

Gambling in Nova Scotia

Gaming Stats

# Casinos	2
# VLTs	2,067 (excluding First Nation)
# VLTs – First Nation	622
# VL retailers	280 (two seasonal opened)
# TL retailers	1,057
# Slot machines	585 Halifax, 272 Sydney
# Tables	27 Halifax, 6 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 2017-18, gaming provided \$146.9 million to Government to help fund important programs and services.
- In 2017-18, video lottery and ticket lottery retailers earned \$38.7 million in commissions.

Financial Results (\$ millions)

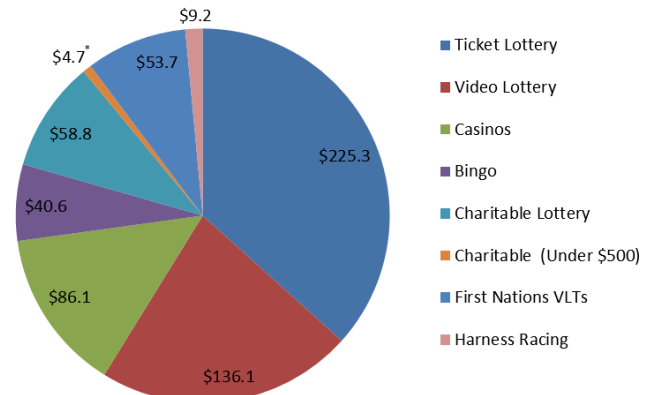
	2017-18 <u>Actual</u>	2018-19 <u>Budget</u>
<i>Corporate</i>		
Revenue	\$ <u>447.5</u>	\$ <u>458.9</u>
Net Income	131.5	130.4
Win Tax	<u>15.4</u>	<u>14.6</u>
Contribution to Province	\$ <u>146.9</u>	\$ <u>145.0</u>
<i>Ticket Lottery</i>		
Revenue	\$ <u>225.3</u>	\$ <u>237.6</u>
Net Income	\$ <u>46.8</u>	\$ <u>48.3</u>
<i>Video Lottery</i>		
Revenue	\$ <u>136.1</u>	\$ <u>139.2</u>
Net Income	\$ <u>91.2</u>	\$ <u>90.4</u>
<i>Casinos</i>		
Revenue	\$ <u>86.1</u>	\$ <u>82.1</u>
Contribution	\$ <u>29.5</u>	\$ <u>27.6</u>

Employment (approximate # of direct jobs created by Gaming – as of June 30, 2018)

Halifax casino	331
Sydney casino	126
Nova Scotia Gaming	17
Atlantic Lottery – NS operations	38

- More than 500 people are directly employed by gaming (as of July 2018) representing approximately \$21.6 million in annual salaries and benefits.

2017-18 Regulated Gambling Revenue Sources
(millions)



*The AGFD provides licenses to charities for prizes under \$500. The revenue for these are not tracked; however have been estimated to be \$4.6 million in 2017-18

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 2017-18, 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 2017-18, Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations