

**Gambling in Nova Scotia**

**Gaming Stats**

# Casinos	2
# VLTs	2,043 (excluding First Nation)
# VLTs – First Nation	647
# VL retailers	272
# TL retailers	1,022
# Slot machines	594 Halifax, 280 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)**

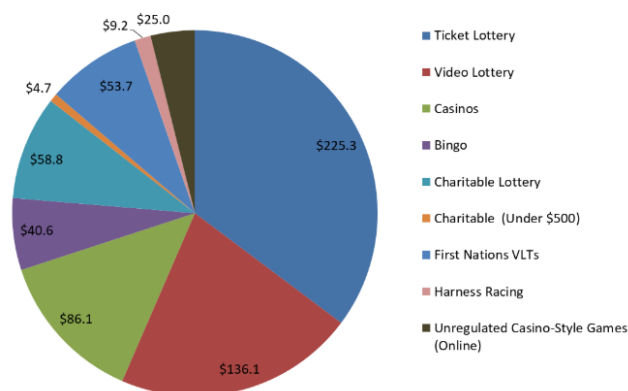
	2017-18 <u>Actual</u>	2018-19 <u>Budget</u>
<i>Corporate</i>		
Revenue	\$ <u>447.5</u>	\$ <u>458.9</u>
Net Income	131.5	130.4
Win Tax	<u>15.4</u>	<u>14.6</u>
Contribution to Province	\$ <u>146.9</u>	\$ <u>145.0</u>
<i>Ticket Lottery</i>		
Revenue	\$ <u>225.3</u>	\$ <u>237.6</u>
Net Income	\$ <u>46.8</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 March 2019)**

Halifax casino	332
Sydney casino	128
Nova Scotia Gaming	17
Atlantic Lottery – NS operations	26

- Direct employment from gaming (as of March 2018) represents approximately \$21.6 million in annual salaries and benefits.

2017-18 Regulated Gambling Revenue Sources (millions)



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