

1989 - 1995

Year	County	Type	Outcome
8/15/1989	Clayton	Excursion boat gambling	Failed
8/15/1989	Dubuque County	Excursion boat gambling	Approved
8/22/1989	Lee	Excursion boat gambling	Approved
8/22/1989	Des Moines	Excursion boat gambling	Approved
8/29/1989	Scott	Excursion boat gambling	Approved
8/29/1989	Muscatine	Excursion boat gambling	Approved
8/29/1989	Clinton	Excursion boat gambling	Approved
9/5/1989	Jackson	Excursion boat gambling	Approved
9/26/1989	Woodbury	Excursion boat gambling	Approved
8/20/1991	Allamakee	Excursion boat gambling	Approved
10/15/1991	Clayton	Excursion boat gambling	Approved
11/3/1992	Polk	Excursion boat gambling	Approved
5/10/1994	Clinton	Gambling game	Approved
5/10/1994	Clayton	Gambling game	Approved
5/17/1994	Lee	Gambling game	Approved
5/17/1994	Des Moines County	Gambling game	Approved
5/17/1994	Woodbury	Gambling game	Approved
5/17/1994	Scott	Gambling game	Approved
5/17/1994	Dubuque County	Racetrack and boat	Approved
5/18/1994	Pottawattamie	Racetrack and boat	Approved
5/19/1994	Black Hawk	Racetrack enclosure	Failed
5/20/1994	Polk	Racetrack enclosure	Approved
7/12/1994	Jackson	Gambling game	Approved
9/27/1994	Black Hawk	Racetrack enclosure	Failed
11/8/1994	Polk	Excursion boat gambling	Failed

Source: [IRGC](#)

1995

Clarke County Approves New Gaming License

A referendum vote was held for citizens in Clarke County to decide if they wanted a casino. It was approved.

The results, received from the County Auditors office, are listed below. Contact the respective County Auditors for an official abstract.

Clarke County

Approved

Yes: 2,667 = 69%

No: 1,194 = 31%

1997

Clarke County Approves New Gaming License

A referendum vote was held for citizens in Clarke County to decide if they wanted a casino. It was approved.

The results, received from the County Auditors office, are listed below. Contact the respective County Auditors for an official abstract.

Clarke County

Approved

Yes: 2,534 = 66%

No: 1,327 = 34%

1/10/2002

All Referendums Approved! Counties Support Current Gaming Operations

On November 5, 2002, by referendum, voters in 11 counties indicated their strong reaffirmation and approval for the continued operation of casinos in their communities. The citizens of each county where casinos are located recognize the significant impact of the gaming properties and how they add value to the state's entertainment and tourism industry; their vote was an overwhelming recognition of the casino's importance to:

- Preserve thousands of good paying jobs
- Provide millions of dollars in charitable giving to thousands of worthwhile causes
- Provide millions of dollars in tax revenue to be used in visionary ways

Continue providing highly regulated, legal, safe, fun, affordable entertainment venues that are committed to responsible gaming.

Eleven Gaming Referendums, County By County Voting Percentages:

Clarke County Casino

Yes: 2,892 = 80%

No: 743 = 20%

Clayton County Casino

Yes: 5,452 = 81%

No: 1,253 = 19%

Clinton County Casino

Yes: 10,545 = 71%

No: 4,340 = 29%

**Des Moines County
Casino**

Yes: 9,224 = 63%

No: 5,415 = 37%

Dubuque County Casino

Yes: 23,312 = 79%

No: 5,998 = 21%

Dubuque County Track

Yes: 23,952 = 80%

No: 5,998 = 20%

Jackson County Casino

Yes: 3,423 = 67%

No: 1,712 = 33%

Lee County Casino

Yes: 9,367 = 74%

No: 3,219 = 26%

Polk County Casino

Yes: 62,745 = 66%

No: 32,954 = 34%

**Pottawattamie County
Casino**

Yes: 19,917 = 79%

No: 5,150 = 21%

**Pottawattamie County
Track**

Yes: 19,979 = 79%

No: 5,162 = 21%

Scott County Casino

Yes: 33,325 = 70%

No: 13,949 = 30%

**Woodbury County
Casino**

Yes: 19,818 = 75%

No: 6,556 = 25%

County Casino Referendums – 2003

In eight counties without gaming facilities, citizens sought approval for the possibility of a riverboat casino, which requires a referendum vote.

The unofficial results are listed below by date of referendum vote. Contact the respective County Auditors for an official abstract.

County	Outcome	Yes	No
		Votes/Percentage	Votes/Percentage
Palo Alto – 6/17/03	Approved	2,466 71.1%	1,004 28.9%
Worth – 6/24/03	Approved	2,062 75%	687 25%
Dickinson – 7/8/03	Failed	1,939 27.6%	5,092 72.4%
Cerro Gordo – 9/16/03	Failed	2,427 34.2%	4,667 65.8%
Black Hawk – 10/7/03	Approved	21,759 66.3%	11,058 33.7%
Wapello – 10/28/03	Approved	2,371 54%	2,054 46%
Linn – 11/4/03	Failed	27,331 47.2%	30,622 52.8%
Clay – 12/16/03	Failed	1,960 39%	3,049 61%

County Casino Referendums – 2004

In seven counties without gaming facilities, citizens sought approval for the possibility of a riverboat casino, which requires a referendum vote.

The unofficial results are listed below by date of referendum vote. Contact the respective County Auditors for an official abstract.

