HISTORY OF GAMBLING IN CANADA

Did you ever think of the origins of Canadian gambling? How it started? Who was the pioneer in this field? Why did gambling gain such an immense popularity? Surprisingly, we bet you have never heard of these facts, and, what's more, you'll be extremely thrilled to read this page!

Why do we think so? Well, just try to put a line between medieval Italy and indigenous population of Canada. Or, find any connection between Criminal Code of Canada and... horses? Besides, what's the similarity between the beginning of the twentieth century, charity, and bingo? Yes, NativeCasinos is going to inform you about each of these weird comparisons and let you know even more!

You may also wonder like why on earth you should know this information and how it can be useful when you gamble offline or online now, in the 21st century. It seems to be logical to ask that.

Nevertheless, we are sure that when you know the origins of the casino games, you can easier work out a special and unique strategy to win the casinos! Sounds fantastic, right?

We have prepared some exclusive infographics for your convenience to rapidly discover the essential stages of gambling development in Canada! Trust us, you'll be genuinely surprised!

CANADIAN GAMBLING HISTORY

Origins

1 CANADIAN GAMBLING PREHISTORY
The first instances of gambling on the territory of modern Canada are traced back to 6000 B.C.

2 MEDIEVAL TIME
Back in 1497, the first chance games were brought to the territory of modern Canada by Italian voyageur, John Cabot

3 LEGAL HORSE RACING
Horse racing got absolutely legit in 1892, as it was the only gambling activity not to be banned by Criminal Code

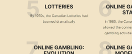
4 LAND-BASED CASINOS
Land-based casinos had become absolutely legal by 1930s in Canada (similarly to the whole of Europe)

5 LOTTERIES
By 1970s, the Canadian Lotteries had boomed dramatically

6 ONLINE GAMBLING: START
In 1985, the Canadian government allowed the connection between the gambling activities and computers

7 ONLINE GAMBLING: EVOLUTION
With the spread of computer-based technology, VLTs, or fruit slots, emerged in online space

8 ONLINE GAMBLING: MODERNITY
There are numerous types of gambling activities being designed: from the flash games to the cutting-edge VR offers



HORSE RACING

1 253 (!) YEARS AGO
The first horse racing event took place in 1767. It was on The Plains of Abraham near Quebec City

2 FIRST HORSE RACING CLUBS
The first horse racing clubs — the Québec Turf Club and the King's Plate — emerged in 1787 and in 1836, accordingly

3 FAME
The most famous horse racing track is Woodbine Race Track in Toronto (since 1956). The most famous events are: Woodbine Oaks, Prince of Wales Stakes, Breeder's Stakes, and the Canadian Derby.

4 REVENUES
Canadian horse industry contributes $19.6 billion annually to the economy of Canada

5 ONTARIO: REVENUES
Ontario is known to be the biggest province from the viewpoint of horse racing. It generates about $4.5 billion to the country's economy

6 NOWADAYS
Currently, there are about 40 horse racing tracks in Canada to allow betting on this sport

7 ONLINE
If you don't reside in canada, you can legally bet online in all horse racing tournaments

8 IN THE FUTURE
The revenue growth is planned in the future. It's forecast to bring at least three times more than now within the next 3 years

LOTTERIES

Canadian Lottery: Quick Facts

1 $687 MILLION
This sum was won by the lottery gamers of British Columbia from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018

2 THE LOTTERY PRIZES
The lottery prizes of $50 million Lotto Max jackpots were won in Canada in October 2010, March 2014, and April 2016

3 THE LARGEST LOTTERY PRIZES
The largest jackpot ever won in Canada was known to reach up to $64 million for a Lotto 6/49 draw in October 2015

4 THE LARGEST ONLINE WIN
In August 2016, the biggest online-based jackpot won was worth $21 million. It was registered in British Columbia, Canada

Canadian Lottery Operators Facts

Lotto 6/49 Facts:

June 3, 1982: Ticket sales started
68% Lotto 6/49 tickets are sold via Quick Pick
1:13 per $3 play Odds of winning a Lotto 6/49 jackpot
Two $1 million Guaranteed Prize Draw winners made a week, i.e 2 new millionaires a week across
71 $1 million Guaranteed Prize Draw winning tickets in B.C from Sept 2013 to May 5, 2020

Lotto Max Facts:

Sept 19, 2009 Lotto Max ticket sales began
3 $50 million Lotto Max jackpots won in B.C. since Sept 2009 – Nov 2018
1:28,633,528 per $5 play Odds of winning a jackpot or $1 million Maxmillion prize
142 Maxmillion winners in B.C. up to May 5, 2020

