# Analysis <br> For <br> HOLD'EM MILLION\$ 

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## Game Description:

HOLD'EM MILLION\$ is a gambling wager based on the game of Poker known as Texas Hold'em. In order to win, the Player must BOTH attain a hand of Three of a Kind (or Two Pair depending on the paytable in use) AND beat the Dealer's hand.

HOLD'EM MILLION\$ uses a novel approach to dealing, by having each Player select 2 numbers between 1 and 45, representing the Player's pocket cards. The 45 cards correspond to the cards in the deck after 7 cards have been dealt face down. These 7 cards represent the Dealer's pocket cards and the 5 community cards.

While this approach is relatively unique, mathematically, it is identical to dealing cards from a random deck, so that both Player and Dealer receive 2 pocket cards each and 5 community cards are dealt for both Player and Dealer to use. As such, the distribution of Poker hands is the same as any other random 7-card deal from a standard 52-card deck of cards where 5 of the cards are community cards.

Several paytables have been developed for HOLD'EM MILLION\$. They are shown below:

| Hand | HM-01 Pays* | HM-02 Pays* | HM-03 Pays* | HM-04 Pays* |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Royal Flush | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 | 2000 |
| Straight Flush | 500 | 400 | 500 | 500 |
| Four of a Kind | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Full House | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Flush | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Straight | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Three of a Kind | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Two Pair | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Payback | $\mathbf{7 2 . 5 1 4 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 9 . 8 9 5 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 0 . 2 5 8 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 3 . 2 4 4 8 \%}$ |
| House Advantage | $\mathbf{2 7 . 4 8 5 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 0 4 5 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 . 7 4 1 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 . 7 5 5 2 \%}$ |

* Payouts are FOR 1

| Hand | HM-05 <br> Pays* | HM-06 <br> Pays* | HM-07 <br> Pays* $^{*}$ | HM-08 <br> Pays* | HM-09 <br> Pays* | HM-10 <br> Pays* |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Royal Flush | 2000 | 2000 | 1000 | 1000 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Straight Flush | 500 | 600 | 500 | 600 | 600 | 500 |
| Four of a Kind | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 40 | 50 |
| Full House | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 |
| Flush | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Straight | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Three of a Kind | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Payback | $\mathbf{6 7 . 7 0 8 8 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 0 . 3 2 7 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 9 . 5 4 9 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 9 . 5 9 7 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 8 . 5 4 2 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{6 7 . 4 4 4 6 \%}$ |
| House Advantage | $\mathbf{3 2 . 2 9 1 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 . 6 7 2 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 4 5 0 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 4 0 2 7 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 1 . 4 5 7 3 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 . 5 5 5 4 \%}$ |

Payouts are FOR 1

## Analysis Methodology:

A computer program was created which simulated the results of HOLD'EM MILLION\$ by dealing a 2 -card pocket hand to the Player, a 2 -card pocket hand to the Dealer and 5 community cards. The program tabulated the rank of the Player's hand and the frequency the Player won or tied with that hand.

## Results:

The results of the simulation are shown in the table below:

| Player Hand Distribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hand | Player Wins | Win Frequency | Ties | Tie Frequency |  |  |  |  |  |
| Royal Flush | 2,986 | $0.002986 \%$ | 183 | $0.000183 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Straight Flush | 26,189 | $0.026189 \%$ | 1,302 | $0.001302 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Four of a Kind | 152,080 | $0.152080 \%$ | 7,111 | $0.007111 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full House | $2,255,538$ | $2.255538 \%$ | 186,184 | $0.186184 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Flush | $2,571,049$ | $2.571049 \%$ | 105,512 | $0.105512 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Straight | $3,706,574$ | $3.706574 \%$ | 597,246 | $0.597246 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Three of a Kind | $3,513,446$ | $3.513446 \%$ | 168,111 | $0.168111 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Two Pair | $15,099,405$ | $15.099405 \%$ | $1,225,282$ | $1.225282 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pair or Less | $20,610,788$ | $20.610788 \%$ | $1,817,479$ | $1.817479 \%$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $100.000000 \%$ |

