

Gambling around the World

Lotteries

Lotteries can be found in approximately 200 jurisdictions around the world where they provide entertainment for the public and an effective way to raise funds for many purposes including education, healthcare and public projects.

World lottery sales by region (2007)¹

Region	% of world sales
Europe	50.2
North America	28.7
North Asia	10.4
South East Asia	6.1
Oceania	1.9
South America	1.8
Africa and Middle East	0.6
India and Central Asia	0.3
Total	100.0

In 2007, Europe had the largest proportion of worldwide lottery sales with sales with 50.2% followed by North America which reported 28.7% of total world sales. Oceania, which includes Australia, reported 1.9% of global sales.

Casino

Casinos are established in many countries/regions around the world including Africa, Canada, the United States, Oceania, Central/South America and the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Following next is a more detailed look at casinos in the United States and Canada.

In 2007, the commercial casino industry in the United States consisted of 467 casinos in 12 states².

In Canada, there are two types of casinos in; Commercial or destination casinos which offer a larger scale of activities and amenities compared to other casino-type facilities and charity casinos which are associated with charitable organisations and where revenue is directed towards charity.³

In 2005-06, the casino industry in Canada consisted of 63 casinos in 7 provinces (Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia).

Types of Games

There is a wide variety of gaming machine types available internationally. The Productivity Commission⁴ described the varieties as:

Electronic gaming machines

Australian machines, US slots and other machines, Canadian slots and Video Lottery Terminals (VLTs), as well as machines in France, New Zealand and South Africa.

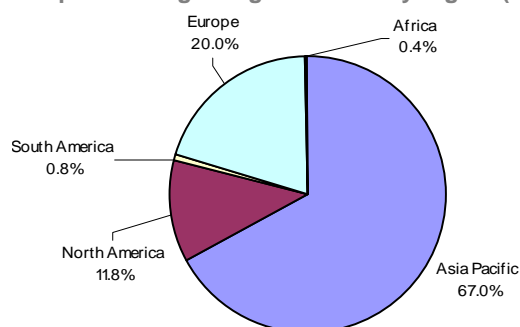
AWP-style (Amusement with Prize) machines

Machines where maximum spending per game is low and the speed of play is slower (these include UK AWP and the jackpot/club machines, German and Spanish AWP and Japanese pachislo machines).

Pachinko and UK crane grab machines

Machines where the stakes and speed of play are the lowest of all and where the prizes awarded are toys (for crane grabs) and biscuits, cigarettes and magazines for pachinko (although these prizes can be subsequently exchanged for cash).

Proportion of gaming machines by region (2008)⁵



Top ten countries (casino-style machines) (2008)

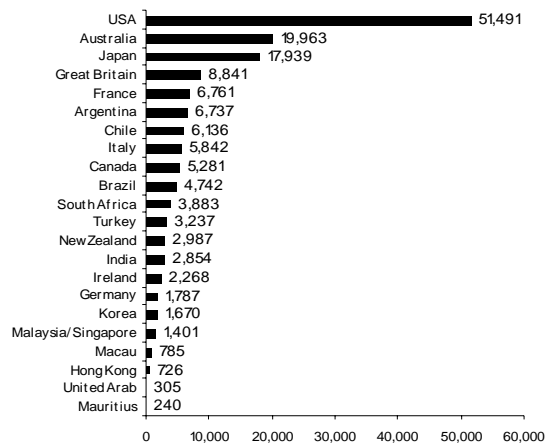
Country	No. of casino-style machines
United States	759,553
Russia	360,000
Spain	245,966
United Kingdom	216,626
Germany	200,000
Italy	200,000
Australia	186,344
Czech Republic	56,218
Canada	55,551
Hungary	30,693

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The previous table shows the top countries in term of casino-style gaming machines, which according to Taylor Nelson Sofres, are most similar to Australia's traditional poker machines. Australia ranks seventh with 7 of worldwide casino/style machines.

Racing

International comparison of horse races⁶ held (2006⁷)



Australia held the second highest number of races in 2006 (19,963). As with last year, the United States held the largest number of races (51,491). Following Australia, Japan held 17,939 races, then Great Britain which held 8,841 races and France (6,761).

1 Ibis World, Other Global Gaming and Wagering, August 2007
 2 American Gaming Association (2008) 2008 State of the States: The AGA Survey of Casino Entertainment.
 3 Responsible Gambling Council (2003) Newslink: Responsible Gambling Issues & Information, Summer/Fall 2003.
 4 Productivity Commission (1999) Australia's Gambling Industries, Report No. 10, AusInfo, Canberra.
 5 Taylor Nelson Sofres (2008), Word Count of Gaming Machines 2008, Prepared for Australasian Gaming Machines Manufacturers' Association.
 6 Flat races.
 7 Australian Racing Board (2007 Australian Racing Fact Book 2006/07)

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