

Gambling in Australia

What is gambling?

Placing a wager or bet on the outcome of a future event with an unknown outcome.¹ It encompasses:

Gaming

Gambling where random chance, rather than say, sporting form, determines the outcome. Gaming includes lotteries, gaming machines, casino table games, football pools, interactive gaming and minor gaming (which is the collective name given to raffles, bingo and lucky envelopes etc).¹

Wagering

Wagering is all legal forms of gambling on racing and sporting events.²

Forms of gambling in Australia¹

	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	TAS	ACT	NT
Racing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sports betting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lotteries	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gaming machines ³	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ⁴	✓	✓ ⁵	✓
Casino gaming	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keno	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ ⁶	✓	✓	✓ ⁷
Football pools	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Interactive ⁸	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Minor gaming	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Important Note

The number of businesses providing gambling services in Australia refers to the number of gambling forms available within venues; therefore it does not correspond to the number of venues. For example, where a hotel has gaming machines and a TAB agency on the premises, the number of businesses at the hotel is given as two. This holds for all businesses except casinos, where all gambling forms

¹ Adapted from Tasmanian Gaming Commission (2004) Australian Gambling Statistics 1977-78 to 2002-03, A Report prepared by KPMG Consulting (including amendments).

² Office of Economic and Statistical Research (2005) Australian Gambling Statistics 2005.

³ In hotels and clubs.

⁴ Gaming machines are permitted in the casino only.

⁵ Gaming machines are permitted in hotels and clubs in the ACT, but not in the casino.

⁶ Keno is permitted in the casino only in Western Australia.

⁷ Permitted in clubs, hotels and casinos in the Northern Territory.

⁸ Australian residents are not permitted to access interactive gaming sites under the Commonwealth Interactive Gambling Act 2001 that came into effect in August 2001.

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within a casino (with the exception of TABs) have been classed as one business.

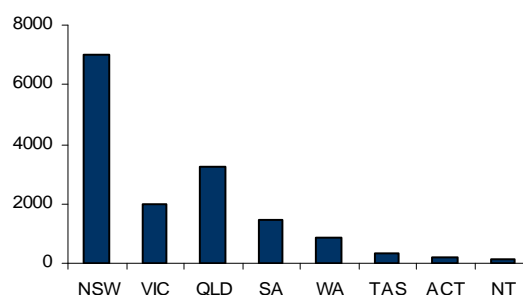
Estimated number of gambling businesses in Australia by type (2005-06)⁹

Business type	Number
Businesses at clubs ¹⁰	3,375
Businesses at hotels ¹¹	5,939
TAB outlets ¹²	1,171
Casinos	13
Lotteries	4,756
Total	15,254

Estimated number of gambling businesses in Australia by state/territory (2005-06)⁹

Location	Number
New South Wales	7,015
Victoria	1,997
Queensland	3,223
South Australia	1,486
Western Australia	850
Tasmania	316
Australian Capital Territory	208
Northern Territory	159
Total	15,254

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⁹ Australian Casino Association (2006), industry interviews and state/territory Gambling Authority annual reports.

¹⁰ Includes clubs with gaming machines and TAB facilities.

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¹² This does not include TAB facilities in clubs and hotels as these are incorporated within the table as 'businesses at clubs/hotels'. This figure does include standalone outlets, on-course, 'other' (eg. newsagents, mobile outlets etc.) and at casinos.