



"A little neglect may breed great mischief...for want of a nail the shoe is lost, for want of a shoe the horse is lost, for want of a horse the rider is lost."

---Ben Franklin





Agenda & Objectives

- Terminology (use and meanings)
- **→** Day to Day Basics
- **Common Industry Metrics**
- **➤ Workshop—Daily & Weekly Financial Management**
- >2015 Benchmarking (benefits & examples)
- **► Labor Tips**





Consistency & Accuracy—Mission Critical

- 1. Accurately evaluate center's performance
- 2. Determine problem areas (including theft)
- 3. Ensure all revenues are reported
- 4. Measure effectiveness of sales/marketing/promotions
- 5. Ensures the optimum price if the center is sold
- Allows for accurate "Trend Tracking"
- 7. Ensure optimum scheduling of staff





TERMINOLOGY

- ➤ Lineage, Average Price per Line
- ➤ Lines per Bed
- ➤ Bowling Revenue
- Revenue=Sales (Always Net)
- > Incremental Revenue
- ➤ Labor Expense, Labor-Related Expenses
- ➤ Labor Percentage
- ➤ Productivity





TERMINOLOGY

- ➤ Average Hourly Rate
- ➤ Comp (comparable) Sales
- ➤ Controllable (Variable) Expenses
- > Fixed Expenses, Operating Expenses
- ➤ EBITDA, EBITDA Percentage





THE FUNDAMENTALS

- ➤ Cash Business—Security & Safety Paramount
 - ► Limit Access and Rights
 - >Assign/Maintain Accountability & Responsibility
 - ➤ Change as Needed—Locks, Combinations, Codes
 - Cameras, Security Systems
 - ➤ Blind Counts, Dual Counts
 - Cash Pulls, Safe Drops, Deposit Procedures





THE FUNDAMENTALS

- Cash Business—Trust but Verify
 - ➤ Background Checks for Managers/Supervisors
 - Cash Drawer Control
 - ➤ Limit or Eliminate "Regular" Schedules
 - Foxes do not Guard Hen Houses
 - ➤ Reconcile EVERYTHING-Leagues, Free Games,
 Prize Funds, Perpetual Inventories, Parts Usage





THE FUNDAMENTALS

- ➤ Perpetual Inventories for High Risk Products
- Daily Cash & Revenue Report Completed
- Clock-in/Clock out Standards Enforced
- Documented Theft is Prosecuted





DAILY	Report all lineage and revenues; cash in bank Monitor against prior year and budget Review labor hours versus planned schedule
WEEKLY	Complete payroll information; review & adjust schedules Process all payables—record expenses in declining budget Complete weekly summary & review statistics versus benchmarks Invoice any charged events/record tax exempt sales Review league payment records
MONTHLY	Complete inventories and calculate values/COG % Reconcile bank statements & prize fund accounts Track accounts receivables-send statements as necessary Review/analyze profit & loss statement
ANNUALLY	Prepare budget for new year based on prior year & trends Complete competitive center review Revise strategic/marketing/operations plans Complete staff appraisals/adjust staff compensation





COMMON METRICS

- ➤ Average price per game: bowling revenue divided by paid lineage.
- Lines per bed: paid lineage divided by number of lanes.
- Food revenue per line: food sales divided by paid lineage.
- ➤ Bar revenue per line: bar sales divided by paid lineage.
- ➤ Check average: Total sales divided by guest count



COMMON METRICS

- Comparative Sales: any sales category compared to the same period of the prior year (usually expressed as a percentage)
- ➤ Staff Turnover: percentage of staff that is replaced during a measured period (usually one year)





COMMON METRICS

- ➤ Productivity: Revenue divided by number of paid labor hours.
- Labor percentage: Total wages (hourly & salaried) divided by total revenue.
- Controllable percentage: Controllable expenses divided by revenue.
- Frames per stop: number of bowling frames divided by pinsetter stops
- ➤ Turn time: average time between lanes off/on





VIEW SAMPLE WEEKLY SUMMARY





Workshop—Daily & Weekly Analysis

- Review 3 weeks of revenue/labor results
- Look for, and record issues/concerns
- Answer all 6 questions on the handout
- Elect a team spokesperson
- Record answers on flip chart pages
- Return in 90 minutes
- Spokesperson presents team's findings





