

## Gambling in Nova Scotia

### Gaming Stats

# Casinos	2
# VLTs	2,097 (excluding First Nations)
# VLTs – First Nations	601
# VL retailers	303
# TL retailers	1,061
# Slot machines	559 Halifax, 264 Sydney
# Tables	32 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 2015-16, gaming provided \$141.4 million to Government to help fund important programs and services.
- In 2015-16 video lottery and ticket lottery retailers earned \$38.6 million in commissions.

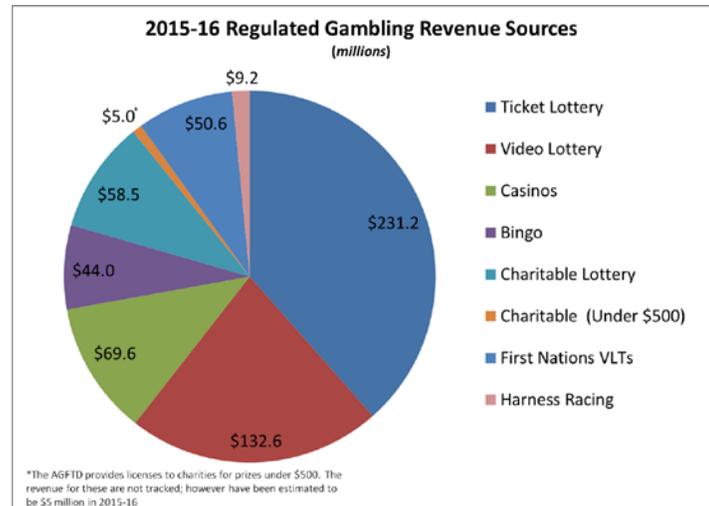
### Financial Results (\$ millions)

	2015-16 <u>Actual</u>	2016-17 <u>Budget</u>
<i>Corporate</i>		
Revenue	\$ 441.1	\$ 442.6
Net Income	127.5	127.7
Win Tax	13.9	13.9
Contribution to Province	\$ 141.4	\$ 141.6
<i>Ticket Lottery</i>		
Revenue	\$ 231.2	\$ 221.2
Net Income	\$ 53.1	\$ 44.1
<i>Video Lottery</i>		
Revenue	\$ 132.6	\$ 144.6
Net Income	\$ 79.4	\$ 90.6
<i>Casinos</i>		
Revenue	\$ 77.3	\$ 76.8
Contribution	\$ 26.8	\$ 26.5

### Employment (approximate # of direct jobs created by Gaming – as of January 2017)

Halifax casino	333
Sydney casino	131
Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries and Casino Corporation	17
Atlantic Lottery – NS operations	47

- 524 people (as of March 2016) are directly employed by gaming, representing approximately \$20.9 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.<sup>1</sup>
- 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.<sup>2</sup> 4.8% of the adult population is in the low-risk, category<sup>3</sup>.
- In 2015-16, Nova Scotians wagered approximately \$1.4 billion on gambling. During this time, \$1.0 billion was paid out in prizes.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 2013 Nova Scotia Adult Gambling Information Collection Project

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

<sup>4</sup> Nova Scotia Annual Gaming Report 2015-16, Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations