

Lotteries and Gambling market of Latvia on 2021, 6 months

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:

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**

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 were closed:

- **From January 1 until June 14**.

Financial results of gambling market in Latvia 2020-2021, 6 months

(mill.euro)

		2020-6m	2021-6m	%
1.	Total turnover of gambling operators	74,060	55,900	75,5
2.	GGR from gambling, incl,	70,424	51,903	73,7
2.1.	Gaming machines	45,732	0,343	0,75
2.2.	Gaming tables (roulette, cards)	3,036	0,085	2,8
2.3.	Bingo halls	0,056	0	0
2.4.	Betting points	0,684	0,015	2,1
2.5.	On-line gambling	20,916	51,460	246,0
3.	Other income (1.-2.)	3,636	3,997	109,9

Revenue from on-line gambling

(mill.euro)

	2020-6	2021-6	%
GGR total on-line gambling, incl.,	20,916	51,459	246,0
- Casino games (cards, slots, roulette)	15,652	40,242	257,1
- Betting	5,006	10,289	205,5
- Poker tournaments	0,258	0,928	360,2

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

	2020- 6m (fact)	2021-6m (est.)	2021-6m (fact)	% to estimate 2021	% 2021/2020
Lottery and Gambling Tax and Duty paid to State budget	17,375	24,022	9,144	38,0	52,6
Other taxes paid to budget	17,079	x	16,852	x	98,6
Duty on Sales Promotion Lotteries	0,110	0,195	0,145	74,3	131,8

Employees all together in gambling and Lottery companies = 2903 persons.

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

	2020 June	2020 July	2020 Sept.	2020 Dec.	2021 March	2021 June*
Gaming machines	6161	7083	6604	6604	0	1822
Roulette tables	7	7	7	5	0	5
Card tables	24	24	22	14	0	14
Gaming Halls	242	287	275	276	0	63
Bingo Halls	1	1	1	1	0	0
Casinos	2	2	2	1	0	1
Betting points	75	75	77	76	0	76

*Gambling premises were open on June 15.

Statistics on blocking of illegal online gambling sites

	Total since 01.08.2014	On 2021 (July 19)
Decisions taken	2325	584
Legal entities	505	55
Blocked domains	2345	582

Sales promotional lotteries

On 2021-6m there were issued by the Inspection:

- 272 lottery permissions
- Total prize fund being subject to a state fee shall be 0,677 Mill.euro;
- The state fee collected constitutes 0,145 Mill.euro.