SLOT MACHINES

Canadian Slot Machines: Quick Facts

1 BEGINNINGS
In the late 1990s, government slot machines were introduced in Alberta and Ontario. As of February 2003, there were 624 slot machines all over Canada

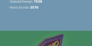
2 GENDERS MATTER
In Canada, men spend for slots three times more than women: $914 compared with $261

3 THE BIGGEST WIN
The biggest win from the slot machines took place in April 2004, and it was equal to $5.8 million. The winner won it at a Niagara Falls casino

4 WHERE?
The largest number of slot machines is recorded in Ontario

Number Of Slot Machines By Province

- Ontario: **22981**
- Alberta: **20528**
- Quebec: **16477**
- British Columbia: **12949**
- Manitoba: **10070**
- Saskatchewan: **7536**
- Nova Scotia: **3576**



ONLINE GAMBLING

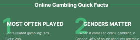
Online Gambling Quick Facts

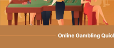
1 MOST OFTEN PLAYED
- Sport-related gambling: 37%
- Slots: 28%
- Poker & roulette: 11%
- Other types of casino games: 24%

2 GENDERS MATTER
When it comes to online gambling in Canada, 46% of online accounts are male and 54% are females

3 GEO
39% of gamblers are from Ontario. Yes, Ontario is the 'capital' of online gambling

4 NUMBERS
There are 2000+ online casino sites registered by Canadian Gaming Association





LAND-BASED CASINOS

Online Gambling Quick Facts

1 NUMBERS
There are 100+ land-based casinos in Canada

2 SIZE MATTERS
Casino De Montreal is believed to be one of the largest casinos of the world located in Quebec and the largest casino in Canada.

3 EXPENSES
Average spend per player per casino visit:
- Poker: CA$53
- Roulette/Craps: CA$50
- Blackjack: CA$50
- Slots: CA$50

4 VOLUME
In Canada, there are 34K+ land-based gambling spots

MISCELLANEOUS

The overall revenue of gambling industry in Canada in 2019 was CA$20.2, while in 2017 it was CA$17.3 billion!

The overall revenue of gambling industry in Ontario as of 2019 was CA$9.012, while in 2017, it was CA$7.445 billion

By 2023, all land-based casinos in Canada are planned to power the virtual reality-based games

The total revenue of the gambling industry in Quebec is CA$3.6 billion

Canadian residents gambling in the US, have to pay 30% tax of their winning. All Canadian gambling-related winnings are also taxable!

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EARLY HISTORY OF GAMBLING IN CANADA

We'd not consider in details that fact that the first traces of gambling on the territory of modern Canada was marked by 6000 B.C. The more important data is the year of 1497. That was the date when an Italian navigator, John Cabot, brought some primitive games of chance to the area that by 1867 had been known as Canada.

Yes, it was the early stage of Canadian gambling development. And it was one of the most significant stages, since it gave rise to the immeasurable diversity of the gambling activities that we can enjoy at present.

SPORT-RELATED GAMBLING

Officially, the year of 1892 is possible to refer to the beginning of legal gambling in Canada. It is so, since,

- The first bans and legal regulations related to gambling emerged;
- Horse racing became the first legal activity to bet on;
- Criminal Code of Canada released that year clearly indicated all rules and restrictions as for horse racing betting and other activities.

LOTTERIES: A SHORT HISTORY

- Lotto 6/49;
- Super Loto; and
- The Provincial.

PROVINCE	SALES REVENUES
Ontario	CA$4 101,53
British Columbia	CA$1 386,02
Quebec	CA$955,74
Alberta	CA$948,23
Newf. & Lab.	CA$283,10
Manitoba	CA$248,54
Nova Scotia	CA$243,86
Saskatchewan	CA$226,28
New Brunswick	CA$164,23
Prince Edward Island	CA$38,82
NW Territories	CA$20,31

THE FIRST LAND-BASED CASINOS

SLOT MACHINES

Currently, there is no acute need to attend a land-based casino to gamble. You can easily use online casinos to play any kind of slots!

THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD IN CANADIAN GAMBLING

- Toronto, Ontario;
- Vancouver, British Columbia.

GAMBLING REGULATION

- Antigua and Barbuda Financial Services Regulatory Commission;
- Alderney Gambling Control Commission;
- Gibraltar Regulatory Authority;
- Kahnawake Gaming Commission, and
- UK Gambling Commission.

TAXATION

FOR CANADIAN GAMBLERS PLAYING IN CANADA

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