

Lotteries and Gambling market of Latvia on 2022, 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:

9 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 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.

Financial results of gambling market in Latvia 2021-2022, 3 months

(mill.euro)

		2021-I	2022-I	%
1.	Total turnover of gambling operators	26,432	48,708	184,3
2.	GGR from gambling, incl,	25,070	44,766	178,6
2.1.	Gaming machines	0	12,556	x
2.2.	Gaming tables (roulette, cards)	0	0,694	x
2.3.	Bingo halls	0	0,003	x
2.4.	Betting points	0	0,131	x
2.5.	On-line gambling	25,070	31,382	125,2
3.	Other income (1.-2.)	1,362	3,942	289,4

Revenue from on-line gambling

(mill.euro)

	2021-I	2022-I	%
GGR total on-line gambling, incl,	25,070	31,382	125,2
- Casino games (cards, slots, roulette)	19,822	26,060	131,5
- Betting	4,739	4,898	103,3
- Poker tournaments	0,509	0,424	83,3

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

	2021- I (fact)	2022-I (est.)	2022-I (fact)	% to estimate 2022,I	% 2022/2021 I
Lottery and Gambling Tax and Duty paid to State budget	5,203	12,444	5,837	46,9	112,2
Other taxes paid to budget	4,059	x	5,371	x	132,3
Duty on Sales Promotion Lotteries	0,061	0,069	0,067	97,1	109,8

Employees all together in gambling and lottery companies = 2571 persons.

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

	2020 Jan.	2021 March	2021 Oct.*	2022 March
Gaming machines	8595	0	4851	4094
Roulette tables	16	0	10	8
Card tables	51	0	27	19
Gaming Halls	305	0	208	173
Bingo Halls	1	0	1	1
Casinos	5	0	3	2
Betting points	75	0	76	67

*Gaming venues were open on June 15, 2021, closed on October 21, 2021, open on March 1, 2022.

Statistics on blocking of illegal online gambling sites

	Total since 01.08.2014	On 2022 (19.04.2022)
Decisions taken	2642	164
Legal entities	531	11
Blocked domains	2664	166

Sales promotional lotteries

On 2022-I there were issued by the Inspection:

- 113 lottery permissions
- Total prize fund being subject to a state fee shall be 0,297 Mill.euro;
- The state fee collected constitutes 0,067 Mill.euro.