

Lotteries and Gambling market of Latvia on 2021, 1-st quart

There are all together 16 gambling operators and State owned Joint Stock Company „Latvijas Loto” (state run lotteries – land-based and on-line).

There have been issued:

10 land-based gambling operation licenses

5 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 were closed:

On 2020

- From **March 22 until June 9** and
- from **November 9 until December 31** (February 7, 2021);

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 are closed:

- **From January 1 until now.**

Financial results of gambling market in Latvia 2020-2021, 3 months

(mill.euro)

| | | 2020-I | 2021-I | % |
|------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1. | Total turnover of gambling operators | 61,699 | 26,432 | 42,8 |
| 2. | GGR from gambling, incl, | 58,678 | 25,070 | 42,7 |
| 2.1. | Gaming machines | 39,421 | 0 | x |
| 2.2. | Gaming tables (roulette, cards) | 2,785 | 0 | x |
| 2.3. | Bingo halls | 0,056 | 0 | x |
| 2.4. | Betting points | 0,573 | 0 | x |
| 2.5. | On-line gambling | 15,843 | 25,070 | 158,2 |
| 3. | Other income (1.-2.) | 3,021 | 1,362 | 45,0 |

Revenue from on-line gambling

(mill.euro)

| | 2020-I | 2021-I | % |
|---|--------|--------|-------|
| GGR total on-line gambling, incl., | 15,843 | 25,070 | 158,2 |
| - Casino games (cards, slots, roulette) | 11,459 | 19,822 | 172,9 |
| - Betting | 4,193 | 4,739 | 113,0 |
| - Poker tournaments | 0,191 | 0,509 | 266,4 |

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

| | 2020- I (fact) | 2021-I (est.) | 2021-I (fact) | % to estimate 2021 | % 2021/2020 |
|---|-------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Lottery and Gambling Tax and Duty paid to State budget | 13,828 | 8,978 | 5,203 | 57,9 | 37,6 |
| Other taxes paid to budget | 7,962 | x | 4,059 | x | 50,9 |
| Duty on Sales Promotion Lotteries | 0,050 | 0,075 | 0,061 | 81,6 | 121,1 |

Employees all together in gambling and Lottery companies = 2889 persons.

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

| | 2020 March | 2020 June | 2020 July | 2020 Sept. | 2020 Dec. | 2021 March |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Gaming machines | 8141 | 6161 | 7083 | 6604 | 6604 | 0 |
| Roulette tables | 15 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 0 |
| Card tables | 43 | 24 | 24 | 22 | 14 | 0 |
| Gaming Halls | 303 | 242 | 287 | 275 | 276 | 0 |
| Bingo Halls | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Casinos | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Betting points | 75 | 75 | 75 | 77 | 76 | 0 |

Statistics on blocking of illegal online gambling sites

| | Total since 01.08.2014 | On 2021 |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Decisions taken | 2124 | 383 |
| Legal entities | 489 | 39 |
| Blocked domains | 2146 | 383 |

Sales promotional lotteries

On 2021-I there were issued by the Inspection:

- 129 lottery permissions
- Total prize fund being subject to a state fee shall be 0,251 Mill.euro;
- The state fee collected constitutes 0,061 Mill.euro.