

Lotteries and Gambling market of Latvia on 2020, 6 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 July 30, 2020, there are **8545** persons included.

Financial results of gambling market in Latvia 2019-2020, 6 months

(mill.euro)				
		2019-6m	2020-6m	%
1.	Total turnover of gambling operators	154,530	74,060	47,9
2.	GGR from gambling, incl,	146,615	70,424	48,0
2.1.	Gaming machines	111,462	45,732	41,0
2.2.	Gaming tables (roulette, cards)	8,062	3,036	37,7
2.3.	Bingo halls	0,123	0,056	45,5
2.4.	Betting points	1,586	0,684	43,1
2.5.	On-line gambling	25,382	20,916	82,4
3.	Other activities (bars, billiard, etc.) 1.-2.	7,915	3,636	45,9

Revenue from on-line gambling

(euro)			
	2019-6 m	2020-6 m	%
GGR total on-line gambling, incl.,	25 382 487	20 915 969	82,4
- Casino games (cards, slots, roulette)	18 062 910	15 651 788	86,6
- Betting	7 126 095	5 006 438	70,2
- Poker tournaments	193 482	257 743	133,2

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

	2019-6 months (fact)	2020-6 months (est.)	2020-6 months (fact)	% to estimate 2020 -6m	% to fact 2019-6m
Lottery and Gambling Tax and Duty paid to State budget	22,129	27,859	17,375	62,3	78,5
Other taxes paid to budget	18,310	x	17,079	x	93,3
Duty on Sales Promotion Lotteries	0,231	0,195	0,110	56,4	47,6

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

	2019 June	2019 Sept.	2019 Dec.	2020 March	2020 June	2020 July
Gaming machines	8643	8677	8720	8141	6161	7083
Roulette tables	15	15	16	15	7	7
Card tables	46	46	51	43	24	24
Gaming Halls	308	309	310	303	242	287
Bingo Halls	2	2	2	2	1	1
Casinos	5	5	5	4	2	2
Betting points	74	74	75	75	75	75

Statistics on blocking of illegal online gambling sites

	Total since 01.08.2014	On 01.07.2020
Decisions taken	1519	308
Legal entities	393	78
Blocked domains	1521	315

Sales promotional lotteries

6 months 2020 there were issued by the Inspection:

- 233 lottery permissions
- Total prize fund being subject to a state fee shall be **421 794 euro.**
- The state fee collected constitutes **110 192 euro.**