# **ONLINE** SPORTS TRENDS **USA 2021**



# KEY **INSIGHTS**

### THE FUTURE OF LEGAL **SPORTS BETTING IN** THE UNITED STATES LOOKS BRIGHT IN 2021 **AND BEYOND**

As legalization of sports betting spreads across the country and bettors look for legal sports betting options, online sportsbooks have been increasingly gaining popularity in the United States.



**ONLINE SPORTS BETTING** SAW SUSTAINED GROWTH **IN 2020 DESPITE COVID RELATED SUSPENSIONS OF LIVE SPORTS EARLY IN** THE YEAR.

Legal sports betting garnered an alltime high of \$1.5 billion in revenue in 2020, up 69% year-over-year as reported by the American Gaming Association.



# **FANDUEL & DRAFTKINGS SPORTSBOOKS ARE** THE BIGGEST PLAYERS **IN THE MARKET; BOTH BRANDS REMAIN IN CLOSE COMPETITION.**

Fanduel Sportsbook leads iOS downloads and DraftKings Sportsbook leads iOS active usage. Fanduel ranked #1 in the sports category in the days leading up to the 2021 Super Bowl.



**ONLINE BETTING AUDIENCES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE ADVENTUROUS AND WILLING TO TAKE RISKS FOR FINANCIAL BENEFIT.**\* \*Click here to read disclaim

The majority of American bettors are young males who belong to high-income segments. Soccer and football are the most followed sports, and the NFL and NBA are the most followed sports leagues among them.





# **SPORTS BETTING** THE UNITED STATES **CONTINUES TO GROW IN 2021**

# **SPORTS BETTING ACTIVITY**

States where there's no legislation/ dead legislation

States where single-game sports betting is
legally offered to consumers through retail and/
or online sportsbooks (21 states + DC)

States that have authorized sports betting but are not yet operational (6 states)

Jurisdictions where bills to legalize single-game sports betting have been pre-filed/introduced in the state legislature or where a voter referendum is scheduled as of 2021 (13 states)



### **OF ADULT AMERICANS ARE EITHER CURRENT OR POTENTIAL SPORTS BETTORS**







# AMERICANS **EMBRACE ONLINE SPORTSBOOKS. SPORTS BETTING** CONTRIBUTES **TO INCREASED ATTENTION AMONG** AUDIENCES



Americans placed nearly \$35 billion on sports bets in 2020.









90% of all sports betting revenue comes from online sources.



DraftKings and FanDuel together comprise roughly 80% of the U.S. market.

Of Super Bowl bettors, 65% say it is important for themselves personally to use a legal, regulated sportsbook for their bets.



Americans said they will place a bet online during March Madness 2021, up 206% from 2019.

Super Bowl bettors said they will bet with online sportsbooks this year, up 63% YoY.



Of fans said they followed college basketball more closely this season, with 70% of those following more closely attributing their increased attention to the increased availability of sports betting.

SOURCE: The US Sports Betting Race is on – and many marketers want a piece of the action, AdAge Jan 14, 2021

SOURCE: 2021 March Madness Wagering Estimates, Super Bowl LV Wagering Estimates, American Gaming Association Note: Estimates are based on surveys conducted prior to the 2021 Superbowl and March Madness



THE PANDEMIC	
LED TO A	
DECREASE IN	50
<b>ONLINE BETTING</b>	45
	40
<b>IN EARLY 2020.</b>	35
HOWEVER THE	30
CATEGORY HAS	25
	20
<b>RECOVERED AND</b>	15
HAS THRIVED	10
SINCE THEN	



% of audience that visited an online casino, gambling, betting or lottery services



### Q1 2019 Q2 2019 Q3 2019 Q4 2019 Q1 2020 Q2 2020 Q3 2020 Q4 2020



Legal sports betting revenue in 2020

# **69%**

YoY increase in legal sports betting revenue 2020

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# MAJORITY OF **BETTORS ARE** MALE, YOUNG, HIGH INCOME, FULL TIME WORKERS



	RELATIO
SINGLE	<b>99</b> 0/
	<b>32</b> %
IN A RELATIONSHIP	<b>13</b> %
MARRIED	50%

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NEW YORK	<b>9%</b>
ILLINOIS	5%
PENNSYVANIA	<b>3%</b>







# **THE BETTING AUDIENCE IN THE USA**

% of the online betting audience in the United States who agree to the following statements.



