

Table 1: Summary of Owner/Trainer/Breeder Response Rates

	Total	Sample	Less Bad Addresses	Available For Sampling	Responses	Percent
Owners	1,765	*853	32	821	198	24%
Trainers at Charles Town	156	156	0	156	37	24%
Breeders (farms)	79	79	5	74	23	31%

*After elimination of duplicate addresses.

The rest of this report details the economic impact of the three Charles Town race horse industry sectors.

RACETRACK SECTOR

Total parimutuel handle from all sources at PNGI Charles Town was \$153 million in 2000. Of that total, \$74 million, or 48%, was from live race signals exported to in-state and out-of-state locations.³ The exporting of live races to out-of-state locations started on June 5, 1999 and was a direct result of the ability to sell the live races to out-of-state locations because of increased purses and corresponding quality of races at the racetrack. The increase in purses can be traced to the statutory allocation of purse funds from VLT wagering at the racetrack.

In this analysis, the economic impact of the racino operation on the Charles Town economy is focused on the parimutuel horse racing side of the racino operation. *Not included in the study is the economic impact of the VLT side of the operation.* A discussion of the economic impact of the parimutuel side of PNGI Charles Town Races and Slots on the Charles Town economy now follows.

³ West Virginia Racing Commission, Annual Report, Year 2000.