

Gambling: What is the Cost?

Student Activity: Gambling







Some people gamble as entertainment and others struggle with a gambling disorder. No matter the situation, gambling impacts the individual, his/her family and the economy. Gambling can wreak havoc on the individual's and his/her family's budget and the ability to pay their bills. It can also impact the economy.

Objective

Evaluate the costs and benefits of gambling to the individual, his/her family and the economy.

Activity

Break into small groups and list and discuss the financial impact and consequences of gambling to the individual, his/her family and the economy.

Financial Impact	Consequences
Individual: 	Individual: 
Family: 	Family: 
Local/state economy: 	Local/state economy: 

Reflection:

The definition of a gambling disorder is “problematic and reoccurring gambling behavior that has caused impairment and distress.”* As a group, discuss the signs of someone having a gambling disorder.

* *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th edition*