

Comment from Jane Bokunewicz from LIGHT on DGE May 2021 Report

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Comments from Jane Bokunewicz, coordinator of the Lloyd D. Levenson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism (LIGHT) on the May 2021 numbers released by the Division of Gaming Enforcement:

A shared desire to get out and do things made even a rainy Memorial Day weekend a success for city businesses. May total gross gaming revenue (GGR) for Atlantic City's casinos grew 16% over April continuing a trend of recovery for the resort and indicating that Atlantic City is on track for a busy summer season.

May 2021 total Gross Gaming Revenue also outpaced May 2019 by 26% however, brick and mortar casino revenues have yet to fully recover to pre-pandemic levels. May 2021 casino win (excluding internet gaming and sports wagering revenue) was less than 4.5% behind May 2019 a really encouraging sign considering COVID-19 restrictions were still in place for most of the month in 2021.

With nearly all restrictions lifted effective June 4, non-gaming amenities and activities such as meetings and conventions, and live entertainment are returning to the resort giving visitors even more reason to choose Atlantic City this Summer.

Atlantic City's tourism operators appear to be rolling out as full a schedule of events and entertainment as they would in any pre-pandemic

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