

Lotteries and Gambling market of Latvia on 2023, 1-st quart

There are all together 19 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

17 on-line gambling operation licenses

Financial results of gambling market in Latvia 2022-2023, 3 months

(mill.euro)

		2022-I*	2023-I	%
1.	Total turnover of gambling operators	48,708	75,604	155,2
2.	GGR from gambling, incl,	44,766	73,452	164,1
2.1.	Gaming machines	12,556	36,516	282,8
2.2.	Gaming tables (roulette, cards)	0,694	2,464	355,0
2.3.	Bingo halls	0,003	0,030	10x
2.4.	Betting points	0,131	0,527	402,3
2.5.	On-line gambling	31,382	33,915	108,0
3.	Other income (1.-2.)	3,942	2,152	54,6

* 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 2022** from January 1 till February 28.

Revenue from on-line gambling

(mill.euro)

	2022-I	2023-I	%
GGR total on-line gambling, incl.,	31,382	33,915	108,0
- Casino games (cards, slots, roulette)	26,060	28,421	109,0
- Betting	4,898	4,760	97,1
- Poker tournaments	0,424	0,734	173,1

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

	2022- I (fact)	2023-I (est.)	2023-I (fact)	% to estimate 2023,I	% 2023/2022 I
Lottery and Gambling Tax and Duty paid to State budget	5,837	12,180	12,650	103,8	216,7
Other taxes paid to budget	5,371	x	7,587	x	141,2
Duty on Sales Promotion Lotteries	0,067	0,084	0,060	71,4	89,5

Employees all together in gambling and lottery companies = 2758 persons.

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

	2022 March	2022 June	2022 Sept.	2022 Dec.	2023 March
Gaming machines	4094	5151	5129	4999	5018
Roulette tables	8	8	8	8	8
Card tables	19	19	19	21	21
Gaming Halls	173	214	211	203	204
Bingo Halls	1	1	1	1	1
Casinos	2	2	2	2	2
Betting points	67	66	65	70	84

Statistics on blocking of illegal online gambling sites

	Total since 01.08.2014	On 2023
Decisions taken	3096	60
Legal entities	3118	60
Blocked domains	561	6

Sales promotional lotteries

On 2023-I there were issued by the Inspection:

- 94 lottery permissions
- Total prize fund being subject to a state fee shall be 0,247 Mill.euro;
- The state fee collected constitutes 0,060 Mill.euro.