



Snapshot – Pokies expenditure in Victoria 2015-16

The Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) has released [pokies expenditure figures for 2015-16](#).

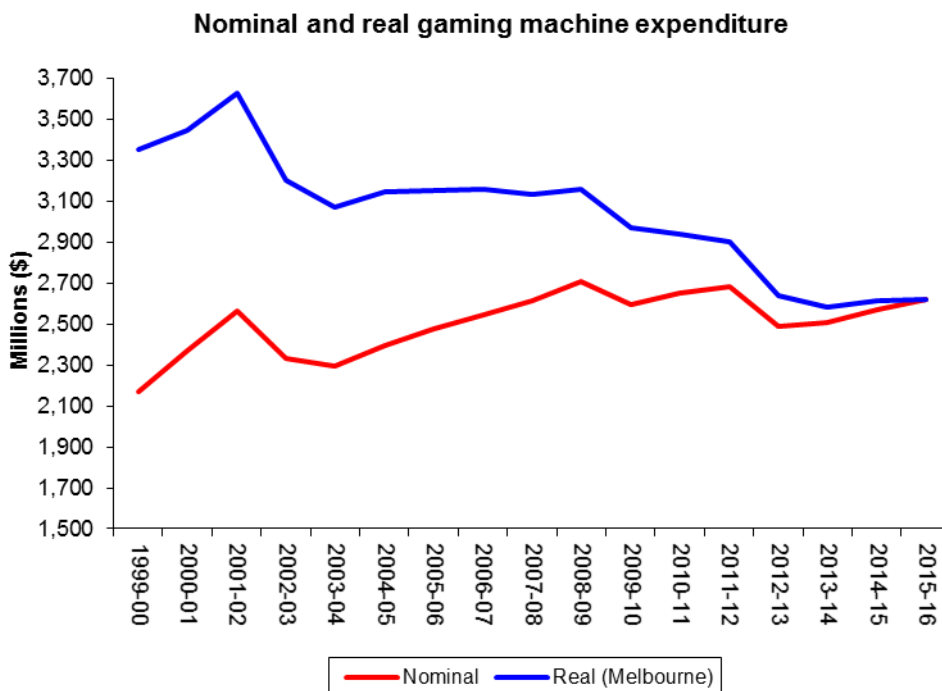
The figures show player losses (expenditure) of \$2.617 billion. This is an increase of \$45 million (or 1.74%) from 2014-15.

At 30 June 2016, there were 26,330 machines operating at 500 venues, compared to 26,264 machines operating at 506 venues at 30 June 2015. So the number of operating machines in Victoria has increased by 66 but they are available in 6 fewer venues.

Note: these figures and those below do not include losses on pokies at Crown casino, which operates 2,628 machines.

How big is the increase in expenditure really?

The current CPI rate for Melbourne is 1.6%¹, so player losses have increased at a rate slightly higher than inflation, representing a real increase of 0.14%. This table shows changes in player losses in nominal terms (before inflation) and real terms (after inflation) since 1999.



Source: Calculated by Gambling Information Resource Office (GIRO) based on 2016 figures published by VCGLR and Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)

¹ Calculated as average Melbourne CPI over 4 quarters to 30 June 2016

Changes in expenditure can vary significantly across venues and by local government area (LGA).

Changes in expenditure by LGA (not adjusted for inflation)

- The **metropolitan** LGAs with the **largest increase** in player losses in 2015-16 were:
 - City of Casey – up by \$5.433 million (+4.6%)
 - City of Wyndham – up by \$4.268 million (+4.6%)
 - City of Melbourne – up by \$3.902 million (+5.1%)
 - City of Maroondah – up by \$3.490 million (+5.7%)
 - Shire of Mornington Peninsula – up by \$2.981 million (+3.8%)
 - City of Melton – up by \$2.686 million (+4.7%)
 - City of Glen Eira – up by \$2.658 million (+3.6%)
- The **regional** Victoria LGAs with the **largest increase** in player losses in 2015-16 were:
 - Shire of Baw Baw – up by \$1.366 million (+10.3%)
 - Shire of East Gippsland – up by \$1.296 million (+5.8%)
 - City of Greater Bendigo – up by \$1.018 million (+2.1%)
 - Rural City of Swan Hill – up by \$0.995 million (+15.2%)
- The LGAs with the **largest decrease** in player losses in 2015-16 were:
 - City of Monash – down by \$2.965 million (-2.6%)
 - City of Bayside – down by \$2.198 million (-13.9%)
 - City of Boroondara – down by \$0.960 million (-4.6%)
 - City of Port Phillip – down by \$0.747 million (-2.6%)
 - Shire of Northern Grampians – down by \$0.664 million (-13.9%)

Largest Losses by LGA

		2015-16 (\$million)	2014-15 (\$million)	% change
1.	City of Brimbank	\$143.046	\$141.609	+1.0
2.	City of Casey	\$124.818	\$119.384	+4.6
3.	City of Greater Dandenong	\$118.837	\$117.005	+1.6
4.	City of Greater Geelong	\$111.854	\$111.581	+0.2
5.	City of Monash	\$111.391	\$114.356	-2.6
6.	City of Hume	\$106.044	\$104.944	+1.1

7.	City of Whittlesea	\$103.399	\$101.647	+1.7
8.	City of Wyndham	\$97.385	\$93.117	+4.6
9.	City of Darebin	\$84.324	\$83.857	+0.6
10.	City of Kingston	\$83.473	\$81.510	+2.4

Largest Losses by venue

	Venue and number of pokies	2015-16 (\$million)	2014-15 (\$million)	% change
1.	Epping Plaza Hotel (City of Whittlesea)	\$21.108	\$21.137	-0.1
2.	Gladstone Park Hotel (City of Hume)	\$19.005	\$18.745	+1.4
3.	Keysborough Hotel (City of Greater Dandenong)	\$18.319	\$19.706	-7.0
4.	Plough Hotel (City of Whittlesea)	\$18.193	\$18.308	-0.6
5.	Kealba Hotel (City of Brimbank)	\$18.122	\$17.788	+1.9
6.	Skyways Taverner (City of Moonee Valley)	\$17.259	\$18.595	-7.2
7.	Bundoora Taverner (City of Whittlesea)	\$17.168	\$18.124	-5.3
8.	Highways Sandown (City of Greater Dandenong)	\$17.132	\$15.832	+8.2
9.	Dorset Gardens Hotel (City of Maroondah)	\$16.737	\$15.804	+5.9
10.	Rosstown Hotel (City of Glen Eira)	\$16.659	\$15.705	+6.1
11.	Berwick Springs Hotel (City of Casey)	\$16.536	\$14.818	+11.6
12.	Roxburgh Park Hotel (City of Hume)	\$15.947	\$15.185	+5.0

Clubs compared to hotels

- Player losses by venue type were:
 - Hotels – \$1.720 billion (13,609 machines)
 - Clubs - \$0.897 billion (12,721 machines)
- Average loss per machine was:
 - Hotel – \$126,384
 - Club – \$70,494
 - Average all pokies - \$99,381

Further information

The VCGLR releases figures for electronic gaming machine expenditure (pokies losses) in spreadsheets that cover [both LGAs and venues](#). Note that changes in expenditure in venues and in LGAs can be cross-checked for changes in available machines throughout the year.

Further figures will be released shortly that show the density of machines and the average loss per adult for each LGA.

Victoria is the only state in Australia that publically makes available such detailed information.

The VCGLR also [provides a map](#) that allows users to locate pokies, wagering and keno venues across Victoria.

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