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Casino revenue on decline

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METROPOLIS (AP) — A drop in the number of customers at Harrahs Metropolis Casino riverboat is translating into not only a decline in casino revenues but also a decline in the amount of money going into the coffers of the city of Metropolis.

According to the Illinois Gaming Board, adjusted gross receipts at the casino were about \$10.3 million in June, down from the \$14.7 million the casino pulled in during the same month a year ago. The recent June admissions were off almost a third from last year, to 86,926 from 129,449.

Mayor Billy McDaniels said city's revenue from the casino has been running \$140,000 to \$180,000 a month less than what it was a year ago. In June it totaled \$600,000.

Officials say the downturn in casino attendance can be traced back to January, when the state of Illinois instituted restrictions on smoking in public buildings.

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