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Assessing State Sports Betting Structures

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In the four years since the U.S. Supreme Court allowed states to set their own laws regarding sports betting, the majority of states have enacted legislation legalizing gambling on sports. In a new insight, Director of Regulatory Policy Dan Bosch provides an update to past AAF analysis on the different state sports betting regimes and assesses which models seem to be working – and which do not.

Key points:

- The number of states with legalized sports betting continues to grow, with 33 states and the District of Columbia enacting enabling laws.
- Because there are no federal laws standardizing sports betting, states are experimenting with a multitude of regime structures and no two states have identical setups.
- While the legalized sports betting industry is still in its early days, initial assessments show benefits to both states and bettors in states where a competitive marketplace has been established and internet and mobile betting is allowed.

Read the analysis