County	Outcome	Yes Votes/Percentage	No Votes/Percentage
Sac County – 01/06/04	Failed	1,475 42%	2,007 58%
Franklin County – 01/29/04	Approved	1,586 53%	1,415 47%
Webster County – 03/23/04	Approved	6,412 57.6%	4,724 42.4%
Washington – 09/02/04	Approved	4,095 52%	3,743 48%
Dallas County – 11/02/04	Failed	9,305 39%	14,856 61%
Madison County – 11/02/04	Failed	3,161 43%	4,213 57%
Warren County – 11/02/04	Failed	8,995 46%	10,708 54%

2006

Two Counties Seek Approval for New Gaming Licenses

Two Iowa counties without gaming facilities held referendum votes in November 2006. One county passed and one was defeated.

The results, received from the County Auditors offices, are listed below. Contact the respective County Auditors for an official abstract.

Buena Vista

Defeated

Yes: 2,784 = 38.42%

No: 4,462 = 61.58%

Tama County

Approved

Yes: 3,510 = 55.37%

No: 2,829 = 44.63%

2007

Cherokee County Seeks Approval for New Gaming Licenses

Cherokee County held a referendum vote on December 4, 2007 for citizens to decide if they wanted a casino. It was defeated.

The results, received from the County Auditors offices, are listed below. Contact the respective County Auditors for an official abstract.

Cherokee County

Defeated

Yes: 418 = 37%

No: 719 = 63%

2008

Two Counties Seek Approval for New Gaming License

Two Iowa counties without gaming facilities held referendum votes in 2008. One county passed and one was defeated.

The results, received from the County Auditors offices, are listed below. Contact the respective County Auditors for an official abstract.

September 23, 2008

Lyon County

Approved

Yes: 3,706 = 62%

No: 2,255 = 38%

April 8, 2008

Jasper County

Defeated

Yes: 2,614 = 38%

No: 4,252 = 62%

2010

2010 Casino Referendum Votes Pass By an Average of Over 78%

On November 2, 2010, by referendum, voters in 14 counties overwhelmingly approved the continued operation of casinos in their communities.

Each county passed by a percentage equal if not better than the previous referendum vote in 2002. The average approval was 74% in 2002 as compared to 78.8% in 2010.

Once again, this is a very strong indicator of how the citizens in these counties view their casinos as being a viable part of Iowa's economy, such as:

- Providing thousands of good paying jobs
- Generating an annual economic impact of over \$1 billion
- Positively impacting Iowa businesses by purchasing over \$200 million in Iowa-based products and services
- Funding thousands of charitable request by providing millions of dollars annually in grants
- Continuing to provide highly regulated, legal, safe, fun, and affordable entertainment venues that are committed to responsible gaming

Citizens in counties with gaming facilities are required to vote every 8 years to continue operations. The increased approval for gaming venues begets legislators to re-look at the mandated vote requirement.

The unofficial county-by-county results are as follows:

<u>Blackhawk</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes: 32,752 = 77% No: 9,941 = 23%	10,676 = 74% No: 3,790 = 26%	554 = 14%
<u>Clayton</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes: 5,583 = 82% No: 1,200 = 18%	<u>Dubuque</u> <u>Mystique</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes: 26,449 = 82% No: 5,710 = 18%	<u>Polk</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes: 110,650 = 74% No: 38,384 = 26%
<u>Clarke</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes: 2,951 = 81% No: 694 = 19%	<u>Diamond Jo</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes: 26,118 = 81% No: 5,972 = 19%	<u>Pottawattamie</u> <u>Ameristar/Harrah's</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes: 20,548 = 80% No: 5,026 = 20%
<u>Clinton</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes: 12,456 = 77% No: 3,793 = 23%	<u>Lyon</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes: 3,390 = 67% No: 1,645 = 32%	<u>Horseshoe</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes: 20,476 = 80% No: 5,090 = 20%
<u>Des Moines</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes:	<u>Palo Alto</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes: 3,286 = 86% No:	<u>Scott</u> <i>Approved</i> Yes: 39,783 = 74% No: 13,801 = 26%

Washington

Approved

Yes:

6,641 = 78%

No:

1,914 = 22%

Woodbury

Approved

Yes:

22,687 = 77%

No:

6,857 = 23%

Worth

Approved

Yes:

2,683 = 86%

No:

429 = 14%

Four counties without gaming facilities also held a referendum vote to remain eligible for consideration in the future for a casino license. Only one vote was defeated. The unofficial results are as follows:

Jackson

Approved

Yes:

4,528 = 67%

No:

2,145 = 32%

Lee

Approved

Yes:

8,118 = 72%

No:

3,117 = 28%

Wapello

Failed

Yes:

5,158 = 48%

No:

5,496 = 52%

Webster

Approved

Yes:

6,841 = 56%

No:

5,383 = 44%

2013

Three Iowa counties without gaming facilities held referendum votes in 2013.

Two passed and one was defeated.

The results are listed below. Contact the respective County Auditors for an official abstract.

Linn County—March 5, 2013

Approved

Yes: 37,034 = 61.23%

No: 23,445 = 38.77%

Warren County—May 7, 2013

Defeated

Yes: 4,321 = 40%

No: 6,545 = 60%

Greene County—August 6, 2013

Approved

Yes: 2,905 = 75%

No: 964 = 25%

2013

Three Counties Sought Approval For New Gaming License

2021

Two Iowa counties without gaming facilities held referendum votes on Nov. 2, 2021.

They passed.

The results are listed below. Contact the respective County Auditors for an official abstract.

Linn County

Approved

Yes: 24,169 = 55%

No: 20,036 = 45%

Greene County

Approved

Yes: 2,054 = 88.76%

No: 260 = 11.24%