

Approximately how many gambling games/venues does NB have?**2005-06 Gaming Venues¹**

Bars and Lounges with VLTs – 628

Horse Racing Tracks – 3

Teletheatres - 1

Ticket Lottery Outlets – 1,005

- Currently there are no casinos in NB. A destination casino is expected to open May 2010.²

2005-06 Games¹

VLTs at Bars or Lounges – 2,631

2005-06 Charitable Gaming Licences¹

Bingo - 278

Break Open/Pull Ticket – 24

Charity Casinos - 10

Raffle – 456

Total – 768

Who operates and regulates gambling activities in NB?³

- EGMs (non casino) are operated by [Atlantic Lottery Corporation](#) and [Lotteries Commission of New Brunswick](#) (LCNB) and regulated by the [Department of Finance](#) (DoF).
- Horse racing is operated by non-profit organizations and regulated by [Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency](#) (CPMA) and [Maritimes Provinces Harness Racing Commission](#).
- Licensed charitable gaming is operated by charitable and religious organizations and regulated by First Nations Gaming Commission (FNGC), DoF and the [Department of Public Safety](#).
- Ticket lotteries are operated by ALC, Interprovincial Lottery Corporation (ILC) and LCNB. They are regulated by the DoF.
- There is no government-operated bingo in New Brunswick.
- There are no casinos in New Brunswick.

What are the most common gambling activities in NB?

- In 2001, among adults, any game of chance and lottery tickets, specifically lottery draws.⁴
- In 2002, among adolescent students, scratch tabs, playing cards for money and betting on sport activities.⁵
- In 2002, among older adults, lottery draw games and scratch and win tickets.⁶

What are the rates of problem gambling in NB?

- In 2001, 1.4% of adults were affected by problem gambling and 1.8% were moderate risk gamblers.⁴
- In 2002, among older adults, 0.2% were problem gamblers and 0.4% were moderate risk gamblers.⁶
- In 1998, 4.6% of adolescent students were problem and at risk gamblers.⁷

What are the most common activities among those affected by problem gambling?

- In 2001, among adults, VLTs.⁴

New Brunswick (NB)

- Includes reducing the number of video lottery sites by 50% and limiting the number of VLTs allowed in one establishment
- Responsible gaming requirements will be incorporated into this program, including the presence of responsible gaming messaging and staff training on the signs of problem gambling.
- The Government will continue to regulate the VLT program and ALC will implement the reforms.

Enhanced Responsible Gaming Initiatives

- Addiction and Mental Health Services will receive an increase of \$250,000 in annual funding. This will be used to expand prevention, treatment and rehab supports already in place. This increases total funding to \$1 million beginning in fiscal year 2008-09.
- In the next budget, the Government will provide an additional \$500,000 for research. With these measures, overall funding for treatment and prevention and addiction services will be doubled to \$1.5 million annually.
- The following 4 areas form the basis of the Province's enhanced responsible gaming initiatives: (a) prevention and awareness; (b) enhancement of problem gambling and addiction treatment; (c) research; and (d) corporate social responsibility.
- The LCNB will be responsible for developing and implementing these initiatives. They will liaise with groups including, gaming facility operators and health/social agencies and First Nations communities.

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