Over **$2.63 Billion** in contributions to date and counting.

Tribal Gaming shares with Arizona

Since 2003, Arizona Tribes share a portion of revenues with all Arizonans through the Arizona Benefits Fund. These funds are dedicated to the following areas:

Education

$1.1 BILLION*

- Teacher compensation
- Reducing class size
- Dropout prevention
- Improved instruction

Emergency Services & Trauma Care

$583 MILLION*

- Improved patient care and survival rates
- Cover unfunded trauma and emergency services
- Support the education of healthcare workers
- Provide community programs for injury prevention

Cities, Towns, Counties

$281 MILLION*

- Tribes in the urban areas contribute to support social, cultural, and infrastructure needs. Rural communities contribute funds for essential services, like police and fire

Tourism

$166 MILLION*

- Arizona marketing efforts, domestic & international advertising in print, broadcast and social media
- Promote the Tourism industry in Arizona
- Enhance research to benefit the Industry

Wildlife Conservation

$166 MILLION*

- Restoring native landscapes
- Promoting nature-based tourism
- Conserve wildlife
- Support shooting ranges and sports

The impact of Tribal Gaming

SELF-RELIANCE

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) mandates that gaming revenues be used to promote economic growth, self-sufficiency, and tribal government stability.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tribal Gaming drives economic development on Arizona reservations and boosts the households and businesses that support Tribal casinos—benefiting especially rural and remote counties.

*Arizona Department of Gaming – Tribal contributions to the State (Arizona Benefits Fund) as of September 18, 2026.

Tribal Gaming contributions help support the Arizona Department of Gaming and fund vital programs like 1-800-NEXT-STEP through the Office of Problem Gambling.

AZ DEPARTMENT OF GAMING **$216 MILLION***

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AIGA Arizona Indian Gaming Association

In 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed Indian tribes' inherent rights to operate gaming on Indian land. In 1988, Congress passed the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) affirming Tribal sovereignty and establishing the statutory framework for Indian gaming. IGRA is intended to:

> *"Provide a statutory foundation for Indian gaming operations as a means of promoting economic development, tribal self-sufficiency and strong tribal government."*

IGRA promotes Tribal economic development as federal policy. IGRA also established the regulatory framework and standards for the conduct of Indian gaming, including:

- Federal regulation through the National Indian Gaming Commission
- Requirement of a tribal-state compact between a state and each tribe engaged in gaming
- Tribal regulation through respective Tribal gaming regulatory agencies
- State review through state agencies, e.g., the Arizona Department of Gaming

The Arizona Indian Gaming Association (AIGA):

- Maintains and supports a strong commitment to Tribal sovereignty and governmental authority.
- Protects and promotes the welfare of Tribes by supporting Tribal gaming enterprises on Arizona Indian lands
- Serves as an educational, legislative and public policy resource for Tribes, policy makers, and the public on Indian gaming issues
- Is committed to maintaining and protecting Tribal sovereign governmental authority

AIGA Key Objectives

- Protect sovereign rights to operate Tribal government gaming and exclusivity
- Inform the public of the many benefits of Tribal government gaming
- Educate the public on the distinction between Tribal government gaming and commercial gaming
- Share economic impact data and personal stories of those that benefit from Tribal government gaming