NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL
LOTTERIES & CASINO CORPORATION

November 2017

Gambling in Nova Scotia

Gaming Stats

# Casinos	2
# VLTs	2,087 (excluding First Nations)
# VLTs – First Nations	622
# VL retailers	290 (2 seasonal)
# TL retailers	1,056
# Slot machines	559 Halifax, 266 Sydney
# Tables	30 Halifax, 7 Sydney

Prize Payouts

Video Lottery	93%-95%
Ticket Lottery	33%-65%

- It is important to remember that over the long run, a player will most likely lose more than they will win.

Gaming Revenues

- In 2016-17, gaming provided $144.6 million to Government to help fund important programs and services.
- In 2016-17, video lottery and ticket lottery retailers earned $38.1 million in commissions.

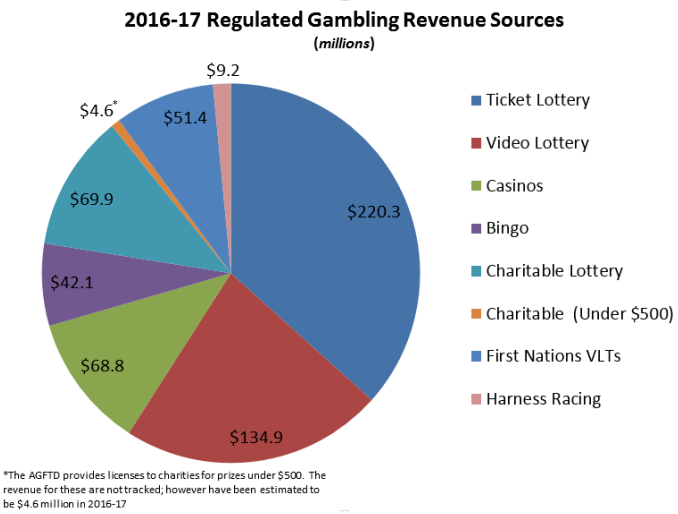
Financial Results ($ millions)

	2016-17 Actual	2017-18 Budget
Corporate		
Revenue	$ 431.7	$ 433.5
Net Income	130.8	126.7
Win Tax	13.8	12.6
Contribution to Province	$ 144.6	$ 139.3
Ticket Lottery		
Revenue	$ 220.3	$ 225.8
Net Income	$ 49.6	$ 46.5
Video Lottery		
Revenue	$ 134.9	$ 137.9
Net Income	$ 87.4	$ 90.7
Casinos		
Revenue	$ 76.5	$ 69.8
Contribution	$ 26.4	$ 23.6

Employment (approximate # of direct jobs created by Gaming – as of September 30, 2017)

Halifax casino	343
Sydney casino	130
Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries and Casino Corporation	17
Atlantic Lottery – NS operations	38

- More than 500 people are directly employed by gaming (as of September 2017) representing approximately $21.7 million in annual salaries and benefits.



Participation in Gambling

- In 2013, 73% of adults in Nova Scotia reported gambling at least once over the last year. Of these individuals, 93% gambled with no risk of developing problems.[1]
- Based on the Canadian Problem Gambling Severity Index, 0.7% of the adult population (about 5,200) in Nova Scotia have problems with their gambling. An additional 1.3% (about 9,600) are considered at moderate-risk of experiencing a problem with gambling.[2] 4.8% of the adult population is in the low-risk, category[3].
- In 2016-17, Nova Scotians wagered approximately $1.4 billion on gambling. During this time, $1.0 billion was paid out in prizes.[4]

[1] 2013 Nova Scotia Adult Gambling Information Collection Project
[2] Ibid
[3] Ibid
[4] Nova Scotia Annual Gaming Report 2016-17, Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations