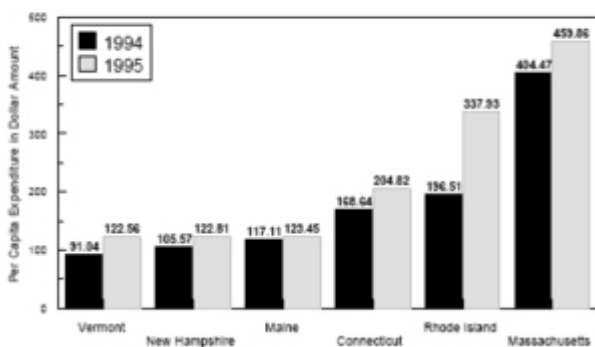


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Per capita lottery expenditures increased for each of the six New England States from 1994 to 1995. "Lottery" includes lotto, cash lotto, 4-digit, powerball, scratch tickets, daily, keno, pulltabs, numbers, and video lottery terminals (VLTs). Massachusetts leads New England in per capita lottery expenditures with \$459.86 in 1995. Rhode Island's per capita lottery expenditures increased 72% between 1994 and 1995. This increase may be related to the recent introduction of new VLT games and large (\$100 million) Powerball jackpots. On a national level, lottery sales increased in all but three of the 37 states that currently have a lottery. Each state that had a casino reported increases in gross wagering. Charles Anderer, the Editor of International Gaming & Wagering Business, states that the new 1995 Report "shows yet again that lottery and casino industries tend to thrive wherever they are allowed (p. 6)."* While some observers believe that increased gambling results in increased rates of pathological gambling, further research will determine whether pathological gambling rates increase, decrease, or remain the same.

Per Capita Lottery Expenditures
for New England (1994 & 1995)



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