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Miss. casino revenue up in January

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Mississippi casino gambling revenue rebounded in January, increasing about \$17 million over December.

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Mississippi State Tax Commission records show revenue totaled \$221 million in January compared to \$204.3 million in December.

Compared to January 2008, however, statewide revenues were down \$3 million. Tax Commission records posted Tuesday show the Gulf Coast casinos grossed \$99.1 million in January, up from \$95.4 million in December but down about \$7 million from January 2008.

Casinos along the Mississippi River took in \$121.9 million in January, up about \$13 million from December and up \$4 million from January 2008.

Casino revenue, or “win,” is the net amount of money won from gamblers. It is not profit.

The gross earnings figure represents casino revenue only — separate from hotel, restaurant or bar revenues generated by the resorts.