



State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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Indiana Downs Exceeds Commission Quality of Racing Targets

Indiana Downs not only experienced multiple all-time handle records at its spring/summer race meet, but also exceeded the newly established quality of racing guidelines established by the Indiana Horse Racing Commission.

In an effort to ensure the revenue from slot machines translates into a substantially higher quality racing product, the Indiana Horse Racing Commission has set targets to guide the open racing program into the future. One target is for the track to conduct at least 20% of its races for allowance horses and claiming races for a price of \$25,000 or more. Indiana Downs ran 21.8% such races. Another target is to card no more than 30% of its races for a claiming price of \$6,250 or less. Indiana Downs ran 27.4% of such races.

“This was the second year in a row that Indiana Downs improved the quality of their racing program,” said Joe Gorajec, the Commission’s Executive Director. *“I believe it is no coincidence that Indiana Downs has bucked the national trend with handle increases in each of the past two years.”* Gorajec added.

“I couldn’t be happier with the improved quality of our racing program, and neither could our fans—I heard it from them the entire meet,” said Jon Schuster, General Manager of Indiana Downs. *“We are now putting out a measurable, nationally recognized racing product, and it is a huge success for the entire Indiana industry. I doubt any other place in the country increased any previous record wagering mark by 45% this year, but we did here in Shelbyville,”* added Schuster. The quality angle was stressed by the race meet’s leading trainers.

Richard Kohnhorst, the 2010 leading trainer said, *“I am encouraged about the upswing in the quality of horses at the track. I was informed a few years ago to upgrade my stock and that’s what I did.”*

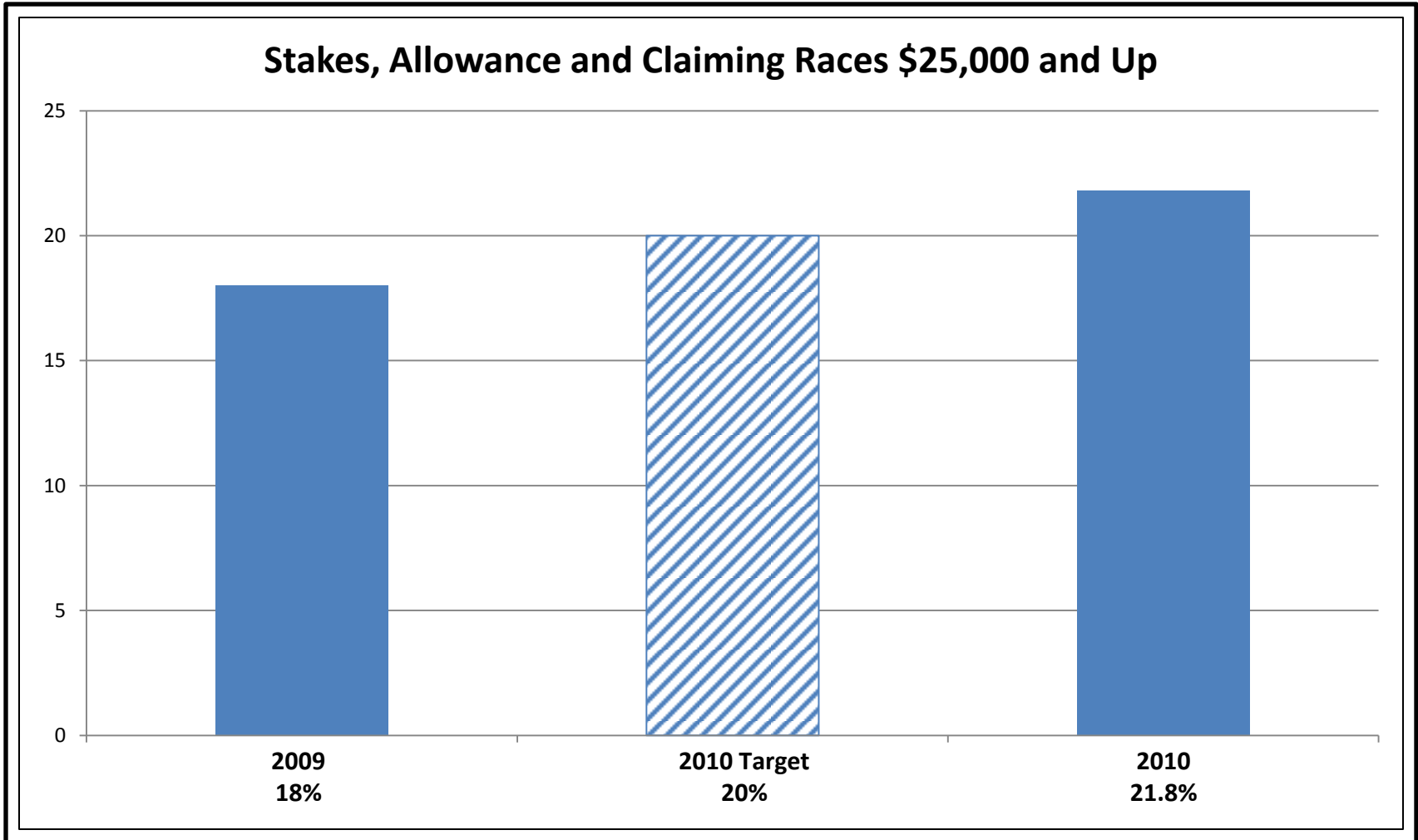
Trainer, Tom Amoss, Indiana Downs’ runner up in 2010 said, *“This is only my second year at Indiana Downs. The quality of racing is high, the racing very competitive and they have a terrific purse structure.”*

