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## Ontario

### Approximately how many gambling games/venues are there?

- Ontario has four commercial/resort casinos:
  - Casino Windsor has 2,330 slot machines and 84 table games.
  - Casino Rama has 2,427 slot machines and 123 table games.
  - Casino Niagara and Fallsview Casino Resort have 4,645 slot machines and 173 table games.
  - The four commercial/resort casinos have a total of 9,402 slot machines and 380 table games.<sup>1</sup>
- Ontario has six Charity Casinos:
  - OLG Casino Brantford has 502 slot machines and 47 table games.
  - The slot operations at Great Blue Heron have 539 slot machines.\*
  - OLG Casino Point Edward has 482 slot machines and 31 table games.
  - OLG Casino Sault Ste. Marie has 447 slot machines and 13 table games.
  - OLG Thousand Islands has 496 slot machines and 23 table games.
  - OLG Thunder Bay has 452 slot machines and 14 table games.
  - The charity casinos have a total of 2,918 slot machines and 128 table games.<sup>2</sup>

\* Owned by the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and operated by Great Blue Heron Gaming Company. OLG is only responsible for the management of the slot facilities.

OLG Slots at Racetracks	# Slot Machines	OLG Slots at Racetracks	# Slot Machines
Ajax Downs	800	Kawartha Downs	450
Clinton Raceway	123	Mohawk Racetrack	859
Dresden Raceway	116	Rideau Carleton Raceway	1,269
Flamboro Downs	800	Sudbury Downs	370
Fort Erie Race Track	402	Western Fair Raceway	700
Georgian Downs	1000	Windsor Raceway	750
Grand River	240	Woodbine Racetrack	2246
Hanover Raceway	131	Woodstock Raceway	182
Hiawatha Horse Park	452	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,890<sup>2</sup></b>

- In 2009–10, Ontario had 10,152 ticket lottery outlets and 74 bingo facilities.<sup>3</sup>
- In 2009–10, 13,865 provincial charitable licences were issued.<sup>3</sup>
- Compared to all other provinces, Ontario has the most bingo facilities, racetracks with slots, total horse racing venues, ticket lottery outlets, total electronic gaming machines (EGMs) and gaming tables.<sup>3</sup>

### Who operates and regulates gambling activities?

- Commercial bingo is regulated, managed and operated by the [OLG](#).
- Casinos are regulated by the [Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario](#) (AGCO) and managed and operated by OLG and private corporations.



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- Ticket lotteries are regulated by the AGCO and managed and operated by OLG.
- EGMs at racetracks (non-casino) are regulated by AGCO and managed and operated by OLG.
- Horse racing is regulated by [Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency](#) and [Ontario Racing Commission](#) and operated by private operating corporations.<sup>4</sup>
- OLG is planning to offer [internet gaming](#) in 2012, which will be regulated by the AGCO.

## What are the most common gambling activities?

- Among students grades 7–12, cards and lottery tickets.<sup>5</sup>
- Among adults (18+), purchase of tickets (lottery followed by raffle then scratch).<sup>6</sup>
- Among older adults (60+), lottery, raffle, EGMs in casinos and scratch tickets.<sup>7</sup>

## What are the rates of problem gambling?

- Problem gambling was identified among 2.8% of students in grades 7–12 (about 29,000 students).<sup>5</sup>
- 3.4% of adults (18+) are moderately to severely affected by problem gambling.<sup>6</sup>
- Among older adults (60+), 2.1% are affected by problem gambling.<sup>7</sup>

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

- It can be assumed that among students in grades 7–12, the most common gambling activities, cards and lottery tickets, are the games that are also associated with problem gambling.<sup>5</sup>
- Among adults (18+), games of skill and racetrack slots.<sup>6</sup>
- Among older adults (60+), playing casino slots and VLTs.<sup>7</sup>

## What are the gambling revenues?

OLG Net Revenue (year ended March 31, 2009)	
Lotteries and bingo	\$2,947 billion
Resort casinos	\$1,408 billion
Casino and slots at racetracks	\$2,070 billion
<b>Total net income</b>	<b>\$6,426 billion<sup>7</sup></b>

- In 2009-10, horse racing gross revenue (after prizes paid, before expenses deducted) was \$244,029,000.<sup>3</sup>
- In 2009–10, charity-operated gross revenue (after prizes paid, before expenses deducted) was \$416,000,000.<sup>3</sup>

