

Lotteries and Gambling market of Latvia on 2020

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 are closed:

- 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**.

Financial results of gambling market in Latvia 2019-2020

(mill.euro)

		2019	2020	%
1.	Total turnover of gambling operators	324,347	166,894	51,4
2.	GGR from gambling, incl,	307,051	159,647	51,9
2.1.	Gaming machines	231,596	95,788	41,3
2.2.	Gaming tables (roulette, cards)	17,315	5,323	30,7
2.3.	Bingo halls	0,232	0,121	52,2
2.4.	Betting points	3,223	1,561	48,4
2.5.	On-line gambling	54,684	56,853	103,9
3.	Other activities (bars, billiard, etc.) 1.-2.	17,296	7,247	41,9

Revenue from on-line gambling

(mill.euro)

	2019	2020	%
GGR total on-line gambling, incl.,	54,684	56,853	103,9
- Casino games (cards, slots, roulette)	39,340	42,795	108,7
- Betting	14,921	13,173	88,3
- Poker tournaments	0,423	0,880	207,8

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

	2019 months (fact)	2020 months (est.)	2020 months (fact)	% to estimate 2020	+/- to est.
Lottery and Gambling Tax and Duty paid to State budget	40,969	57,714	35,263	61,1	-22,451
Other taxes paid to budget	30,923	x	26,074	x	x

Duty on Sales Promotion Lotteries	0,407	0,380	0,278	73,1	-0,102
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Estimated calculated gambling taxes to municipalities budget = 2,199 mill.euro

Employees all together in gambling and Lottery companies = 2938 persons.

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

	2019.g. Dec.	2020.g. March	2020.g. June	2020.g. July	2020.g. Sept.	2020.g. Dec.
Gaming machines	8720	8141	6161	7083	6604	6604
Roulette tables	16	15	7	7	7	5
Card tables	51	43	24	24	22	14
Gaming Halls	310	303	242	287	275	276
Bingo Halls	2	2	1	1	1	1
Casinos	5	4	2	2	2	1
Betting points	75	75	75	75	77	

Statistics on blocking of illegal online gambling sites

	Total since 01.08.2014	On 2020
Decisions taken	1741	549
Legal entities	450	135
Blocked domains	1763	557

Sales promotional lotteries

On 2020 there were issued by the Inspection:

- 514 lottery permissions
- Total prize fund being subject to a state fee shall be 1,064 Mill.euro;
- The state fee collected constitutes 0,277 Mill.euro.