

Mississippi Casinos See Drop in Revenue



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TUNICA, MS ---Mississippi casinos are feeling the economic crunch. Revenue is down compared to this same time last year.

Between January and April of this year, Mississippi casino winnings were about \$873 million. One year ago, that number was around \$948 million. Even with their losses, tunica casinos have fared better than those in Nevada and New jersey. Webster Franklin with the Tunica County Convention and Visitor's Bureau says location is a huge factor.

Franklin says, "Twenty five percent of the U.S. population is within 500 miles of Tunica." He says people can travel to Tunica casinos and back

for relatively cheap

As for how the cards will play out in the future Franklin says casino operators have continued to invest in the Tunica gaming industry. Franklin says Tunica casinos will be fine in the long run.