

# FACT SHEET

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## Gambling in Nova Scotia

### Gaming Stats

# Casinos	2
# VLTs	2,249 (excluding First Nations)
# VLTs – First Nations	560
# VL retailers	429
# TL retailers	1,234
# Slot machines	714 Halifax, 337 Sydney
# Tables	40 Halifax, 13 Sydney

### Average Prize Payouts

Video Lottery	93-95%
Ticket Lottery	50-70%
Casino Slots	92%
Casino Tables	81%

### Employment (# of direct jobs created by gaming)

Halifax casino	657
Sydney casino	223
NSGC	20
ALC – NS operations	62
Alcohol and Gaming Division	60

- 1,022 people are directly employed, with almost \$30 million in annual salaries and benefits.

### Gaming Revenues

- In 2006-07, \$162.3 million in general revenue was provided to government for its programs and services.
- In 2006-07, \$45.4 million was received by VL/TL retailers in commissions.

### Financial Results (\$ millions)

	2007-08 <u>Budget</u>	2006-07 <u>Actual</u>
<b>Corporate</b>		
Revenue	\$460.9	\$465.1
Net Income	\$139.6	\$144.4
Win Tax	\$ 17.3	\$ 17.9
Contribution to Province	\$156.9	\$162.3
<b>Ticket Lottery</b>		
Revenue	\$221.2	\$215.1
Net Income	\$ 47.2	\$ 47.6
<b>Video Lottery</b>		
Revenue	\$144.2	\$151.3
Net Income	\$ 93.3	\$ 95.7
<b>Casinos</b>		
Halifax Revenue	\$ 71.4	\$ 75.3
Halifax Contribution	\$ 22.8	\$ 22.4
Sydney Revenue	\$ 23.8	\$ 23.0
Sydney Contribution	\$ 9.4	\$ 9.1

### Participation in Gambling

- In 2003, 89.3% of adults in Nova Scotia reported gambling at least once over the last year. Of these individuals, 93% gambled with no problems (i.e. no risk).
- Based on the Canadian Problem Gambling Index, 0.8% of the adult population (about 6,500) in Nova Scotia have a gambling problem or are defined as a problem gambler. An additional 1.3% (about 8,500) are considered at moderate risk of experiencing a problem with gambling.
- 4.8% of the adult population (about 35,000) are defined in the at-risk or low risk category.
- In 2004-05, Nova Scotians bet approximately \$1.6 billion on gambling.
- On average, adults in Nova Scotia spend a total of \$578 annually on gambling.
- 92% of gambling revenues in the province are generated from those who gamble at least once a month.

### Youth Gambling

- According to the 2003 Nova Scotia Gambling Prevalence Study:
  - ▶ Young adults have the highest risk of developing gambling problems: almost twice the risk of 35-44 year olds and four times the risk of adults over 45.
  - ▶ Young adults report the highest monthly participation rates in most forms of gambling, with the exception of weekly lottery, bingo and charity raffles.
  - ▶ Their participation in sports betting, Breakopens, VLTs and casino table games is significantly higher than any other age group.