

**Approximately how many gambling games/venues does Nova Scotia have?****2005-06 Gaming Venues<sup>1</sup>**

Casinos – 2  
Bars and lounges with VLTs – 454  
Casinos with slots – 2  
Racetracks – 3  
Teletheatres – 11  
Ticket lottery outlets – 1,167  
Bingo facilities – 0

**2005-06 Gambling Games**

Slots at casinos – 1,066  
VLTs at bars and lounges – 2,361  
Bingo - 0

**2005-06 Charitable Gaming Licenses<sup>1</sup>**

Bingo – 300  
Raffle – 1,034  
Break Open/Pull-ticket – 21  
Total – 1,355

- In 2005-06, Nova Scotia had 3 racetracks and 11 teletheatres<sup>1</sup>
- The Halifax casino has 714 slot machines and 40 tables and the Sydney casino has 337 slot machines and 13 tables. <sup>2</sup>

**Who operates and regulates gambling activities in Nova Scotia? <sup>3</sup>**

- Casinos are owned and operated by [Great Canadian Gaming Corporation](#) (GCGC) on behalf of the [Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation](#) (NSGC) and regulated by the [Alcohol and Gaming Division](#) (AGD).
- VLTs (non casino EGMs) are operated by [Atlantic Lottery Corporation](#) on behalf of NSGC, and by First Nations. They are regulated by the AGD and First Nations Gaming Commissions (FNGC) respectively.
- Ticket lotteries are operated by ALC on behalf of the NSGC. They are regulated by the AGD.
- Licensed charitable gaming is operated by charitable and community organizations and regulated by the AGD and FNGC.
- There is no government run bingo in Nova Scotia.
- Horseracing is operated by non-profit organizations and private operating corporations and regulated by [Canadian Pari-Nutuel Agency](#) (CPMA) and [Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission](#).

**What are the most common gambling activities in Nova Scotia?**

- In 2003, among adults, lottery tickets and charity raffles/draws.<sup>4</sup>
- In 2003, among older adults, lottery tickets, bingo and slot machines.<sup>4</sup>
- In 2002, among students grade 7-12, scratch tabs, playing cards and betting on sports activities.<sup>5</sup>

**What are the rates of problem gambling in Nova Scotia?**

- Among adults, 4.8% are at risk, 1.3% are experiencing moderate problems and 0.8% are experiencing severe problems.<sup>4</sup>
- Among students grade 7-12, 3% are at risk and 2.1% are affected by problem gambling.<sup>5</sup>

**What are the most common activities among those affected by problem gambling?**

- Among adults, VLT's and casino gambling (mainly slot machines).<sup>4</sup>

**What is gambling revenue in Nova Scotia?<sup>2</sup>**

- In 2006-07, NSGC revenue from all gambling activities was \$465.1 million and their net income was \$144.4 million.
- In 2006-2007, NSGC ticket lottery revenue was \$215.1 million, video lottery revenue was \$151.3 million, Casino Halifax revenue was \$75.3 million and casino Sydney revenue was \$23.0 million.

**Where are the gambling revenues allocated?**

- 100% of NSGC gambling revenue is allocated to the Province of Nova Scotia for government programs and services.
- In 2006-07, \$162.3 million in revenue was allocated to government programs and services.<sup>2&6</sup>
- Of this amount, \$7.8 million was spent on responsible gambling programs and problem gambling treatment and prevention.<sup>6</sup>
- For more information, see [Where the Money Goes](#)

**Who is involved in reducing the harm associated with gambling and what are they doing?****Problem Gambling, Department of Health Promotion and Protection <sup>7</sup>**

- Host and run a Problem Gambling Helpline
- Develop resources and materials
- Supplement gambling programs and services delivered by the provincial network of Addiction/Drug Dependency Services
- Supports community development initiatives for the prevention, early identification and treatment of problem gambling
- Increase awareness of the risks of problem gambling through information and training
- Funds, supports, and manages research
- Offer counselling to those affected by problem gambling and their families and short-term residential treatment
- Offer health promotion, prevention and education programs and resources to health and social service groups including information seminars and events in collaboration with community groups and organizations

**Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation (NSGC) <sup>8</sup>**

- NSGC is the crown corporation responsible for the business of gaming in Nova Scotia
- In 2006-07, NSGC sponsored and delivered prevention and education programs that reached 22,287 Nova Scotians, including:
  - Hosting an annual [Responsible Gambling Awareness Week](#)
  - Hosting an annual [Responsible Gambling Conference](#) for industry and community organizations

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- Adopting a [Social Responsibility Charter](#) with the cornerstone of responsible gambling and prevention programming
- Working with its operator Atlantic Lottery Corporation to develop and deliver Retailer Responsible Gambling Training Programs for video lottery and ticket lottery retailers
- Working with its operator Casino Nova Scotia to provide on-site [Responsible Gaming Resource Centres](#) in both casinos
- Working with its Casino Operator, Casino Nova Scotia to deliver Responsible Gambling Training to employees
- Funding and sponsoring responsible gambling and youth gambling prevention programs including: [Caught in the Game](#), [Know the Score](#), [Friends4Friends](#), [BetStopper](#) & [Play by Play](#)

### Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation <sup>9</sup>

- A not for profit, arms-length government organization that offers funding to Nova Scotia community groups and researchers that wish to address the consequences of problem gambling.

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