Correlates of Problem Gambling: A Bibliography

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There are many studies that have identified higher problem gambling rates for certain demographic groups and for people with different situational and/or behavioral risk factors. All of these correlates are of potential etiological relevance to problem gambling, but the correlations do not reveal whether they caused problem gambling, developed concurrently with problem gambling, or developed as a consequence of problem gambling. The correlates can be grouped into several different areas:

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<th>Demographic Factors</th>
<th>Gambling Factors</th>
<th>Health, Substance Use &amp; Other Factors</th>
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<td>Male gender</td>
<td>Early onset of gambling</td>
<td>Impulsivity</td>
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<td>Young age (18-25)</td>
<td>Experience of ‘early big win’</td>
<td>Risk-seeking tendencies</td>
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<td>Minority group and/or non-Caucasian</td>
<td>Engaging in ‘continuous’ forms of gambling</td>
<td>Other addictive behaviors</td>
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<td>Not married</td>
<td>Engaging in forms of gambling that provide 24-hour access</td>
<td>Mental health problems</td>
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<td>Lower education</td>
<td>Belief in gambling fallacies</td>
<td>Anti-social personality disorder</td>
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<td>Lower income</td>
<td>Gambling serves psychological need</td>
<td>Abusive/neglectful upbringing</td>
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<td>Parental gambling involvement</td>
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