To calculate the payback of HOLD'EM MILLION\$, the payout of each winning hand is multiplied by the frequency of that hand and the values are summed. This calculation is shown for each paytable in the tables below:

| Paytable HM-01 Payback Calculation |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Hand | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |
| Royal Flush | $0.002986 \%$ | 1000 | $2.9860 \%$ |
| Straight Flush | $0.026189 \%$ | 500 | $13.0945 \%$ |
| Four of a Kind | $0.152080 \%$ | 20 | $3.0416 \%$ |
| Full House | $2.255538 \%$ | 5 | $11.2777 \%$ |
| Flush | $2.571049 \%$ | 4 | $10.2842 \%$ |
| Straight | $3.706574 \%$ | 2 | $7.4131 \%$ |
| Three of a Kind | $3.513446 \%$ | 2 | $7.0269 \%$ |
| Two Pair | $15.099405 \%$ | 1 | $15.0994 \%$ |
| Ties (Two Pair+) | $2.290931 \%$ | 1 | $2.2909 \%$ |
| Payback |  |  |  |
| House Advantage |  |  | $\mathbf{7 2 . 5 1 4 4 \%}$ |

* Original wager is NOT returned. Pays are FOR 1

| Paytable HM-02 Payback Calculation |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Hand | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |
| Royal Flush | $0.002986 \%$ | 1000 | $2.9860 \%$ |
| Straight Flush | $0.026189 \%$ | 400 | $10.4756 \%$ |
| Four of a Kind | $0.152080 \%$ | 20 | $3.0416 \%$ |
| Full House | $2.255538 \%$ | 5 | $11.2777 \%$ |
| Flush | $2.571049 \%$ | 4 | $10.2842 \%$ |
| Straight | $3.706574 \%$ | 2 | $7.4131 \%$ |
| Three of a Kind | $3.513446 \%$ | 2 | $7.0269 \%$ |
| Two Pair | $15.099405 \%$ | 1 | $15.0994 \%$ |
| Ties (Two Pair+) | $2.290931 \%$ | 1 | $2.2909 \%$ |
| Payback |  |  |  |
| House Advantage |  |  | $\mathbf{6 9 . 8 9 5 5 \%}$ |

* Original wager is NOT returned. Pays are FOR 1

| Paytable HM-03 Payback Calculation |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hand | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |
| Royal Flush | 0.002986\% | 1000 | 2.9860\% |
| Straight Flush | 0.026189\% | 500 | 13.0945\% |
| Four of a Kind | 0.152080\% | 20 | 3.0416\% |
| Full House | 2.255538\% | 4 | 9.0222\% |
| Flush | 2.571049\% | 4 | 10.2842\% |
| Straight | 3.706574\% | 2 | 7.4131\% |
| Three of a Kind | 3.513446\% | 2 | 7.0269\% |
| Two Pair | 15.099405\% | 1 | 15.0994\% |
| Ties (Two Pair+) | 2.290931\% | 1 | 2.2909\% |
| Payback |  |  | 70.2588\% |
| House Advantage |  |  | 29.7412\% |

* Original wager is NOT returned. Pays are FOR 1

| Paytable HM-04 Payback Calculation |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Hand |  | Win Frequency | Payout* |
| Contribution |  |  |  |
| Royal Flush | $0.002986 \%$ | 1000 | $5.9720 \%$ |
| Straight Flush | $0.026189 \%$ | 500 | $13.0945 \%$ |
| Four of a Kind | $0.152080 \%$ | 20 | $3.0416 \%$ |
| Full House | $2.255538 \%$ | 4 | $9.0222 \%$ |
| Flush | $2.571049 \%$ | 4 | $10.2842 \%$ |
| Straight | $3.706574 \%$ | 2 | $7.4131 \%$ |
| Three of a Kind | $3.513446 \%$ | 2 | $7.0269 \%$ |
| Two Pair | $15.099405 \%$ | 1 | $15.0994 \%$ |
| Ties (Two Pair+) | $2.290931 \%$ | 1 | $2.2909 \%$ |
| Payback |  |  |  |
| House Advantage |  |  | $\mathbf{7 3 . 2 4 4 8 \%}$ |

* Original wager is NOT returned. Pays are FOR 1

The win frequency (including ties) for paytables of Two Pair or better is $29.6182 \%$

| Paytable HM-05 Payback Calculation |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Hand |  | Win Frequency | Payout* |
| Contribution |  |  |  |
| Royal Flush | $0.002986 \%$ | 2000 | $5.9720 \%$ |
| Straight Flush | $0.026189 \%$ | 500 | $13.0945 \%$ |
| Four of a Kind | $0.152080 \%$ | 20 | $3.0416 \%$ |
| Full House | $2.255538 \%$ | 6 | $13.5332 \%$ |
| Flush | $2.571049 \%$ | 5 | $12.8552 \%$ |
| Straight | $3.706574 \%$ | 3 | $11.1197 \%$ |
| Three of a Kind | $3.513446 \%$ | 2 | $7.0269 \%$ |
| Ties (Trips +) | $1.065649 \%$ | 1 | $1.0656 \%$ |
| Payback |  |  |  |
| House Advantage |  |  | $\mathbf{6 7 . 7 0 8 8 \%}$ |