## Where are the gambling revenues allocated?

- In 2009–10, \$157,000,000 went to charity, \$9,040,000 to problem gambling awareness, \$4,000,000 to problem gambling research, \$27,160,000 to problem gambling treatment and \$9,843,000 to responsible gaming.<sup>3</sup>
- In 2009–10, \$157,000,000 net revenue from licensed charitable organizations went to the charitable organizations that hosted the gaming.<sup>3</sup>



## Who is involved in reducing the harm associated with gambling and what are they doing?

### [Problem Gambling Institute of Ontario \(PGIO\)](#), Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)

- provides training and support to Ontario's specialized problem gambling treatment system and allied professionals, including financial counsellors, correctional workers, addiction and mental health specialists, EAP providers, educators and ethno-cultural workers
- provides specialized training and support for all employees of OLG
- develops and distributes resources for people affected by problem gambling, their families and helping professionals including a comprehensive treatment manual, curriculum for teachers, a series of information guides and [ProblemGambling.ca](#), a comprehensive, bilingual website for information and resources
- provides individual and group counseling for those affected by problem gambling and their families
- collaborates with CAMH and other researchers in Canada and around the world to influence policy, prevention and problem gambling treatment.
- will soon be launching a new web site (available at [ProblemGambling.ca](#)) featuring interactive online tools for people affected by problem gambling and their families and these online self-help tools will include screening, workbooks and monitoring tools for use on web & mobile devices.

### [Ontario Lottery and Gaming \(OLG\)](#)

- launched a [Code of Conduct](#) in 2005
- implemented Responsible Gaming Training programs in collaboration with the PGIO, CAMH
- offers voluntary self-exclusion, places Ontario Problem Gambling Helpline (OPGH) contact information on slot machines and lottery tickets, promotes child protection practices, refrains from extending credit at charity casinos and racetrack slot machine operations, and implemented advertising and marketing standards
- since 2005, has periodically sponsored a public awareness advertising campaign to raise awareness of slot machine risk factors
- developed a brochure that encourages use of Ontario's problem gambling treatment programs
- launched a website, [www.knowyourlimit.ca](http://www.knowyourlimit.ca), which provides information about how gambling works, myths and facts, game odds, tips on safe gambling and other [responsible gambling](#) initiatives
- offers off-site self exclusion in collaboration with CAMH.

### [Ontario Problem Gambling Helpline \(OPGH\)](#)

- provides a toll-free 24/7 province-wide helpline for those affected by problem gambling and their family and friends, service providers and the general public
- links individuals who contact their service with problem gambling treatment resources
- provides listening and support, information about treatment, credit and debt services, family services, self-help groups and other relevant resources
- provides a website that lists Ministry-funded problem gambling treatment organizations that accept referrals in Ontario and provides a [webchat](#) option to connect to helpline staff.



## [Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre](#) (OPGRC)

- is a funding agency financed by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- invests in research on problem gambling, increases the capacity in Ontario to conduct research on problem gambling and disseminates research findings
- provides an OPGRC website that acts as a database for all funded research reports.

## [Ontario Problem Gambling Treatment Providers](#)

- provide a combination of treatment, education/prevention and/or awareness to Ontarians through over 50 treatment services across Ontario
- provide several treatment options and modalities such as group counselling, individual counselling, phone counselling and home visits
- work with family members and those who are concerned about someone else's gambling
- use a stages of change and harm reduction approach, which allows for tailored treatments.

## [Responsible Gambling Council](#) (RGC)

- focuses on the prevention of problem gambling through research, information and awareness
- implemented Responsible Gaming Resources Centres at casinos across Ontario
- produces an online publication on gambling trends and developments ([Newslink](#)) and a weekly digest ([NewsScan](#))
- delivers problem gambling prevention month ([Within Limits](#)), which is promoted by OLG
- organizes high-school drama tours and an interactive touring project
- implemented social marketing campaigns targeting friends of young people affected by problem gambling ([friends4friends](#)) and spouses ([Gambling&You](#))
- provides a wide variety of information/resources on the RGC website.

## [YMCA Youth Gambling Program](#)

- offers free services across Ontario focusing on youth and students
- offers curriculum support for a variety of age ranges
- offers risk assessment in the form of presentations and activities led by teachers to identify student needs
- delivers presentations to schools and organizations that work with youth and adults
- delivers workshops for parents, teachers and health care professionals
- provides referrals to gambling treatment services.

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