

2011 Racing Results Shows Dramatic Declines

The statistics are now available for the 2011 standardbred racing season. As OHHA predicted during the 2011 race date appeal the reduction in race dates resulted in declines in all areas. With the loss of 96 race dates it resulted in a reduction of 1043 races. With 14,867 races held in 2011 it was the lowest total number of races held since 2000. The reduction in races led to a decline of 9,636 racing opportunities and a reduction of 594 unique horses starting in Ontario. These numbers are both the lowest number since the year 2000 as well. Total purses paid amounted to \$165,080,538, the lowest purses paid since 2001. As well the pari-mutuel bet at Ontario racetracks showed a significant decline.

Impact on Purses and Horse Supply

Year	Purses	Dates	Races	Starters	Starts
2010	\$167,900,624.00	1356	15910	9634	132261
2011	\$165,080,538.00	1260	14867	9040	122625

Comparison by Bet Type

Year	Total Bet	Live Standardbred	Simulcast	Foreign Intertrack
2010	\$1,039,195,575	\$85,415,911	\$175,954,720	\$615,162,602
2011	\$999,149,269	\$81,632,310	\$161,034,165	\$599,619,760

Comparison by Breed

Year	Standardbred	Thoroughbred	Quarterhorse
2010	\$368,080,490	\$670,105,698	\$1,009,386
2011	\$348,056,437	\$649,931,827	\$1,160,985

The total amount of money wagered at Ontario racetracks \$999,149,269 is the lowest amount wagered in Ontario since 1987. 2011 was the first time that pari-mutuel wagering at Ontario tracks has dipped below \$1 billion dollars in over two decades. With further race date reductions scheduled for 2012 we expect those numbers to decrease further this year.