



## Newfoundland and Labrador

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

2009-2010 Games/Venues in Newfoundland and Labrador <sup>1</sup>	
Bars and lounges with video lottery terminals (VLTs)	467
Racetracks	1
Ticket lottery outlets	1,073
VLTs at bars and lounges	2,059
Charitable licences issued	3,833 (the most being raffle)
Casinos and bingo facilities	None
Internet Gambling	Yes

### Who operates and regulates gambling activities?

- Ticket lotteries and VLTs are regulated by the Department of Public Safety and are conducted, managed and operated by the [Atlantic Lottery Corporation \(ALC\)](#). The [Government of Newfoundland and Labrador](#) is one of the four shareholders of ALC.
- There is no formal First Nations gaming in N.L.
- Horse racing is run by privately operated corporations and regulated by the [Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency \(CPMA\)](#) and [Standardbred Canada](#).
- Licensed charitable gaming is licensed and regulated by the Department of Government Services and is operated by charitable/religious organizations.<sup>2</sup>

### What are the most common gambling activities?

- Junior and senior high-school students primarily buy scratch tabs, play cards for money and buy break-open tickets.<sup>3</sup>
- 19-24 year olds mostly play poker (non-Internet) and VLTs.<sup>4</sup>
- Adults 19+ prefer lottery, raffle or fundraising tickets.<sup>4</sup>
- Older adults 65+ buy lottery tickets and play bingo.<sup>4</sup>

### What are the rates of problem gambling?

- 1.7% of junior and senior high-school students are affected by problem gambling and 3.6% are at risk.<sup>3</sup>
- 16.8% of 19-24 year olds are moderately affected and 16.8% are affected.<sup>4</sup>
- 0.7% of adults (19+) are affected by problem gambling and 1.7% are at moderate risk.<sup>4</sup>
- 2.2% of older adults are affected by problem gambling and 1.9% are at moderate risk.<sup>4</sup>

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

- Among 19-24 year olds, VLTs and poker (non-internet).<sup>4</sup>
- Among adults 19+, VLTs, break open tickets, pull tabs/Nevada strips and lottery tickets are the most common activities.<sup>4</sup>
- Among older adults (65+), lottery tickets and bingo.<sup>4</sup>



## What are the gambling revenues?

- After prizes paid and before expenses deducted, revenue for 2009–2010 was as follows:
  - VLTs: \$121,558,000
  - Lottery: \$79,303,000
  - Total gaming revenue: \$201,508,000
  - Horse racing: \$487,000
  - Charity-operated gaming: \$15,700,000 with the most revenue derived from raffles.<sup>1</sup>

## Where are the gambling revenues allocated?

- Revenue is given to the Province and used, for example, for health care, education and infrastructure.
- In 2009–2010, N.L. received \$109,379,000 in net gaming revenue, and charitable organizations received \$107,960,000 from their gaming activities.
- In 2009-10, \$349,000 was allocated toward responsible gaming.<sup>1</sup>

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

### Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

- In 2005, the government implemented a five-year VLT reduction strategy, which includes reducing the number of VLTs by 15%, reprogramming VLTs to slow the speed of play and changing the hours of operation to noon–midnight daily, instead of from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 a.m.
- The strategy also includes allocating more funding for treatment, research and education.

### Health and Community Services-Addictions Services, Government of N.L.

- The department provides assessment, education and treatment services for clients with gambling problems as well as their family members, including adult residential treatment and withdrawal management services.
- The department also hosts a toll-free problem gambling helpline.

### Atlantic Lottery Corporation (ALC)

- ALC implements a responsible gambling strategy for lotteries in the four Atlantic provinces.

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