

Illinois Sports Betting Has A Big September

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
TUESDAY OCTOBER 3	
101 SO MISS	
102 TULSA	-6
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4	
103 C FLORIDA	
104 MARSHALL	-3.5
THURSDAY OCTOBER 5	
105 FLA ST	-11
106 NC ST	
107 TCU	-1
108 UTAH	
FRIDAY OCTOBER 6	
109 LOUISVILLE	-33
110 MD TN ST*	
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	-18
123 MARYLAND	
124 GA TECH	-13.5
125 BUL GREEN	
126 OHIO ST*	-34.5
127 KENT ST*	-24.5
128 TEMPLE*	
129 BALL ST	-5.5
130 BUFFALO	
131 ARKANSAS	
132 AUBURN	-16
133 DUKE*	
134 ALABAMA*	-29
135 OKLA ST	-3
136 KANSAS ST	
137 TEXAS A&M	-1.5
138 KANSAS	
139 S DIEGO S	
140 BYU	-27
141 RICE	-2
142 TULANE	
143 NAVY	
144 AIR FORCE	-3
145 STANFORD	
146 NTRE 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
155 OKLAHOMA	
156 TEXAS	-6
157 PENN ST	-2.5
158 MINNESOTA	
159 MICH ST	
160 MICHIGAN	-17
161 UNLV	
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://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.