

Quick Facts – Gaming

(January 2012)

Who participates?

- Most Albertans participate in gaming activities as a form of entertainment.
- The most common gaming activities are lottery, ‘Scratch ‘n Win’ tickets and raffles.
- 80 per cent of Albertans are satisfied with the conduct of legal gaming in Alberta.

Source: 2010-11 AGLC Survey of Albertans
– Leger Marketing.

Legal gaming in Alberta

- Charitable gaming:
 - Bingo, casinos, raffles and pull-tickets
- Provincial gaming:
 - VLTs, slot machines, ticket lotteries, and electronic bingo

Charitable gaming

- There are over 11,000 groups eligible to conduct charitable gaming activities (bingos, casino events, pull-tickets and raffles) in the province of Alberta.
- Other than licensing fees, the government receives no revenue from the charitable gaming activities it regulates.
- In 2010-11, \$300 million was raised by charitable and religious groups conducting charitable gaming events as follows:

Fiscal 2010-11

Bingos	\$12 million
Casinos (tables and slots)	\$231 million
Pull-tickets	\$18 million
Raffles	\$39 million
Total	\$300 million

Alberta Lottery Fund

- The Alberta government’s share of net proceeds from VLTs, slot machines, electronic bingo and ticket lotteries is placed in the Alberta Lottery Fund.
- In **2012-13**, almost \$1.3 billion is expected to be placed in the Alberta Lottery Fund.

Alberta Lottery Fund sources

(2010-2011 Actuals)

Slot machines (incl. electronic bingo) .	\$817 million
VLTs	\$493 million
Ticket lotteries	\$319 million
Lottery fund interest	\$4 million

Subtotal	\$1.6 billion
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AGLC operating expenses	\$188 million
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Total	\$1.4 billion
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Gaming venues (as of January 2012)

- Licensed bingo facilities 28
19 halls have electronic devices with approximately 1,468 DIGI units
- Charitable casino facilities 24
With 12,470 slot machines
- Racing entertainment centres (RECs) 3
With 835 slot machines
- Ticket lottery retailers 2,624
- VLT locations (including VGERS) 978
Number of VLTs in province limited to 6,000
VGERS – Video Gaming Entertainment Rooms

Suspected illegal or unethical gaming, or unresolved disputes concerning gaming activities should be reported

to the AGLC through the Gaming Irregularities Line:

1-800-742-7818

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Problem gambling

- The majority of Albertans are considered not to be at risk of problem gambling.
- An estimated 7 per cent of the population is considered low risk, 2.8 per cent are moderate risk and 1 per cent is considered to be problem gamblers.
- Problem gambling prevention, education and treatment programs are available through Alberta Health Services and are funded by the Alberta Lottery Fund.
- AGLC responsible gambling initiatives include:
 - A multi-media responsible gambling information campaign,
 - Research on youth gambling and parent attitudes, and
 - Training programs for industry staff to raise awareness and help senior staff refer individuals to problem gambling treatment programs and services.

Alberta Gambling Research Institute (AGRI)

- AGRI was created in response to a recommendation from the *Alberta Lotteries and Gaming Summit '98* that more government resources be dedicated to gaming research.
- AGRI is a consortium of the Universities of Alberta, Calgary and Lethbridge. It came into effect in September 2001.
- AGRI sponsors research into gaming-related topics such as the social and economic costs and benefits of gaming, First Nations gaming issues, and gaming trends.
- \$1.5 million has been allocated to AGRI through the Alberta Lottery Fund for fiscal 2011-12.

Responsible Gambling Information Centres (RGICs)

- Located on gaming floors in 17 casinos.
- Staff representatives in the RGICs provide support and referrals to customers that may have a gambling problem as well as assist and educate casino staff with the identification and monitoring of problem gamblers. Staff also provides support to casinos without permanent RGICs.

Locations of RGICs

(First Nations casinos are indicated with a FN)

Edmonton: Century Casino
Casino Edmonton
Palace Casino
River Cree Resort and Casino (FN)

Calgary: Deerfoot Inn and Casino
Cash Casino
Elbow River Casino
Grey Eagle Casino (FN)
Stampede Casino
Casino Calgary

Red Deer: Cash Casino
Jackpot Casino

Camrose: Camrose Resort Casino

Grande Prairie: Great Northern Casino

Cold Lake: Casino Dene (FN)

Fort McMurray: Boomtown Casino

Lethbridge: Casino Lethbridge

Alberta Health Services Addiction Helpline:

1-866-332-2322