Maine sees record casino year, but it might not last

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OXFORD, Maine (AP) — Maine's two casinos set a state gambling record last year by taking in almost \$144 million.

The Portland Press Herald reports the 5% increase in spending is a result of new customers created by the opening of a hotel and expanded gaming floor at Oxford Casino.

The executive director of the Maine gambling control unit, Milton Champion, says the bump might not last long. He says new casinos in Massachusetts and the possibility of legal sports betting in Maine could take gamblers out of the Pine Tree State's casinos.

The American Gaming Association released a report on Tuesday that said Maine's among 12 states that set records for casino gambling in 2018.

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