

Charitable Gaming

Charitable gaming includes licensed bingo and associated games such as pull-tabs, merchandise coin boards, and other “free” no charge promotional events. The operation of these games is restricted to qualified licensed, religious, charitable, fraternal, veteran, and service organizations.

No part of the net earnings may benefit any individual member of the organization.

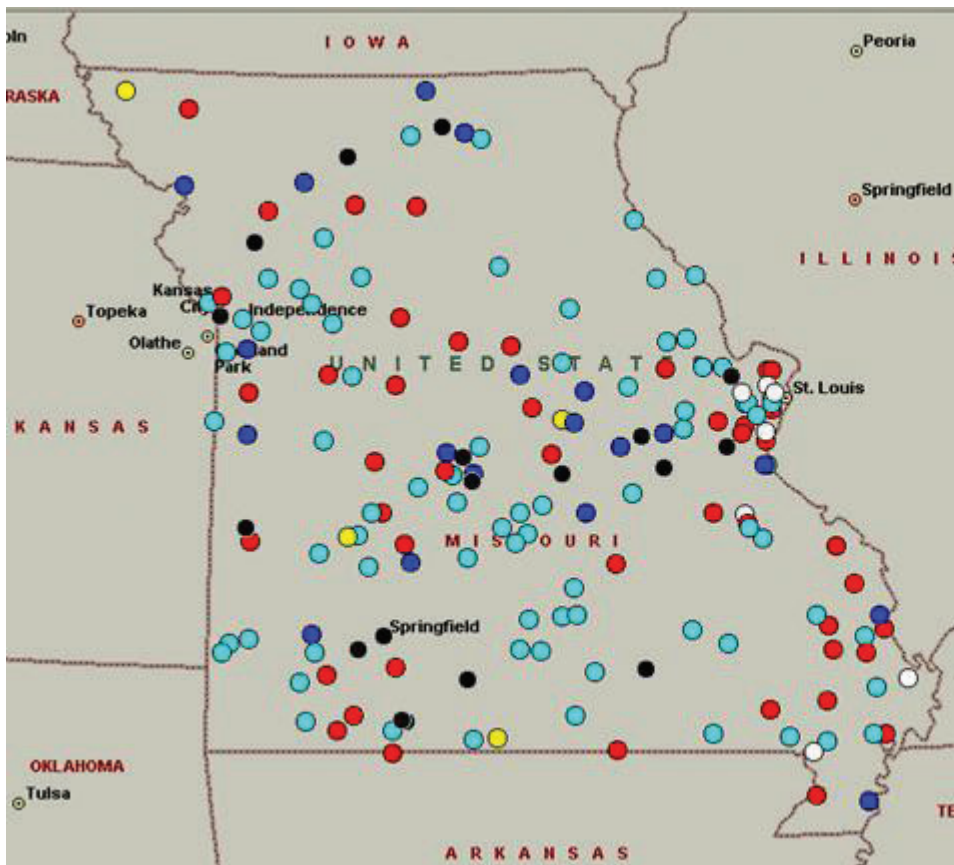
Bingo was legalized in 1980 and came under MGC on July 1, 1994. More than \$50 million has been generated in tax revenue since that time. These funds are paid into education.

Bingo proceeds collected by not-for-profit organizations are used to fund various projects such as Veterans Homes, Relay for Life, Drug Awareness Programs, Prevention of Child Abuse, Cancer Care and Research, Alzheimer’s Care and Research, Kidney Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Boy & Girl Scouts, Ronald McDonald House, various religious organizations, Boys State, scholarships, sight and hearing care for impoverished citizens, transportation services to the burn center, and many more.

The chart below reflects the total number of licensees over the past three years.

TYPE OF LICENSE	FY06	FY07	FY08
REGULAR BINGO	435	404	384
SPECIAL BINGO			
(Valid for one event from 1 to 7 days)	300	288	291
ABBREVIATED PULL-TAB			
(Valid for 24 hours, limit 4 per calendar year)	132	122	126
SUPPLIER	6	6	6
MANUFACTURER	10	11	11
HALL PROVIDER	126	120	114

Bingo Taxes Collected	
Collected	\$2,154,877.66
Interest Earned	\$35,137.54
Total	\$2,190,015.20



Bingo Organizations

- Veteran (160)
- Fraternal (116)
- Charitable (40)
- Service (37)
- Religious (23)
- Other (7)