

Gambling in Nova Scotia

Gaming Stats on March 31, 2026

# of Video Lottery Terminals - excluding Mi'kmaw communities	1894
# of Video Lottery Terminals - Mi'kmaw communities	619
# of Video Lottery Retailer Locations - excluding Mi'kmaw communities	231
# of Video Lottery Retailer Locations - Mi'kmaw communities	32
# of Ticket Lottery Retailers - all communities	929
# of Casinos in Nova Scotia	2
# Slot Machines in Halifax	587
# Slot Machines in Sydney	280
# Tables in Halifax	28
# Tables in Sydney	0

Prize Payouts

Video Lottery	92%-93%
Ticket Lottery	50%-69%
Digital Games	70%-95%
Casino Slots	91%
Casino Tables	80%

It is important to remember that over the long run, a player will lose more than they win.

Financial Results

	2025-26 <u>Actual</u>	2025-26 <u>Budget</u>
<i>Corporate</i>		
Revenue	\$370.8	\$381.3
Contribution to Province	\$176.5	\$177.9
<i>Ticket Lottery</i>		
Revenue	\$161.0	\$163.2
Net Income	\$ 87.9	\$ 85.4
<i>Video Lottery</i>		
Revenue	\$ 117.8	\$ 124.0
Net Income	\$ 76.6	\$ 79.7
<i>Casinos</i>		
Revenue	\$ 92.0	\$ 94.1
Net Income	\$ 34.3	\$ 34.1

Gaming Revenues

- In 2025-26 Nova Scotia Gaming managed sources provided \$176.5 million to Government to help fund important programs and services.
- In 2025-26, video lottery and ticket lottery retailers earned \$33.5 million in commissions.

Employment

(Approximate # of jobs as of March 2026)

Casino Nova Scotia	376
Nova Scotia Gaming	13
Atlantic Lottery – NS operations	72

- Direct employment from gaming (as of March 2026) represents approximately \$24.8 million in annual wages and benefits.

Participation in Gambling

- In 2025-26, 72% of adults in Nova Scotia reported gambling at least once over the last year.
- Based on the Canadian Problem Gambling Severity Index, in 2025-26, 1.1% of the population (1% in 2024-25) in Nova Scotia that have experienced harms from their gambling.
- An additional 2.8% (2.7% in 2024-25) are considered moderate risk, 5.8% are low-risk (4.9% in 2024-25), 62.1% are no-risk gamblers (62.4% in 2024-25).