

Lotteries and Gambling market of Latvia on 2020, 9 months

There are all together 15 gambling operators and State owned Joint Stock Company „Latvijas Loto” (state run lotteries).

There have been issued:

10 land-based gambling operation licenses

5 betting point operation licenses

11 on-line gambling operation licenses

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, there have been closed gaming halls, betting points and casinos on **March 22 till June 9**, to protect players from no responsible pay-outs online gambling sites have been closed **on April 8 till June 9**.

Self-excluded persons register starts on January 1, 2020.

On October 30, 2020, there are **13 104** persons included.

Financial results of gambling market in Latvia 2019-2020, 9 months

(mill.euro)

		2019-9m	2020-9m	%
1.	Total turnover of gambling operators	237,139	129,214	54,5
2.	GGR from gambling, incl,	225,112	123,076	54,7
2.1.	Gaming machines	171,120	80,743	47,2
2.2.	Gaming tables (roulette, cards)	12,681	4,570	36,0
2.3.	Bingo halls	0,170	0,097	57,2
2.4.	Betting points	2,345	1,257	53,6
2.5.	On-line gambling	38,796	36,409	93,8
3.	Other activities (bars, billiard, etc.) 1.-2.	12,028	6,138	51,0

Revenue from on-line gambling

(euro)

	2019-9 m	2020-9 m	%
GGR total on-line gambling, incl.,	38 795 902	36 409 008	93,8
- Casino games (cards, slots, roulette)	27 863 460	27 531 564	98,8
- Betting	10 629 573	8 410 951	79,1
- Poker tournaments	302 869	466 493	154,0

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

	2019-9 months (fact)	2020-9 months (est.)	2020-9 months (fact)	% to estimate 2020 -9m	(+/-) to est.
Lottery and Gambling Tax and Duty paid to State budget	30,462	42,275	26,965	63,7	-15,310
Other taxes paid to budget	24,698	-	22,016	-	-
Duty on Sales Promotion Lotteries	0,339	0,305	0,203	66,5	-0,102

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

	2019 Sept.	2019 Dec.	2020 March	2020 June	2020 Jūlijs	2020 Sept.
Gaming machines	8677	8720	8141	6161	7083	6604
Roulette tables	15	16	15	7	7	7
Card tables	46	51	43	24	24	22
Gaming halls	309	310	303	242	287	275
Bingo halls	2	2	2	1	1	1
Casinos	5	5	4	2	2	2
Betting points	74	75	75	75	75	77

Statistics on blocking of illegal online gambling sites

	Total since 01.08.2014	On 23.10.2020
Decisions taken	1601	409
Legal entities	425	110
Blocked domains	1623	417

Sales promotional lotteries

9 months 2020 there were issued by the Inspection:

- 375 lottery permissions
- Total prize fund being subject to a state fee shall be **779 476 euro**.
- The state fee collected constitutes **203 083 euro**.