Calif. tribal gaming market regains momentum

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Eight years ago, California's Indian casino market was approaching $8 billion in annual gaming revenue. By comparison, Nevada casinos in 2007 brought in a single-year record $12.8 billion, of which $6.8 billion came from the Strip.

The recession knocked the California casino market down a few notches, as it did in Nevada.

But the Golden State's tribal gaming industry is firing up again.

California's 69 Indian casinos produced slightly less than $7 billion in gaming revenue in 2013 – $6.994 billion to be exact – according to the recently released Indian Gaming Industry Report for Casino City, authored by California economist Alan Meister.

The state's casinos accounted for a fourth of the nation's $28.3 billion in total Indian gaming revenue in 2013.

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