

State of Ohio
State Racing Commission

Role and Overview

The [Ohio State Racing Commission](#) (RAC) regulates and promotes pari-mutuel horse racing in the state. Ideally, the greater the amount of money provided to the winners of a race, the higher the quality of horses and the higher the quality of competition. The commission prescribes the rules, regulations, and conditions under which horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering may be conducted. The commission is responsible for governing Ohio's seven commercial racetracks, two satellite-wagering facilities, and over 70 county fairs.

The commission consists of five members, including a chairman, who are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. The commission has a staff of 29 full-time employees and three part-time employees and regularly contracts with 11 other individuals who serve as judges, stewards, and veterinarians. The commission's annual budget is approximately \$29 million.

Executive Priorities for the State Racing Commission

- Regulate all pari-mutuel horse racing in Ohio by testing, officiating, and enforcing rules and laws.
- Promote pari-mutuel horse racing in Ohio by providing purse supplements to Ohio-bred race winners.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands)					%	RECOMMENDED			
BUDGET FUND GROUP	FY 2002	ACTUAL FY 2003	FY 2004	ESTIMATE FY 2005	CHANGE FY 04-05	FY 2006	CHANGE %	FY 2007	CHANGE %
State Special Revenue Fund Group	29,781	28,607	28,290	28,927	2.3	28,868	(.2)	28,870	.0
Holding Acct Redist Fund Group	183	187	168	213	27.0	213	.0	213	.0
TOTAL	29,964	28,794	28,457	29,140	2.4	29,080	(.2)	29,083	.0

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OBJECT OF EXPENSE	FY 2002	ACTUAL FY 2003	FY 2004	ESTIMATE FY 2005	CHANGE FY 04-05	FY 2006	CHANGE %	FY 2007	CHANGE %
Personal Services	1,933	2,067	1,981	2,353	18.8	1,670	(29.0)	1,676	.3
Purchased Services	1,978	1,824	2,140	1,000	(53.3)	2,154	115.4	2,154	.0
Maintenance	541	395	448	933	108.3	439	(53.0)	439	.0
Equipment	2	5	24	25	3.9	25	.0	25	.0
Subsidy	25,326	24,275	23,696	24,614	3.9	24,577	(.1)	24,575	.0
Transfer & Other	184	227	170	215	27.0	215	(.2)	215	.0
TOTAL	29,964	28,794	28,457	29,140	2.4	29,080	(.2)	29,083	.0

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PROGRAM SERIES 01: Horse Racing Industry Administration

This program series promotes and regulates horse racing in Ohio.

Program 01.01: Regulation

This program provides for the enforcement of guidelines under which pari-mutuel horse racing is conducted in Ohio. This is achieved through officiating races, laboratory testing of horses and riders, issuing licenses, conducting investigations, and the administration of racing dates, participants, and facilities.

What the Budget Buys:

- Supports five commission members, 19 staff, and contractors who oversee the continued enforcement of horse racing industry rules and regulations at seven live-racing tracks and two satellite facilities; and
- Funds race stewards, judges, investigators, and veterinarians at over 2,600 commercial and county fair race days.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
SSR	5C4	875-607	Simulcast Horse Racing Purse	61,489	63,948
SSR	562	875-601	Thoroughbred Race Fund	123,250	123,250
SSR	563	875-602	Standardbred Development Fund	66,865	69,593
SSR	565	875-604	Racing Commission Operating	4,000,000	4,000,000
090	R21	875-605	Bond Reimbursements	212,900	212,900
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				4,464,504	4,469,691

Program 01.02: Promotion

This program provides additional purse money that can be won by horses bred in Ohio to increase interest in the breeding of such horses.

What the Budget Buys:

- Supports four employees who register, license, inspect, and track 9,300 horses; and
- Promotes Ohio's horse racing industry through increased purse sizes.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
SSR	5C4	875-607	Simulcast Horse Racing Purse	17,000,000	17,000,000
SSR	562	875-601	Thoroughbred Race Fund	4,519,128	4,519,128
SSR	563	875-602	Standardbred Development Fund	3,094,810	3,092,082
SSR	564	875-603	Quarterhorse Development Fund	2,000	2,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				24,615,938	24,613,210

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Racing Commission

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
5C4	875-607	Simulcast Horse Racing Purse	19,372,574	18,019,650	17,737,546	17,120,831	17,061,489	(.3)	17,063,948	.0
562	875-601	Thoroughbred Race Fund	4,274,286	4,036,874	3,672,045	4,642,378	4,642,378	.0	4,642,378	.0
563	875-602	Standardbred Development Fund	1,937,723	2,528,653	2,538,565	3,161,675	3,161,675	.0	3,161,675	.0
564	875-603	Quarterhorse Development Fund	0	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	.0	2,000	.0
565	875-604	Racing Commission Operating	4,196,155	4,019,632	4,341,561	4,000,000	4,000,000	.0	4,000,000	.0
TOTAL State Special Revenue Fund Group			29,780,738	28,606,809	28,289,717	28,926,884	28,867,542	(.2)	28,870,001	.0
R21	875-605	Bond Reimbursements	183,000	187,400	167,600	212,900	212,900	.0	212,900	.0
TOTAL Holdng Acct Redist Fund Group			183,000	187,400	167,600	212,900	212,900	.0	212,900	.0
TOTAL Racing Commission			29,963,738	28,794,209	28,457,317	29,139,784	29,080,442	(.2)	29,082,901	.0