BOWLING CENTER BENCHMARKS

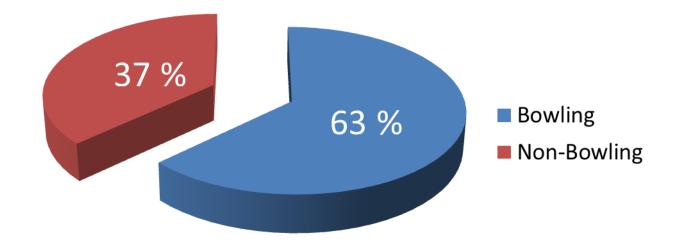
From 2017 BPAA Benchmarking Study

- *Revenue Benchmarks
- **Expense Benchmarks**
- Lineage Benchmarks
- Wages Benchmarks
- Advertising/Marketing Investment





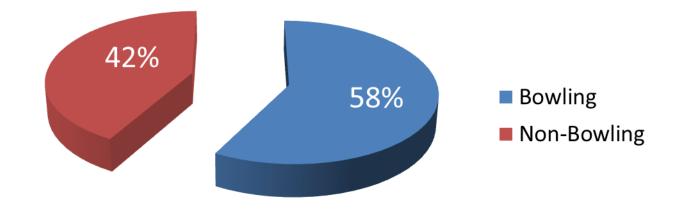








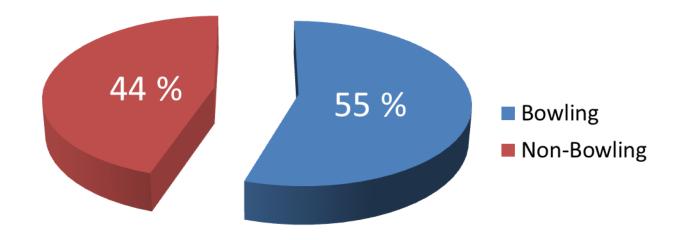
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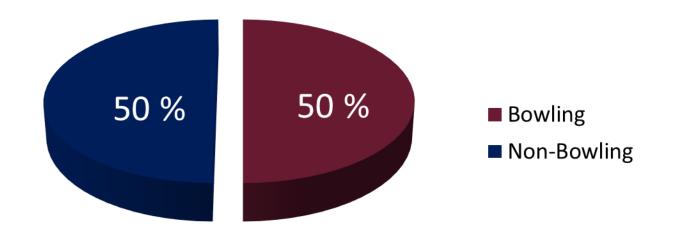
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Sales 2015

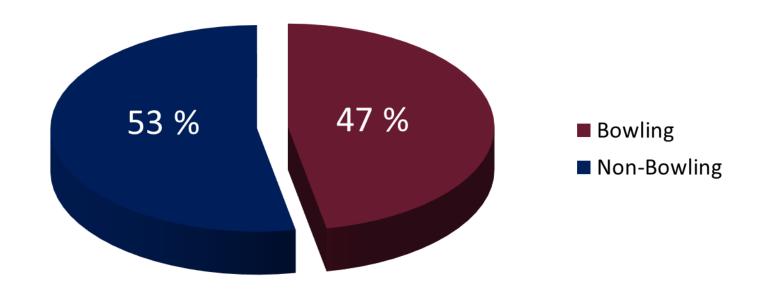






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Sales 2017

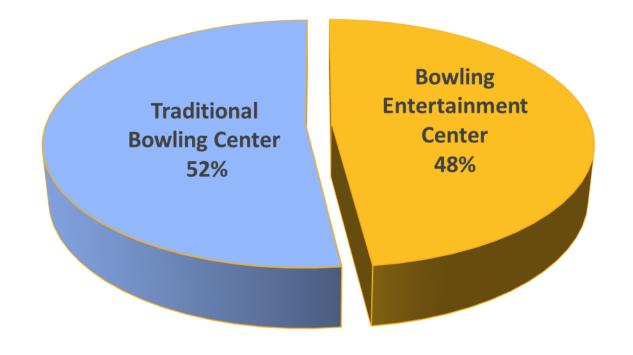






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Center Type Based On Revenue

