

Quick Facts – Gaming

(February 2010)

Who participates?

- 82 per cent of Albertans 18 years and older.
Source: Canadian Problem Gambling Index Survey, 2002.
- Most Albertans participate in gaming activities as a form of entertainment.
- The most common gaming activities are lottery, and 'Scratch 'n Win' tickets, and raffles.
- 73 per cent of Albertans are satisfied with the conduct of Alberta's gaming industry.
Source: 2008 AGLC Public Opinion Survey – Leger Marketing.

Legal gaming in Alberta

- Charitable gaming:
 - Bingo, casinos, raffles and pull-tickets
- Provincial gaming:
 - VLTs, slot machines, ticket lotteries, electronic bingo and KENO

Charitable gaming

- There are over 11,000 groups eligible to conduct charitable gaming activities (bingos, casino events, pull-tickets and raffles) in the province of Alberta.
- Other than licensing fees, the government receives no revenue from the charitable gaming activities it regulates.
- In 2008-09, \$335 million was raised by charitable and religious groups conducting charitable gaming events as follows:

Fiscal 2008-09 actual earnings

Bingos	\$15 million
Casinos	\$252 million
Pull-tickets	\$15 million
Raffles	\$53 million
Total	\$335 million

Provincial lotteries

- The Alberta government's share of net proceeds from VLTs, slot machines, electronic bingo and ticket lotteries is placed in the Alberta Lottery Fund.
- In 2010-11, almost \$1.3 billion is expected to be placed in the Alberta Lottery Fund.
- The Alberta Lottery Fund supports thousands of charitable, not-for-profit, public and community-based initiatives annually.

Alberta Lottery Fund sources

(2010-2011 Estimates)

Slot machines (incl. electronic bingo) .	\$774 million
VLTs	\$497 million
Ticket lotteries	\$263 million
Lottery fund interest	\$2 million

Subtotal **\$1.5 billion**

AGLC operating expenses \$241 million

Total **\$1.3 billion**

Gaming venues (as of February 09, 2010)

- Licensed bingo facilities 31
20 halls have electronic devices with approximately 1,336 DIGI units
- Charitable casino facilities 24
With 11,987 slot machines
- Racing entertainment centres (RECs) 3
With 836 slot machines
- Ticket lottery retailers 2,455
- VLT locations (including VGERS) 1,034
Number of VLTs in province limited to 6,000

***Suspected illegal or unethical gaming, or unresolved disputes concerning gaming activities should be reported to the AGLC through the Gaming Irregularities Line:
1-800-742-7818***

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Alberta Gaming Research Institute (AGRI)

- AGRI was created in response to a recommendation from the *Alberta Lotteries and Gaming Summit '98* that more government resources be dedicated to gaming research.
- AGRI is a consortium of the Universities of Alberta, Calgary and Lethbridge. It came into effect in September 2001.
- AGRI sponsors research into gaming-related topics such as the social and economic costs and benefits of gaming, First Nations gaming issues, and gaming trends.
- \$1.6 million has been allocated to AGRI through the Alberta Lottery Fund for fiscal 2010-11.

Problem gambling

- The majority of Albertans are considered not to be at risk of problem gambling.
- An estimated 7 per cent of the population are considered low risk, 2.8 per cent are moderate risk, and 1 per cent are considered to be problem gamblers.
- Problem gambling prevention, education and treatment programs are available through Alberta Health Services and are funded by the Alberta Lottery Fund.
- AGLC responsible gambling initiatives include:
 - A multi-media responsible gambling information campaign.
 - Research on youth gambling and parent attitudes.
 - Training programs for industry staff to raise awareness and help senior staff discretely refer individuals to problem gambling treatment programs and services.

Responsible Gambling Information Centres (RGICs)

- In 2006, the AGLC began opening RGICs on the gaming floors in casinos and at the Edmonton Northlands Racing Entertainment Centre (REC).
- Staff representatives in the RGICs meet with casino customers and family or friends, to talk about responsible and problem gambling. They provide support and referrals to customers that may have a gambling problem and assist and educate casino staff with the identification and monitoring of problem gamblers.

Locations of RGICs

NOTE: First Nations casinos are indicated with an FN

Edmonton: Century Casino
Palace Casino
River Cree Resort and Casino (FN)
Northlands (Racing Entertainment Centre)

Calgary: Deerfoot Inn and Casino
Cash Casino
Elbow River Casino
Grey Eagle Casino (FN)
Stampede Casino

Red Deer: Cash Casino
Jackpot Casino

Camrose: Camrose Resort Casino

Grande Prairie: Great Northern Casino

Cold Lake: Casino Dene (FN)

Fort McMurray: Boomtown Casino

Lethbridge: Casino Lethbridge

Alberta Health Services Addiction Helpline:

1-866-332-2322