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Gambling in Nova Scotia

Gaming Stats

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| # Casinos | 2 |
| # VLTs | 2,211 (excluding First Nations) |
| # VLTs – First Nations | 599 |
| # VL retailers | 342 |
| # TL retailers | 1,062 |
| # Slot machines | 577 Halifax, 299 Sydney |
| # Tables | 32 Halifax, 11 Sydney |

Prize Payouts

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|----------------|--------|
| Video Lottery | 92-95% |
| Ticket Lottery | 44-72% |
| Casino Slots | 92% |
| Casino Tables | 81% |

Gaming Revenues

- In 2010-11, gaming provided \$141.6 million to Government to help fund important programs and services.
- In 2010-11 video lottery and ticket lottery retailers earned \$39.8 million in commissions.

Financial Results (\$ millions)

| | 2010-11 Actual | 2011-12 Budget |
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| <i>Corporate</i> | | |
| Revenue | \$ <u>439.4</u> | \$ <u>419.6</u> |
| Net Income | 126.5 | 112.9 |
| Win Tax | <u>15.1</u> | <u>15.5</u> |
| Contribution to Province | \$ <u>141.6</u> | \$ <u>128.4</u> |
| <i>Ticket Lottery</i> | | |
| Revenue | \$ <u>216.1</u> | \$ <u>205.3</u> |
| Net Income | \$ <u>40.0</u> | \$ <u>34.3</u> |
| <i>Video Lottery</i> | | |
| Revenue | \$ <u>140.0</u> | \$ <u>129.2</u> |
| Net Income | \$ <u>89.7</u> | \$ <u>80.0</u> |
| <i>Casinos</i> | | |
| Revenue | \$ <u>83.3</u> | \$ <u>85.1</u> |
| Contribution | \$ <u>26.7</u> | \$ <u>29.1</u> |

Employment (approximate # of direct jobs created by gaming)

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| Halifax casino | 366 |
| Sydney casino | 154 |
| Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation | 22 |
| Atlantic Lottery – NS operations | 55 |
| Alcohol and Gaming Division | 61 |

- Over 650 people are directly employed by gaming, representing approximately \$26 million in annual salaries and benefits.

Participation in Gambling

- In 2007, 87% of adults in Nova Scotia reported gambling at least once over the last year. Of these individuals, 93% gambled with no problems.¹
- Based on the Canadian Problem Gambling Index, 0.9% of the adult population (about 7,000) in Nova Scotia have a gambling problem, or are defined as a problem gambler. An additional 1.6% (about 12,000) are considered at moderate-risk of experiencing a problem with gambling.²
- 3.6% of the adult population is in the at-risk, or low-risk, category. This figure dropped by 25% since 2003 indicating that ongoing prevention and education efforts by NSGC and other government partners are having an impact.³
- In 2010-11, Nova Scotians wagered approximately \$1.42 billion on gambling. During this time, \$1.08 billion was paid out in prizes.⁴
- Overall, adults in Nova Scotia spend an average of \$609 annually on gambling.⁵
- 95% of gambling revenues in the Province are generated from those who gamble at least once a month.⁶

¹ 2007 Nova Scotia Adult Gambling Prevalence Study

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ Nova Scotia Annual Gaming Report 2010-11, Alcohol and Gaming Division, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

⁵ 2007 Nova Scotia Adult Gambling Prevalence Study

⁶ Ibid