Tribal gaming revenue up slightly

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American Indian casinos suffered a similar fate as their counterparts in Las Vegas during 2008 – the recession played havoc with gaming revenues.

But unlike the Strip, Indian casinos enjoyed a slight boost in gaming revenues compared with prior years, although, the increase was not the double-digit jump that tribal casinos experienced between 1993 and 2006.

According to the Indian Gaming Industry Report, authored by economist Alan Meister of Nathan Associates, tribal casinos in 28 states collected $26.8 billion in gaming revenue in 2008, a 1.5 percent increase compared with $26.4 billion.

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