

# POKER IN THE USA

## HISTORY

Card games similar to poker are played by Cowboys in the Wild West

Actor **Joseph Cowell** reports that the game has reached New Orleans, with a deck of 20 cards, and 4 players betting on the player's hand that was the most valuable

Nevada Legalizes gambling

**1800s**

**1829**

**1931**

**2006**

WSOP main event featured the largest field with a record 8,773 players

**2003**

Chris Moneymaker qualifies via PokerStars and wins the WSOP. This ignites the 'Poker Boom'

**1998**

PLANET POKER dealt the first Real-Money Online Poker Hand

**1969**

6 players were invited to a gambling reunion, **now known as the WSOP**

**2013**

Nevada Legalizes Online Poker Gambling

## THE MOST POPULAR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT: WORLD SERIES OF POKER WSOP

Series of tournaments leading up to one main event with multiple prizes including the WSOP Championship featuring players from **87 COUNTRIES**

This year marks the **50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** of WSOP and the second-largest field



**87 COUNTRIES**

In 1971 the buy-in was \$5,000 - by 1972 and ever since then the **BUY-IN IS \$10,000**

Awarded more than **\$2.99 BILLION IN PRIZE MONEY**

6 players

69 players

200 players

839 players

8773 players

6598 players

8569 players

1969

1980

1990

2003

2006

2012

2019

Year of Moneymaker

Largest Field

Second-largest Field

## THE CAPITAL OF POKER

**NEVADA**

- Las Vegas Strip is known to be the center of the poker world
- 80 Poker Rooms and 561 Poker Tables
- 5 of the largest poker rooms account for more than 25 % of all poker tables in the USA
- 4 out of 5 largest poker rooms are on the Las Vegas Strip

- 47% of the States poker tables are on the strip and generate 2/3 of all poker revenue in the USA

- On average, a poker table in Nevada generates \$16,115 in revenue per month

## ONLINE POKER

West Virginia: Online Gambling Law was passed in March & Go-Live date is expected in 2020

**POKER STARS**, the largest poker site in the world, is only available in New Jersey



Currently only 4 states offer legal Online Poker: New Jersey, Nevada, Pennsylvania & Delaware

WSOP/888 is the only site to share online poker players across the 4 legal states

## CARD ROOMS



The USA has a total of **6219 Poker Tables** spread across **1470 Poker Rooms**

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The most popular form of Poker is Texas Hold 'em

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