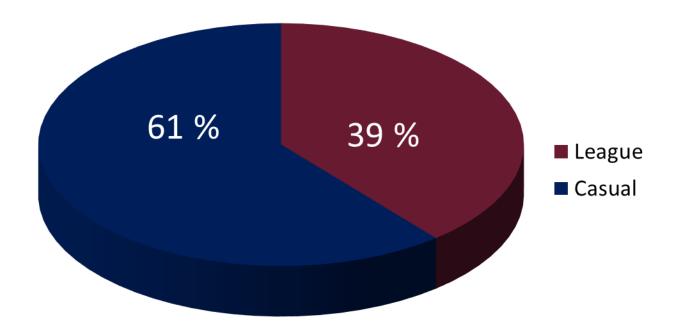






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2015 Lineage



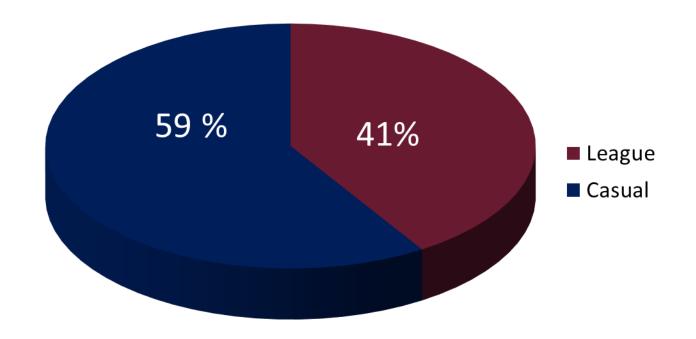
Average League Lines per lane: 2,471

Average Casual Lines per lane: 3,847





BOWLING CENTER BENCHMARKS2017 Lineage



Average League Lines per lane: 2,248

Average Casual Lines per lane: 3,708





BOWLING CENTER BENCHMARKS

Non-Bowling Profit Centers—Per Lane Averages

	2012	2015	2017
☐Pro Shop:	\$781	\$885	\$880
☐Bar:	\$8,419	\$10,217	\$10,782
☐Snack Bar	\$6,328	\$6,268	\$5,982
Restaurant	\$8,063	\$24,092	\$19,900
□Arcade	\$1,101	\$2,854	\$3,769

\$455



\$451

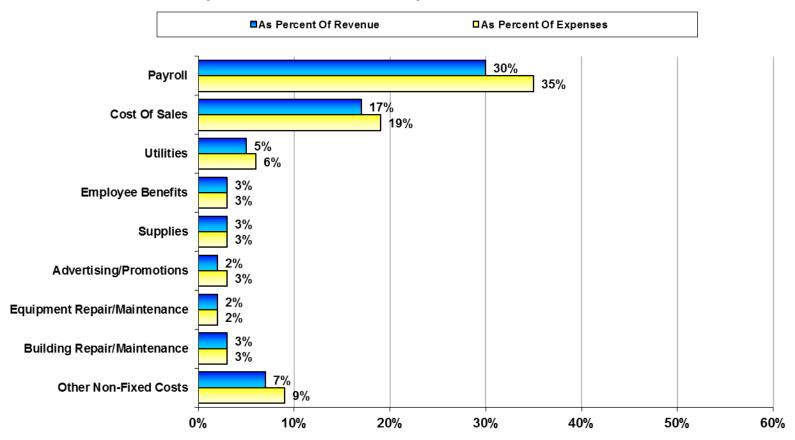
□ Billiards

\$343



BOWLING CENTER BENCHMARKS

Expenses Compared to Sales







BOWLING CENTER BENCHMARKS

Cost of Goods Sold Benchmarks

Bar	Liquor 20-25 % Bottle Beer 28-33 % Draft Beer 22-27 % Supplies 2%
Food	28-33 % of total inc. beverages Supplies 4%
Pro Shop	55-65 %
Vending	50-60 %





BOWLING CENTER BENCHMARKS





Open Play (Average Highest Price)



TIPS FOR MANAGING LABOR

- Hire slow, fire fast
- Hire easy, manage hard OR Hire hard, manage easy
- Invest heavily in staff orientation & training
- Commit to continuous training
- Give regular feedback to staff
- Communicate goals, vision, purpose, mission





TIPS FOR MANAGING LABOR

- Be competitive with wages and increases
- Load up with part time staff; minimize full time
- Practice "zero-based" staffing
- Practice quarter hour scheduling
- Utilize the art of cutting staff at the right time
- Cross-train to improve efficiencies
- Become a "Master Forecaster"



Thank You!



LEARNING SO EFFECTIVE

YOU'LL NEED CROWD CONTROL.

