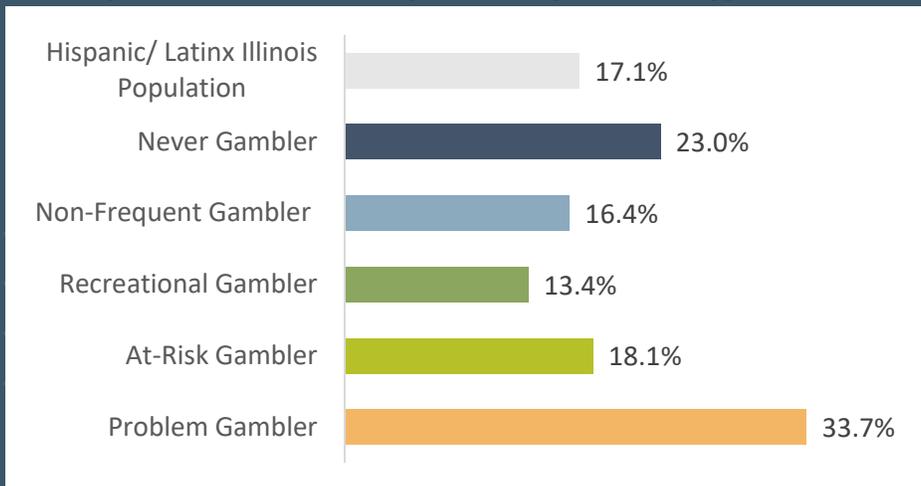


Problem Gambling in Hispanic/Latinx Communities

In the U.S., 6.7% of Hispanics/Latinxs meet the criteria for a gambling problem, however these estimates vary by state and survey tool [1]. Within Hispanic/Latinx communities, those with existing mental health issues, low socioeconomic status, and other cultural contexts are associated with problem gambling [2-3].

An estimated 7.3% of Hispanic Illinoisans have a gambling problem. An additional 8.1% are at-risk of developing a gambling problem.

Hispanic/Latinx Illinois Population, by Gambler Type, 2021

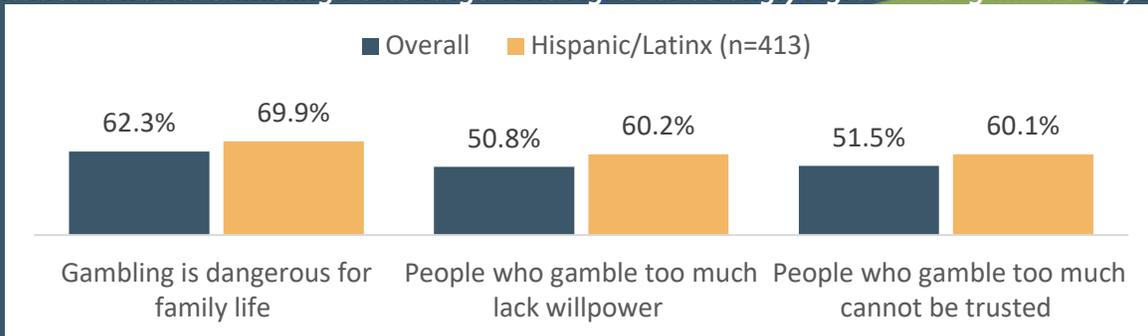


Hispanic Illinoisans are more likely not to gamble at all but, if they do, appear more likely to develop a gambling problem.

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

- The top reasons for gambling among Hispanic/Latinx Illinoisans were: “for excitement or as a challenge” (65.8%), “to win money for paying bills” (39.3%), and “for entertainment or fun” (35.7%). While gambling for excitement and entertainment aligned with Illinoisans overall, “to win money for paying bills” was higher among Hispanic/Latinx Illinoisans and Black/African American Illinoisans.
- Community discussions noted that many Hispanic/Latinx Illinoisans “see it [gambling] as entertainment” and a chance to earn money rather than a risk.
- While 95% of Hispanic/Latinx Illinoisans recognize that gambling can be an addiction, there is a lot of stigma associated with gambling and potentially having a problem [4].
- Hispanic/Latinx Illinoisans largely agreed that gambling posed significant harm to the family and others. They 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 Illinoisans, 2021



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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