

REPORT UPDATE: 2018 CASINO BUS STOP PATRONAGE

The California Office of Problem Gambling (OPG) partnered with NAPAFASA, NICOS Chinese Health Coalition, and UCLA Gambling Studies Program to assess casino bus patronage and motivations for using these organized casino bus rides as a means to the casino. Surveys in the San Francisco Bay and Greater Metropolitan Los Angeles Areas were conducted by NAPAFASA and NICOS staff members from 2017 to 2018. To reflect California's diverse populations, questionnaires were provided in Simplified and Traditional Chinese, Spanish, and English as an effort to improve inclusivity.

WHAT ARE CASINO BUSES

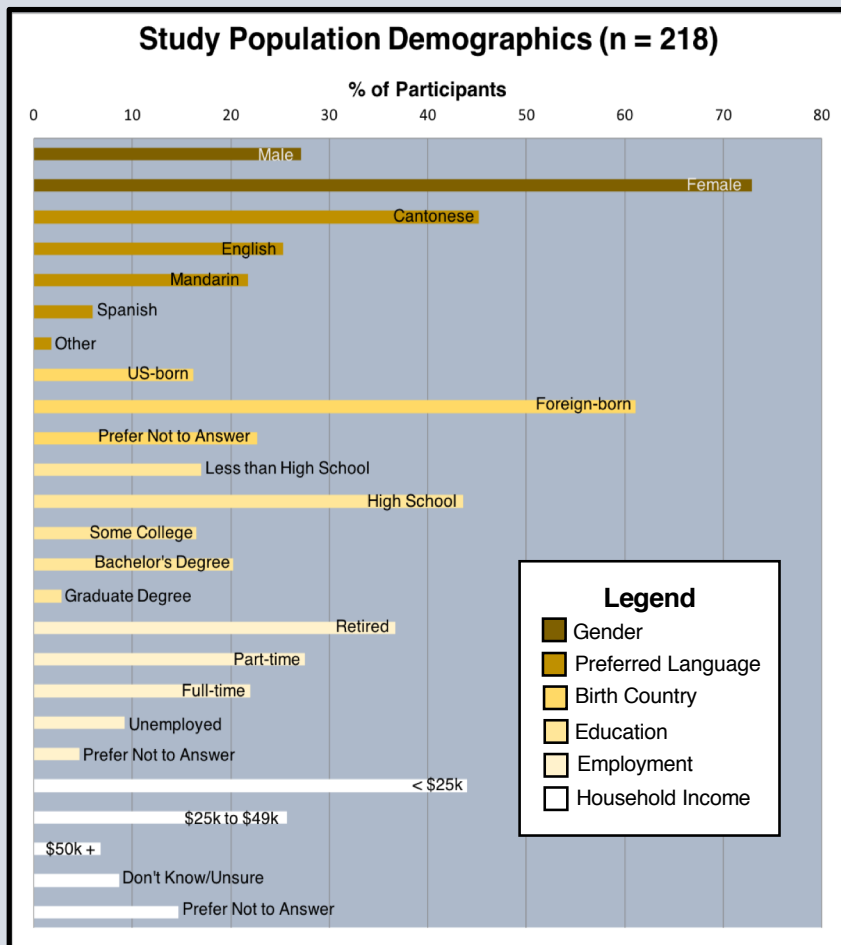
AND WHO ARE THEIR PATRONS?



- Casino buses are organized or subsidized by gambling establishments and pick up patrons at designated stops.
- The average casino bus patron in this study is a foreign-born, Chinese-speaking woman who is 57 years old and has a high school education or less. On average, patrons take the bus on a monthly basis, pay \$10 to ride the bus, and receive \$25 in vouchers for free play.

FINDINGS ON MOTIVATIONS AND LINK TO GAMBLING DISORDER

- Almost 87% of respondents are likely to have gambling problems.
- 10.6% of respondents are likely to be experiencing gambling disorder.
- The top four motivating factors for riding the bus are because it is “fun” (76.4%), “to meet new people” (58.5%), “there is nothing else to do” (51.2%), and “I want to be around people in my ethnic group” (42.4%).
- Meeting the criteria for gambling disorder is correlated with endorsing that they go on the casino bus “Because it is something I have to do” and “To make money through gambling to win money.”



IF YOU THINK YOU OR A LOVED ONE MAY NEED HELP,
CALL 1-800-GAMBLER.

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