BEING SUCCESSFUL IS IMPORTANT TO ME

I AM CONFIDENT

I AM ADVENTOROUS



MUSIC

TECHNOLOGY

FOOD & DRINK

SOURCE: GWI Q4 2020,



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<b>56</b> %	TELEVISION	<b>51%</b>
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<b>54%</b>	COOKING	<b>49</b> %
<b>53</b> %	PLAYING SPORT	<b>47%</b>





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# **SPORTS REGULARLY FOLLOWED, WATCHED OR INTERESTED IN**

SOCCER

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL** 

BASKETBALL

BASEBALL

# **SPORTS WATCHED ON BROADCAST TV**

**52%** SOCCER **AMERICAN FOOTBALL 42%** 40% BASKETBALL **29%** BASEBALL 21% **TENNIS** 20% GOLF BOXING 19% **ICE HOCKEY** 17% 17% SWIMMING **MOTOR SPORTS** 

SOCCER BASKETBALL **AMERICAN FOOTBALL** BASEBALL **TENNIS** GOLF BOXING SWIMMING **MOTOR SPORTS** CYCLING

SOURCE: GWI Zeitgeist: Jan 2021







BOXING

31%	
<b>29</b> %	
<b>29</b> %	

## **SPORTS WATCHED ONLINE**

### 44% 31% 30% 20% 17% 16% 15% 15% 14% 13%

### **SPORTS WATCHED IN PERSON**

BASKETBALL	10%
BASEBALL	<b>9%</b>
AMERICAN FOOTBALL	<b>9%</b>
SOCCER	<b>9%</b>
SWIMMING	<b>6%</b>
TENNIS	<b>5%</b>
ICE HOCKEY	<b>4</b> %
BOXING	<b>4</b> %
GOLF	<b>4</b> %
CYCLING	4%



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# FL AND THE NBA ARE MOST POPULAR LEAGUES **AMONG AMERICAN BETTORS**



### **TOP FOLLOWED/ INTERESTED IN SPORTS EVENTS/LEAGUES**

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL)

**NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA)** 

SUMMER OLYMPICS

**FIFA WORLD CUP** 

WINTER OLYMPICS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL (MLB)

**UEFA CHAMPION LEAGUE** 

**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE** 

**US OPEN (TENNIS)** 



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL)

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA)

**FIFA WORLD CUP** 

**SUMMER OLYMPICS** 

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL (MLB)** 

# **24 YO FOLLOW MORE THAN 11 SPORTS EVENTS/LEAGUES**

### **TOP SPORTS EVENTS/LEAGUES** WATCHED ON BROADCAST TV

### **TOP SPORTS EVENTS/LEAGUES** WATCHED ONLINE











# THE BETTING AUDIENCE SPEND MORE TIME ON SOCIAL PLATFORMS THAN THE AVERAGE AMERICAN



SOURCE: GWI, Q4 2020

% shows the reach; how many people in your Audience have agreed to a statement or used a particular platform in the past mont



All internet users in the United States

## **REACH VS TIME SPENT IN ONLINE PLATFORMS**



Average time spent in hours





# L MEDIA AND ONLINE SHOPPING PLATFORMS PROVIDE HIGH REACH AMONG THE ONLINE BETTING AUDIENCE



### **TOP WEBSITES AND APPS**



NETFLIX
YOUTUBE
HULU
AMAZON PRIME VIDEO
SPOTIFY

### **TOP ENTERTAINMENT PLATFORMS TOP**



### **TOP SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS**







# **MEDIA PLANNING INSIGHTS**

### HOW TO DRIVE EFFICIENCY AND MAXIMIZE YOUR SCALE

It is both important and strategic to surround yourself within a cultural moment, and nowhere is this more Important than within the world of sports betting.



### THE LARGEST SPORTING EVENTS ONLY HAPPEN ONCE A YEAR, WHICH REQUIRES AN ESCAPE FROM OLD PRACTICES AND CONVENTIONS.

Consistent testing is key to success within the sports betting space to ensure that inventory is varied and achieve scale.





### DURING HIGH INTEREST TIME PERIODS WITHIN THE MARKET, WE SEE INCREASES IN ORGANIC TRAFFIC AND COMPETITION.

Increased monitoring with a variety of tools secures efficiency and allows media to optimize towards top performing partners, capitalizing on the fervor of the sporting events successfully.



### MEDIA DELIVERY CAN BE AS IMPORTANT AS ACHIEVING SCALE OR DRIVING CONVERSIONS.

Strategically flighting media around specific games, high intent weekends, and assuring creative is weighted accordingly helps to manage our spend and allows us to drive the most efficient conversions.



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Iowa residents with additional concerns about managing gambling can contact the Iowa Gambling Treatment Program at 1-800-BETS-OFF.

In the United States gambling is illegal in many US states and restrictions such as age are in place. Illegal gambling is a misdemeanor that carries penalties in the USA.





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