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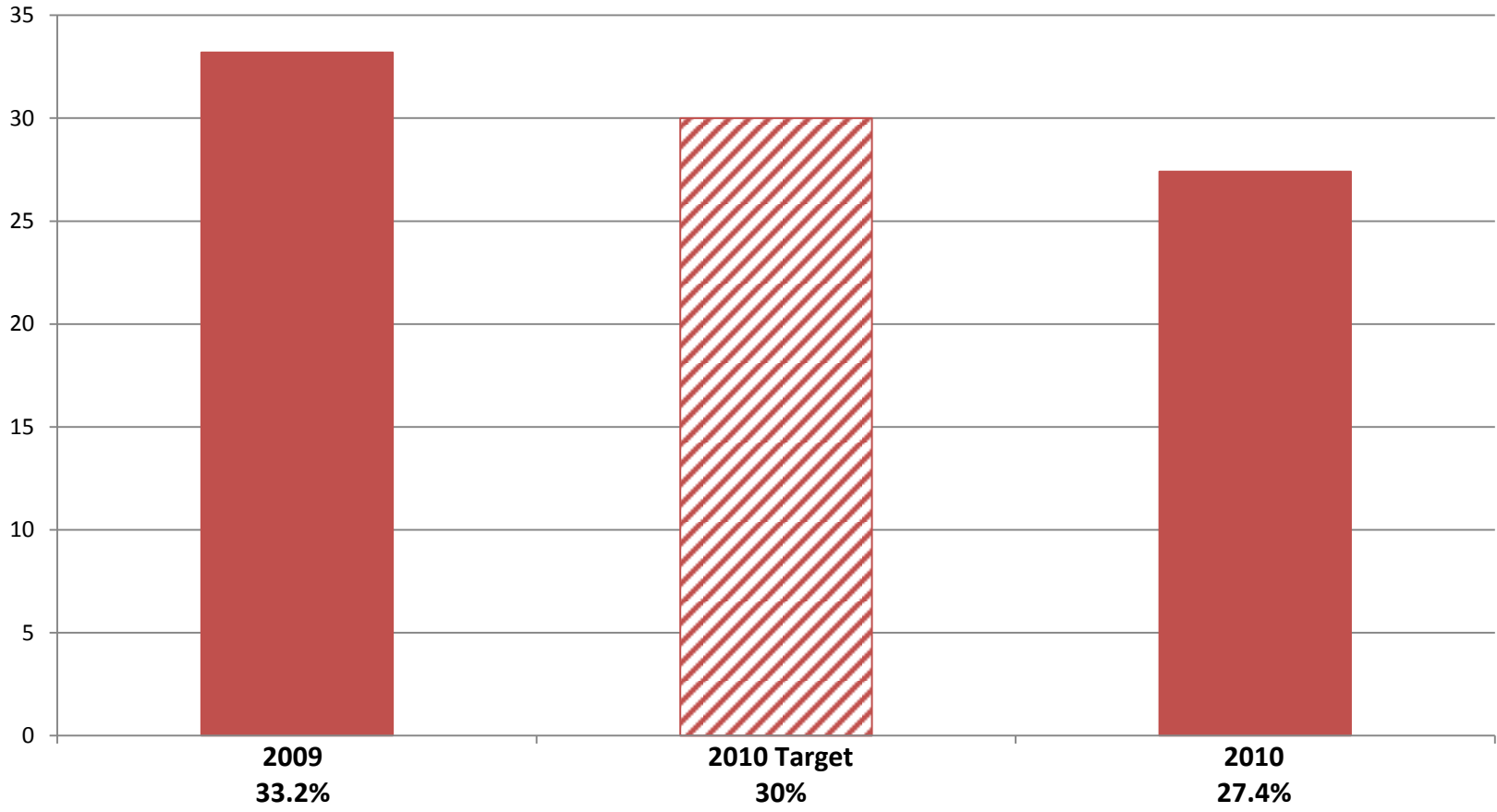


*Does not include Indiana bred or sired races. Allowance Optional Claimers (25K+) are included as Claimers 25K + up.

Quality of Racing
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Claiming Races less than \$7,500



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