

Gaming in Australia

What is 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

Lotteries

Lotteries are conducted Australia-wide by both government and commercial operators. There are three components to a lottery, the purchase of a ticket, a draw and a prize. Prizes are based on the total amounts wagered after deduction of a set percentage by the operator to cover costs.¹

Lottery operators in Australia

Location	Licensee
New South Wales	NSW Lotteries
Victoria	Tattersall's
Queensland	Golden Casket
South Australia	SA Lotteries
Western Australia	Lotterywest
Tasmania	Tattersall's
Australian Capital Territory	NSW Lotteries Tattersall's
Northern Territory	Tattersall's

Keno

Computerised keno systems operate in clubs and/or hotels in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory. In 1998-99, keno was introduced into Star City Casino (Sydney). Keno is a game where a player wagers that their chosen numbers will match any of the 20 numbers randomly selected from a group of 80 numbers via a computer system or a ball draw device.²

Casino gaming

Bets at casinos are laid on table games, gaming machines and keno systems. Casino gaming is highly regulated and has set rules and fixed odds (approved by the relevant regulatory authorities) designed to return a percentage from each wager to the casino operator.¹ The 13 casinos in Australia operated 1,153 tables during 2005-06³, including games such as Blackjack, Roulette, Poker and Baccarat.

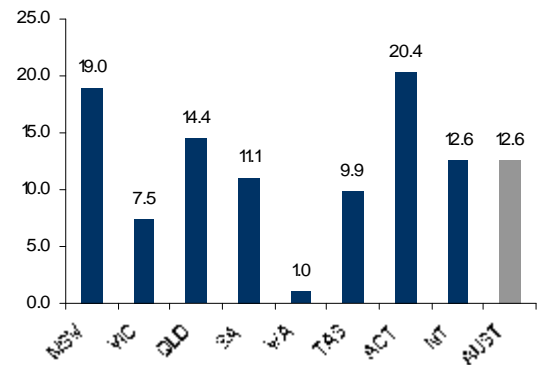
Casinos in Australia by state/territory

Location	Casino
NSW	Star City - Sydney
VIC	Crown Casino - Melbourne
QLD	Conrad Treasury Casino - Brisbane Jupiters Townsville - Townsville Reef Casino - Cairns Conrad Jupiters Casino - Gold Coast
SA	SKYCITY Adelaide
WA	Burswood Casino - Perth
TAS	Country Club Casino - Launceston Wrest Point Casino - Hobart
ACT	Casino Canberra
NT	SKYCITY Darwin Lasseters Casino - Alice Springs

Gaming machines

All states and territories in Australia (except Western Australia) have a state-wide gaming machine network operating in licensed clubs and hotels. There are only two jurisdictions in Australia where the ownership of gaming machines is separated from the provider of them, Victoria⁴ and Tasmania. In other jurisdictions it is the venues which own/lease and operate gaming machines. All casinos in Australia (except in the Australian Capital Territory) operate gaming machines.

Gaming machines per 1,000 adults in Australia by state/territory⁵



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Pools

The Pools is a numbers game of chance where the winning numbers are based on the results of the United Kingdom or Australian soccer matches. Each week 38 soccer matches are selected to form a “match list”. Each match is assigned a number from 1 to 38. The results of the matches are then collected and ranked, with scored draws ranked highest and home score wins ranked lowest. The six highest ranked match numbers are then used as the official results numbers for the Pools draw.²

1 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 Australian Casino Association (2006)

4 Please note change to the Victorian gaming machine licence arrangements post 2012 as announced by the Victorian Government indicate a move to an owner operator system of gaming machine operation.

5 State/territory Gaming Authority annual reports (2005-06), Australian Casino Association (2006) and Australian Bureau of Statistics.