* Original wager is NOT returned. Pays are FOR 1

| Paytable HM-06 Payback Calculation |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hand | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |
| Royal Flush | 0.002986\% | 2000 | 5.9720\% |
| Straight Flush | 0.026189\% | 600 | 15.7134\% |
| Four of a Kind | 0.152080\% | 20 | 3.0416\% |
| Full House | 2.255538\% | 6 | 13.5332\% |
| Flush | 2.571049\% | 5 | 12.8552\% |
| Straight | 3.706574\% | 3 | 11.1197\% |
| Three of a Kind | 3.513446\% | 2 | 7.0269\% |
| Ties (Trips +) | 1.065649\% | 1 | 1.0656\% |
| Payback |  |  | 70.3277\% |
| House Advantage |  |  | 29.6723\% |

* Original wager is NOT returned. Pays are FOR 1

| Paytable HM-07 Payback Calculation |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Hand | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |
| Royal Flush | $0.002986 \%$ | 1000 | $2.9860 \%$ |
| Straight Flush | $0.026189 \%$ | 500 | $13.0945 \%$ |
| Four of a Kind | $0.152080 \%$ | 20 | $3.0416 \%$ |
| Full House | $2.255538 \%$ | 7 | $15.7888 \%$ |
| Flush | $2.571049 \%$ | 6 | $15.4263 \%$ |
| Straight | $3.706574 \%$ | 3 | $11.1197 \%$ |
| Three of a Kind | $3.513446 \%$ | 2 | $7.0269 \%$ |
| Ties (Trips +) | $1.065649 \%$ | 1 | $1.0656 \%$ |
| Payback |  |  |  |
| House Advantage |  |  | $\mathbf{6 9 . 5 4 9 4 \%}$ |

* Original wager is NOT returned. Pays are FOR 1

| Paytable HM-08 Payback Calculation |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hand | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |
| Royal Flush | 0.002986\% | 1000 | 2.9860\% |
| Straight Flush | 0.026189\% | 600 | 15.7134\% |
| Four of a Kind | 0.152080\% | 20 | 3.0416\% |
| Full House | 2.255538\% | 7 | 15.7888\% |
| Flush | 2.571049\% | 5 | 12.8552\% |
| Straight | 3.706574\% | 3 | 11.1197\% |
| Three of a Kind | 3.513446\% | 2 | 7.0269\% |
| Ties (Trips +) | 1.065649\% | 1 | 1.0656\% |
| Payback |  |  | 69.5973\% |
| House Advantage |  |  | 30.4027\% |

* Original wager is NOT returned. Pays are FOR 1

| Paytable HM-09 Payback Calculation |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Hand | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |
| Royal Flush | $0.002986 \%$ | 2000 | $5.9720 \%$ |
| Straight Flush | $0.026189 \%$ | 600 | $15.7134 \%$ |
| Four of a Kind | $0.152080 \%$ | 40 | $6.0832 \%$ |
| Full House | $2.255538 \%$ | 5 | $11.2777 \%$ |
| Flush | $2.571049 \%$ | 4 | $10.2842 \%$ |
| Straight | $3.706574 \%$ | 3 | $11.1197 \%$ |
| Three of a Kind | $3.513446 \%$ | 2 | $7.0269 \%$ |
| Ties (Trips +) | $1.065649 \%$ | 1 | $1.0656 \%$ |
| Payback |  |  |  |
| House Advantage |  |  | $\mathbf{6 8 . 5 4 2 7 \%}$ |

* Original wager is NOT returned. Pays are FOR 1

| Paytable HM-10 Payback Calculation |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Hand | Win Frequency | Payout* | Contribution |
| Royal Flush | $0.002986 \%$ | 2000 | $5.9720 \%$ |
| Straight Flush | $0.026189 \%$ | 500 | $13.0945 \%$ |
| Four of a Kind | $0.152080 \%$ | 50 | $7.6040 \%$ |
| Full House | $2.255538 \%$ | 5 | $11.2777 \%$ |
| Flush | $2.571049 \%$ | 4 | $10.2842 \%$ |
| Straight | $3.706574 \%$ | 3 | $11.1197 \%$ |
| Three of a Kind | $3.513446 \%$ | 2 | $7.0269 \%$ |
| Ties (Trips +) | $1.065649 \%$ | 1 | $1.0656 \%$ |
| Payback |  |  |  |
| House Advantage |  |  | $\mathbf{6 7 . 4 4 4 6 \%}$ |

* Original wager is NOT returned. Pays are FOR 1

The win frequency (including ties) for paytables of Three of a Kind or better is $\mathbf{1 3 . 2 9 3 5 \%}$

