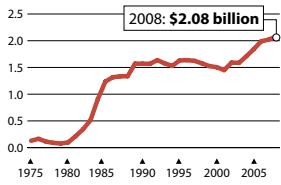


Illinois Lottery sales rising

The Illinois Lottery reported its second straight year of selling more than \$2 billion in tickets and games. The lottery started in 1975 and has seen steady increases since. Local counties are seeing sales in line with their population levels.

ILLINOIS LOTTERY ANNUAL SALES

Scale in billions



2008 SALES BY COUNTY

Scale in millions

Winnebago	\$63.3
Boone	\$6.6
Ogle	\$7.2
Stephenson	\$7.4

Note: Data is for fiscal year, which runs July to June.

Source: Illinois Lottery

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