

Gambling in Nova Scotia

Gaming Stats*

# 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

Video Lottery	91%-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 Actual	2020-21 Budget
Corporate		
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>
Ticket Lottery		
Revenue	\$ <u>248.4</u>	\$ <u>255.7</u>
Net Income	\$ <u>47.4</u>	\$ <u>50.0</u>
Video Lottery		
Revenue	\$ <u>123.5</u>	\$ <u>130.5</u>
Net Income	\$ <u>83.5</u>	\$ <u>89.6</u>
Casinos		
Revenue	\$ <u>85.7</u>	\$ <u>89.3</u>
Contribution	\$ <u>29.0</u>	\$ <u>30.1</u>

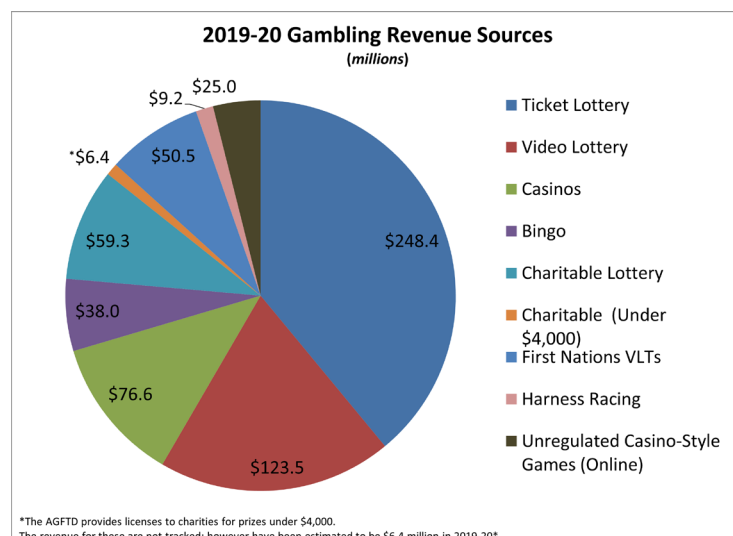
Gaming Revenues

- 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)

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