNLU	
	162 COL ST	-15.5
	163 N MEX ST	PICK
	164 IDAHO	
165 VIRGINIA		
166 E CAROLNA	-6.5	
167 AKRON		
168 CINCINATI	-6	
169 S CAR	-6.5	
170 KENTUCKY		
171 BAYLOR		
172 COLORADO	-5	
173 NEBRASKA	-6.5	
174 IOWA ST		
175 MEMPHIS		
176 ALA-BIRM	-6	
177 MISSOURI		
178 TEX TECH	-3.5	
179 WEST MICH	-3	
180 OHIO		
181 VANDY	-1.5	
182 OLE MISS		
183 CENT MICH		
184 TOLEDO		

CHICAGO – Sports betting in Illinois roared back to life in September after a pedestrian summer and pushed the nationwide handle past \$5 billion for the month.

It is the first time in history the country has reached that number.

Illinois sportsbooks reported just over \$596 million in handle, good for the second-best month ever behind last March.

It would be hard to find a state where football is not king in September, and Illinois is no exception. Football accounted for over \$230 million in handle.

“You also gets sports like NBA and college basketball, which may not be as popular to bet on as the NFL and college football but there are so many games and the volume ends up adding to the handle of each state every month including Illinois,” said Joe Boozell, lead analyst for [PlayIllinois.com](https://www.playillinois.com).

Sports betting revenue in Illinois hit \$44.6 million for a 7.5% hold. Operators paid \$6.5 million in state and local taxes.

Football was expected to bring records in many of the 28 states and Washington D.C. that allowed legal sports betting in some form in September, including Arizona, Connecticut, Louisiana, South Dakota, and Wyoming, which all launched that month.

Illinois had the third-largest betting handle in the country in September, behind only New Jersey and Nevada.

If Gov. J.B. Pritzker signs off, mobile sports betting registration will resume March 5. Pritzker suspended in-person registration for months during the COVID-19 pandemic but ended that suspension in April.

“Because of March Madness and also people being able to register online once again, I think March will easily set a state record here in Illinois,” Boozell said.