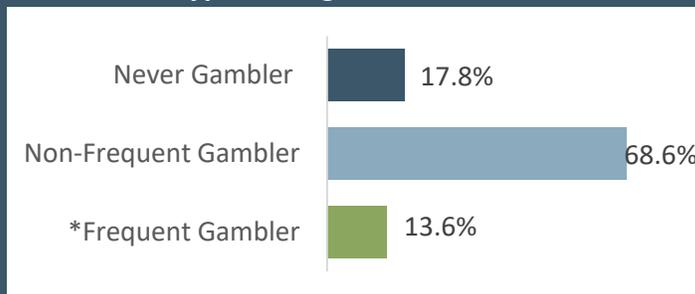


Problem Gambling in Asian American Communities

In the U.S., 4.8% of Asian Americans meet the criteria for a gambling problem, for Chinese ethnic groups living in Western countries these rates are higher [1]. Within Asian immigrant communities, adjusting to a new country, cultural understandings of gambling, and a lack of social support may contribute to problem gambling rates [2-5].

An estimated 3.8% of Illinoisans have a gambling problem. An additional 7.7% of Illinoisans are at-risk of developing a gambling problem.

Gambler Type among Asian Illinoisans, 2021

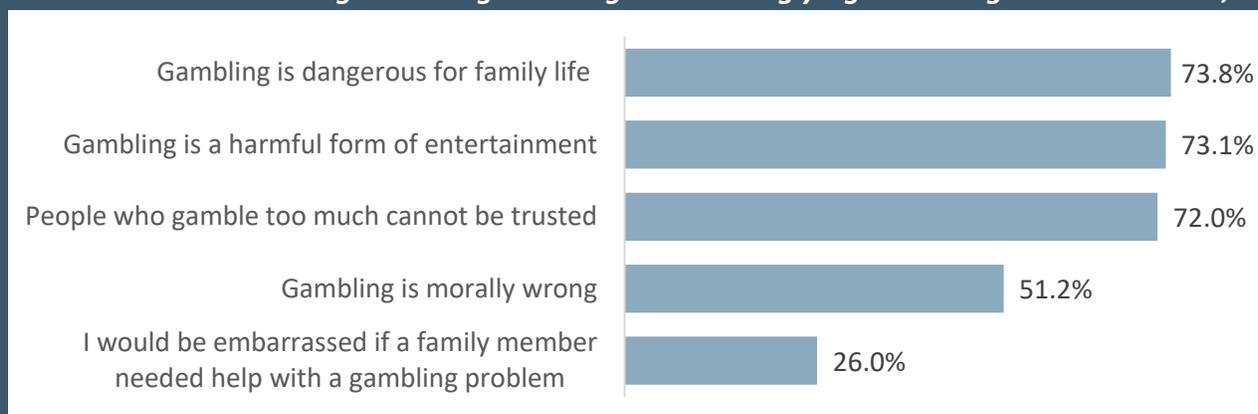


13.6% of Asian Illinoisans are frequent gamblers

DATA SOURCE: IL Problem Gambling Assessment, Representative Population Sample, Weighted %s, 2021

- Asian Illinoisans were the most likely to report gambling to escape from their problems or distract themselves (31.0%)
- Illinois Chinese community members noted that gambling is “seen as a way to test one’s fortune” and that “life is a little fuller” at the casinos because it is viewed as a social event
- Asian Illinoisans were the racial/ethnic group most likely to agree or strongly agree with the following statements:

Attitudes towards Gambling Percentage Who Agree or Strongly Agree among Asian Illinoisans, 2021



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“People do have a lot of shame. If there are some success stories of treatment within the Chinese community then that may reduce the shame and stigma for others.”

If you or someone you know is experiencing problems with gambling, contact the State's Gambling Hotline at: **1-800-GAMBLER, weknowthefeeling.org, or Text: "ILGamb" to 833234**