



Wagering on U.S. Harness Races Down 6.6%

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Harness racing at Balmoral Park

Total pari-mutuel handle on United States harness racing in 2014 was \$1.49 billion, down about 6.6% from \$1.6 billion in 2013, according to the United States Trotting Association.

Total wagering on U.S. races includes common and separate pools in the U.S. and Canada.

Purses for Standardbred races in the U.S. totaled \$408,135,386 last year, down

3.2% from \$421,890,322 in 2013, according to the USTA economic indicators.

The USTA noted that average wagering per race in the U.S. increased almost 2.2%, from \$38,469 in 2013 to \$39,306 in 2014. The number of race days dropped 4.7%, from 3,880 in 2013 to 3,695.

The USTA said the wagering data was supplied by United Tote.

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