

Non-problem Gambling and low risk gambling

Non-problem gambling

73% of the Queensland population, or an estimated 1.9 million people, gamble with no difficulties. These people display no behavioural indicators of problem gambling and do not experience any adverse consequences from gambling.

The non-problem gambling group are generally representative of the general adult population in terms of gender and age, although they are slightly less likely to be aged 18–34.

Most participate in no more than three gambling activities, the most popular of which are:

- instant scratch-its, lotto or lottery which is played by 83% of this group
- raffle and art union tickets (70%)
- poker and gaming machines (35%)

This group do not gamble heavily. They limit their gambling on poker or gaming machines to about four times a year, and on lotto, instant Scratch-Its and the like about once a fortnight.

Low risk gambling

In Queensland, the low risk gambling group is estimated to be 8.18% of the adult population, or an estimated 216,000 people. This group has not experienced any adverse consequences from gambling. Like the non-problem group, the low risk group is generally representative of the general population in terms of age and gender.

Most in this group participate in fewer than four activities, the most popular of which are:

- Instant Scratch-Its, Lotto or lottery (84%)
- Raffle and art union tickets (68%)
- Poker and gaming machines (61%)

This group does not gamble as heavily as the problem gambling group, although they do gamble more often than the non-problem gambling group. The low risk group play lotto, instant Scratch-Its and like games just less than once a week, and play poker machines an average of once a month. 37% of this group display at risk behaviour, in that they gamble in four or more gambling activities.

Source:

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