

Gambling in Nova Scotia

Gaming Stats*

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| # Casinos | 2 |
| # VLTs | 2,012 (all other communities) |
| # VLTs - Mi'kmaw Communities | 651 |
| # VL retailers | 266 |
| # TL retailers | 1,012 |
| # Slot machines | 651 Halifax, 271 Sydney |
| # Tables | 29 Halifax, 6 Sydney |

* All gambling sites and operators require a COVID-19 Operating Plan that adheres to public health directives. Therefore, these numbers may vary as operations return to normal levels.

Prize Payouts

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| 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.

Financial Results (\$ millions)

| | 2019-20 <u>Actual</u> | 2020-21 <u>Budget</u> |
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| <i>Corporate</i> | | |
| Revenue | \$ <u>457.6</u> | \$ <u>475.5</u> |
| Net Income | 121.2 | 131.0 |
| Win Tax | <u>15.3</u> | <u>15.9</u> |
| Contribution to Province | \$ <u>136.5</u> | \$ <u>146.9</u> |
| <i>Ticket Lottery</i> | | |
| Revenue | \$ <u>248.4</u> | \$ <u>255.7</u> |
| Net Income | \$ <u>47.4</u> | \$ <u>50.0</u> |
| <i>Video Lottery</i> | | |
| Revenue | \$ <u>123.5</u> | \$ <u>130.5</u> |
| Net Income | \$ <u>83.5</u> | \$ <u>89.6</u> |
| <i>Casinos</i> | | |
| Revenue | \$ <u>85.7</u> | \$ <u>89.3</u> |
| Contribution | \$ <u>29.0</u> | \$ <u>30.1</u> |

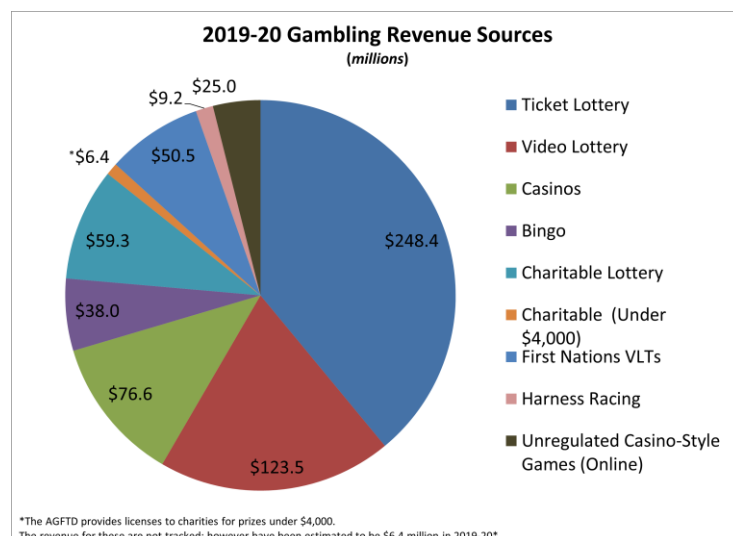
Gaming Revenues

- In 2019-20, gaming provided \$136.5 million to Government to help fund important programs and services.
- In 2019-20, video lottery and ticket lottery retailers earned \$35.5 million in commissions.

Employment (approximate # of direct jobs created by gaming – as of March 2020)

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| Halifax casino | 338 |
| Sydney casino | 126 |
| Nova Scotia Gaming | 17 |
| Atlantic Lottery – NS operations | 27 |

- Direct employment from gaming (as of March 2020) represents approximately \$21.2 million in annual salaries and benefits.



Participation in Gambling

- In 2019-20, 73% of adults in Nova Scotia reported gambling at least once over the last year and 27% did not gamble. Of those who gambled, 89% gambled with no reported risk of developing problems.
- Based on the Canadian Problem Gambling Severity Index, 0.9% of the adult population (about 6,744) in Nova Scotia have problems with their gambling. An additional 2.1% (about 15,736) are considered at moderate-risk of experiencing a problem with gambling. 5.0% of the adult population is in the low-risk, category, 65.3% are non-problem gamblers and 26.7% are non-gamblers.
- In 2019-20, Nova Scotians wagered approximately \$1.4 billion on gambling. During this time, \$1.0 billion was paid out in prizes.¹

¹ Nova Scotia Annual Gaming Report 2019-20, Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations