



## Facts at a Glance

### Gaming Operations

Gaming Operations: 486

Class II only: 76

Class III only: 94

Mixed Class II & III: 472

Tribes with gaming operations: 486

States with Indian gaming

operations: 28

2013 Gross Gaming Revenues:

\$28.5B

### Commission

Formed: October 18, 1988 with the passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

Headquarters: Washington, D.C.

Divisions: 3; Compliance, Finance and Public Affairs

Regions: 7; Portland, Ore.;

Sacramento, Calif.; Phoenix, St.

Paul; Tulsa, Okla.; Oklahoma City and Washington.

Employees: 105

Annual Budget: \$19 million

Commissioners:

Chairman Jonodev Chaudhuri

Vice Chairman: Vacant

Associate Commissioner: Vacant

### Activities

Training courses offered: 32

Trainings courses conducted

(~annually): 80

Training attendees (~annually): 2,000

Gaming ordinances: 45

Approved Tribal Mgmt Contracts: 66

Fingerprint cards

processed (annually): 72,000

*“Through regulatory compliance and gaming integrity, we strive to assist tribes strengthen self-governance and build diversified economies.”*

- Chairman Jonodev Chaudhuri

The National Indian Gaming Commission is an independent federal regulatory agency within the Department of the Interior regulating gaming activities on Indian lands.

The Commission was established pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) of 1988 with broad authority to issue regulations in furtherance of the purposes of IGRA.

The Commission's primary mission is to work within the framework created by IGRA for the regulation of gaming activities conducted by tribes on Indian lands to fully realize the Act's goals of promoting tribal economic development, self-sufficiency and strong tribal governments; maintaining the integrity of the Indian gaming industry; and ensuring that tribes are the primary beneficiaries of their gaming activities.

### Regulating Indian Gaming

Indian gaming regulation is a three-tiered function, making it one of the most regulated gaming industries in the world. Tribal gaming commissions are the primary regulators of gaming operations. Depending on individual Tribal-State compacts, states play a varying regulatory role in Class III gaming operations. Both Class II and Class III gaming are subject to the provisions of IGRA and oversight by the NIGC. The role of the Commission is to monitor and validate the work of tribal gaming regulators and provide training and technical assistance to enhance regulatory compliance.

### Types of Gaming

Congress defined **Class II gaming** as bingo; and when played in the same location as bingo: pull tabs, lotto, punch boards, tip jars, instant bingo, other games similar to bingo, and non-house banked card games, such as poker, authorized or not explicitly prohibited by the state in which the tribal gaming operation is located. **Class III gaming** includes, but is not limited to baccarat, blackjack, slot machines, and electronic or electromechanical facsimiles of any game of chance. **Class I gaming** includes social or traditional native forms of gaming and is wholly regulated by a Tribal gaming commission.

### Federal agencies with oversight relationships to gaming

The NIGC is responsible for reviewing and approving management contracts and tribal gaming ordinances; providing training and technical assistance, promulgating Indian gaming regulations and regulatory oversight; conducting background checks and processing fingerprint cards; conducting audits and investigations and has the authority to enforce civil penalties, impose fines and order closures. Other federal agencies that enforce laws relating to Indian gaming include the Department of Interior (Secretary of Interior, Office of the Inspector General, Solicitor, Bureau of Indian Affairs), Department of Justice (U.S. Attorney, U.S. Marshals, Solicitor General and FBI), Department of Treasury (IRS, Secret Service and Financial Crimes Enforcement Network).

### Funding

The NIGC is a federal agency of the United States. Commission operations are solely funded through fees collected from Indian gaming operations under its jurisdiction. The agency bases fees on a percentage of net revenue of Class II and Class III operations. Thus the Commission operates proportionately to that of the Indian gaming industry.

## Agency Structure and Gaming Operations

The Commission is comprised of a Chair, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate and two additional commissioners appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Agency is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and is comprised of seven regions. The Portland Region includes 54 Indian gaming operations in the Pacific Northwest; the Sacramento Region has 72 operations located in California and Northern Nevada; the Phoenix Region has 59 operations that cover the Southwest; the St. Paul Region includes 142 operations encompassing nine Great Plains states; the Tulsa Region has 68 operations in Kansas and eastern Oklahoma; the Oklahoma City Region has 63 operations in Texas and western Oklahoma; and the Washington, DC Region includes 31 operations across four Gulf states and three eastern states.

### Headquarters

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Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 632-7003

### Portland Region

620 SW Main Street, Ste 212  
Portland, OR 97205  
(503) 326-5095

### Sacramento Region

801 I Street, Ste 489  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 414-2300

### Phoenix Region

3636 N. Central Ave., Ste 880  
Phoenix, AZ 85012  
(602) 640-2951

### St. Paul Region

380 Jackson Street, Ste 420  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
(651) 290-4004

### Tulsa Region

224 South Bolder, Ste 301  
Tulsa, OK 74103  
(918) 581-7926

### Oklahoma Region

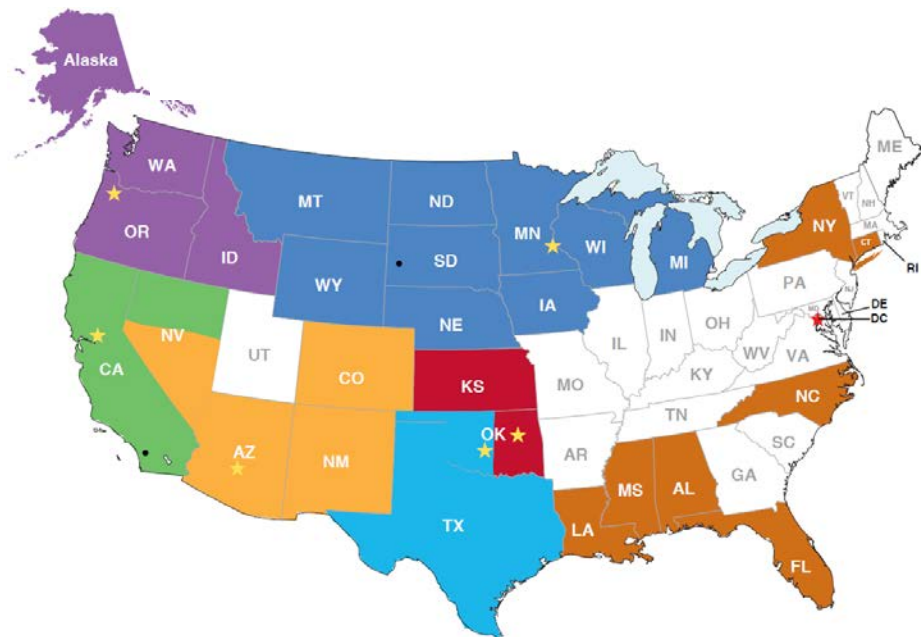
215 Dean A. McGee Ave, Ste 218  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
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### Washington, D.C. Region

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*“Indian gaming is an American success story for addressing the social and economic needs of Indian country.”*

- Former Associate Commissioner Daniel Little



*“It is not our responsibility to ensure the economic viability of any market, but to have a statutory mission to ensure the integrity of gaming, which perpetuates economic viability.”*

-Chairman Jonodev Chaudhuri