

Lotteries and Gambling market of Latvia on 2021, 9 months

There are all together 17 gambling operators and State owned Joint Stock Company „Latvijas Loto” (state run lotteries – land-based and on-line).

There have been issued:

9 land-based gambling operation licenses

3 betting point operation licenses

13 on-line gambling operation licenses

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, by the decision of the Government of the Republic of Latvia gambling companies were prohibited to carry out all land-based gambling activities – casino, gaming halls and betting points were closed:

On 2020

- From **March 22 until June 9** and
- from **November 9 until December 31**

Remote gambling activities were closed from **April 8 until June 9**.

On 2021

Gambling companies are prohibited to carry out all land-based gambling activities – casino, gaming halls and betting points were closed:

- From **January 1 until June 14**
- From **October 21 until November 14**.

Financial results of gambling market in Latvia 2020-2021, 9 months

(mill.euro)

		2020-9m	2021-9m	%
1.	Total turnover of gambling operators	129,214	99,230	76,8
2.	GGR from gambling, incl,	123,076	93,653	76,0
2.1.	Gaming machines	80,743	13,239	16,4
2.2.	Gaming tables (roulette, cards)	4,570	2,379	52,0
2.3.	Bingo halls	0,097	0,007	6,8
2.4.	Betting points	1,257	0,123	9,7
2.5.	On-line gambling	36,409	77,904	213,9
3.	Other income (1.-2.)	6,138	5,577	90,8

Revenue from on-line gambling

(mill.euro)

	2020-9	2021-9	%
GGR total on-line gambling, incl.,	36,409	77,904	213,9
- Casino games (cards, slots, roulette)	27,531	62,103	225,5
- Betting	8,410	14,501	172,4
- Poker tournaments	0,466	1,300	278,9

Payments in State budget from special gaming taxes and duties (mill.euro)

	2020- 9m (fact)	2021-9m (est.)	2021-9m (fact)	% to estimate 2021	% 2021/2020
Lottery and Gambling Tax and Duty paid to State budget	26,965	39,206	17,340	44,2	64,3
Other taxes paid to budget	22,016	x	21,836	x	99,1
Duty on Sales Promotion Lotteries	0,203	0,305	0,320	104,9	157,6

Employees all together in gambling and Lottery companies = 2712 persons.

Number of gaming equipment and gaming venues (at the end of mentioned month)

	2020 Jan.	2020 Dec.	2021 March	2021 June*	2021 July	2021 Aug.	2021 Sept.	2021 Oct.
Gaming machines	8595	6604	0	1822	4010	4584	5031	4851
Roulette tables	16	5	0	5	8	8	8	10
Card tables	51	14	0	14	19	19	19	27
Gaming Halls	305	276	0	63	162	192	217	208
Bingo Halls	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
Casinos	5	1	0	1	2	2	2	3
Betting points	75	76	0	76	76	76	76	76

*Gambling premises were open on June 15.

Statistics on blocking of illegal online gambling sites

	Total since 01.08.2014	On 2021 (October18)
Decisions taken	2371	630
Legal entities	506	56
Blocked domains	2391	628

Sales promotional lotteries

On 2021-9m there were issued by the Inspection:

- 412 lottery permissions
- Total prize fund being subject to a state fee shall be 1,222 Mill.euro;
- The state fee collected constitutes 0, 320 Mill.euro.