



Pokies in Victoria: 2015-2016

How many pokies are there in Victoria?

In total there are 29,165 licensed gaming machines in Victoria including:

- Crown Casino: 2,628
- Gaming venues and hotels:
 - In Melbourne: 18,794
 - In regional Victoria: 7,536

How many pokies venues are there in Victoria?

In total there are 500 pokies venues in Victoria divided between clubs (240) and hotels (260).

How much money is spent on pokies in Victoria and how much tax revenue is collected?

According to the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation, in 2015-2016:

- \$2.617 billion was spent on pokies in clubs (\$987 million) and hotels (\$1,720 million)
- \$961.3 million was collected in taxes the previous year.

Problem Gamblers and Pokies in Victoria

The 2014 Study of gambling and health in Victorian found:

- 66 per cent of problem gamblers used poker machines and 50 per cent listed pokies as the form of gambling they spent most money on.
- Forty four per cent of problem gamblers played gaming machines in a casino.
- Just over 86 per cent of the problem gamblers who played pokies reported doing so in pubs, while almost 65 per cent reported playing them in clubs.

Sixty four per cent of people who played pokies in the past 12 months did not experience harm.

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The top 10 venues for losses in Victoria in 2015-2016

	Venue	Local Government Area	Expenditure (losses)
1.	Epping Plaza Hotel	Whittlesea	\$21.108 million
2.	Gladstone Park Hotel	Hume	\$19.005 million
3.	Keysborough Hotel	Greater Dandenong	\$18.319 million
4.	Plough Hotel	Whittlesea	\$18.193 million
5.	Kealba Hotel	Brimbank	\$18.122 million
6.	Skyways Taverner	Moonee Valley	\$17.259 million
7.	Bundoora Taverner	Whittlesea	\$17.168 million
8.	Highways Sandown	Greater Dandenong	\$17.132 million
9.	Dorset Gardens Hotel	Maroondah	\$16.737 million
10.	Rosstown Hotel	City of Glen Eira	\$16.659 million

The top 10 local government areas in Victoria for per capita spend on pokies in 2015-2016

	Local Government Area	Expenditure (losses)	Average loss per adult (based on population).
1	City of Brimbank	\$143.046 million	\$905
2	City of Casey	\$124.818 million	\$561
3	City of Greater Dandenong	\$118.837 million	\$974
4	City of Greater Geelong	\$111.854 million	\$613
5	City of Monash	\$111.391 million	\$775
6	City of Hume	\$106.044 million	\$721
7	City of Whittlesea	\$103.399 million	\$679
8	City of Wyndham	\$97.385 million	\$621
9	City of Darebin	\$84.324 million	\$675
10	City of Kingston	\$83.473 million	\$672

Note: The above statistics relate to **2015-2016**, current at June 30, 2016