

Gambling market of Latvia on 2021

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

4 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 are prohibited to carry out all land-based gambling activities – casino, gaming halls and betting points on 2021 were closed:

- From **January 1 until June 14** and
- From **October 21 until December 31** (February 28, 2022);

During the year 2021 land-based gambling operations were allowed aprox.4 months

Financial results of gambling market in Latvia 2020-2021

(mill.euro)

		2020	2021	%
1.	Total turnover of gambling operators	166,894	138,970	83,3
2.	GGR from gambling, incl,	159,647	128,044	80,2
2.1.	Gaming machines	95,788	17,178	17,9
2.2.	Gaming tables (roulette, cards)	5,323	1,569	29,5
2.3.	Bingo halls	0,121	-0,002	-1,98
2.4.	Betting points	1,561	0,245	15,7
2.5.	On-line gambling	56,853	109,054	191,8
3.	Other activities (bars, billiard, etc.) 1.-2.	7,247	10,926	150,7

Revenue from on-line gambling

(mill.euro)

	2020	2021	%
GGR total on-line gambling, incl.,	56,853	109,054	191,8
*Casino games (cards, slots, roulette)	42,795	87,894	205,4
*Betting	13,173	19,418	147,4
*Poker tournaments	0,880	1,742	197,9

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

	2020 months (fact)	2021 months (est.)	2021 months (fact)	% to estimate 2021	+/- to est.
Lottery and Gambling Tax and Duty paid to State budget	35,263	54,969	24,449	44,4	-30,520
Other taxes paid to budget	26,074	x	26,447	101,4	x
Duty on Sales Promotion Lotteries	0,278	0,380	0,373	98,1	-0,007

Estimated calculated gambling taxes to municipalities budget = 2,117 mill.euro

Employees all together in gambling and Lottery companies = 2511 persons.

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

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

Statistics on blocking of illegal online gambling sites

	Total since 01.08.2014	On 2020	On 2021	%
Decisions taken	2478	549	737	134,2
Legal entities	523	135	70	51,8
Blocked domains	2524	557	735	131,9

Sales promotional lotteries

On 2021 there were issued by the Inspection:

- 521 lottery permissions
- Total prize fund being subject to a state fee shall be 1,534 Mill.euro;
- The state fee collected constitutes 0,373 Mill.euro.

On December 31, 2021 there were **17178 persons** included in Self-excluded persons register.