
WASHOE COUNTY GAMING FOOTPRINT, 1963-2023

TOTAL LICENSES, GAMES, TABLES, AND SLOTS

This report charts the changing footprint of the gaming industry in Washoe County. Beginning in 1963, we have an unbroken series of records detailing the number of licenses (places where gambling is permitted to be conducted), games (table games and bingo, keno, and race and sports book operations), tables (non-house-banked games), and slot machines.

For almost the entire period, we have information on the breakdown of tables; although now all tables are poker games, the game of pan was popular for many years. Starting in 2013, interactive poker sites are also tracked.

Since 1983, we can track the breakdown of slot machines in restricted locations (15 machines or fewer) and nonrestricted ones (16 or more machines and other games).

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Notes and Definitions

All data taken from 4th quarter Nevada Gaming Commission Quarterly Report for its respective year, and is current as of December 31st of that year.

Licenses includes restricted slots only, non-restricted slots only, slot operators, & non-restricted slots and games from 1963-1982; from 1983 onward, also includes manufacturers, distributors, and slot route operators.

Games include craps, roulette, blackjack, baccarat, bingo, keno, race book, sports book, and other casino games.

Tables include poker, pan, gin, and other non-house-edge games; it does not include interactive tables.

Slots includes all slot machines and mobile gaming devices.

N/A means no answer, number is unknown.

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Licenses, Games, Tables, & Slots

Year	Licenses	Games	Tables	Slots
1963	265	394	25	7,271
1964	260	388	16	7,616
1965	275	357	20	8,109
1966	273	396	14	8,301
1967	255	368	16	8,196
1968	281	386	14	8,391
1969	266	407	11	9,904
1970	272	431	16	10,744
1971	280	449	19	10,922
1972	301	495	17	11,608
1973	310	557	19	13,079
1974	312	600	24	12,675
1975	322	665	45	13,714
1976	332	780	43	15,907
1977	329	786	43	16,812
1978	323	1,031	74	22,039
1979	316	1,023	80	23,674
1980	351	1,051	82	24,288
1981	348	1,166	108	25,167
1982	351	974	98	23,285
1983	441	938	111	24,524
1984	468	964	111	25,560
1985	463	996	110	26,734
1986	463	964	117	25,299
1987	481	1,015	131	26,763
1988	541	1,020	96	28,207
1989	556	992	101	28,537
1990	566	975	98	28,950
1991	548	965	88	29,079
1992	545	944	96	29,692
1993	524	959	79	30,474

Year	Licenses	Games	Tables	Slots
1994	538	958	77	31,469
1995	539	1,043	69	32,851
1996	532	1,017	72	33,220
1997	530	968	63	32,767
1998	541	933	57	32,452
1999	540	936	88	33,297
2000	537	906	60	32,250
2001	533	903	55	32,038
2002	511	845	53	30,675
2003	515	790	57	29,665
2004	522	756	69	28,102
2005	510	720	91	27,300
2006	521	689	90	26,443
2007	512	681	96	26,851
2008	478	632	97	24,417
2009	461	578	111	22,409
2010	435	560	112	21,535
2011	446	552	89	21,266
2012	465	561	74	20,824
2013	466	605	80	22,123
2014	446	567	70	21,172
2015	435	580	63	21,048
2016	437	530	61	19,982
2017	428	510	59	19,647
2018	434	493	57	19,776
2019	436	461	56	19,236
2020	425	383	34	16,362
2021	418	380	47	17,514
2022	414	384	45	17,991
2023	407	373	45	18,256

Tables Detail

Year	Poker	Pan	Other
1963	16	6	3
1964	15	1	0
1965	13	7	0
1966	8	6	0
1967	12	4	0
1968	11	2	1
1969	6	5	0
1970	11	5	0
1971	13	6	0
1972	14	3	0
1973	16	3	0
1974	24	0	0
1975	42	3	0
1976	39	4	0
1977	40	3	0
1978	66	7	1
1979	72	7	1
1980	N/A	N/A	N/A
1981	N/A	N/A	N/A
1982	N/A	N/A	N/A
1983	108	2	1
1984	108	2	1
1985	107	1	2
1986	114	1	2
1987	127	4	0
1988	93	3	0
1989	98	3	0
1990	95	3	0
1991	86	2	0
1992	94	2	0
1993	77	2	0

Year	Poker	Pan	Other
1994	75	2	0
1995	69	0	0
1996	72	0	0
1997	63	0	0
1998	57	0	0
1999	88	0	0
2000	60	0	0
2001	55	0	0
2002	53	0	0
2003	57	0	0
2004	69	0	0
2005	91	0	0
2006	90	0	0
2007	96	0	0
2008	97	0	0
2009	111	0	0
2010	112	0	0
2011	89	0	0
2012	74	0	0
2013	80	0	0
2014	70	0	0
2015	63	0	0
2016	61	0	0
2017	57	0	0
2018	57	0	0
2019	56	0	0
2020	34	0	0
2021	47	0	0
2022	45	0	0
2023	45	0	0

Slots Detail: Restricted vs. Nonrestricted

Year	Restricted	Nonrestricted	Total
1983	1,688	22,836	24,524
1984	1,854	23,706	25,560
1985	2,068	24,666	26,734
1986	2,200	23,099	25,299
1987	2,525	24,238	26,763
1988	2,877	25,330	28,207
1989	3,142	25,395	28,537
1990	3,337	25,613	28,950
1991	3,223	25,856	29,079
1992	3,240	26,452	29,692
1993	2,918	27,556	30,474
1994	2,958	28,511	31,469
1995	3,009	29,842	32,851
1996	3,005	30,215	33,220
1997	3,021	29,746	32,767
1998	3,181	29,271	32,452
1999	3,324	29,973	33,297
2000	3,369	28,881	32,250
2001	3,398	28,640	32,038
2002	3,317	27,358	30,675
2003	3,368	26,297	29,665

Year	Restricted	Nonrestricted	Total
2004	3,546	24,556	28,102
2005	3,512	23,788	27,300
2006	3,658	22,785	26,443
2007	3,637	23,214	26,851
2008	3,159	21,258	24,417
2009	3,050	19,359	22,409
2010	2,840	18,695	21,535
2011	2,779	18,487	21,266
2012	2,799	18,025	20,824
2013	2,831	19,292	22,123
2014	2,758	18,414	21,172
2015	2,731	18,317	21,048
2016	2,747	17,235	19,982
2017	2,721	17,019	19,740
2018	2,728	17,048	19,776
2019	2,755	16,481	19,236
2020	2,406	13,956	16,362
2021	2,641	14,873	17,514
2022	2,633	15,358	17,991
2023	2,585	15,671	18,256