

Response

Thank you for your request for information in relation to gambling in Lincoln.

- 1. the amount of money spent on gambling in the city of Lincoln for the years 2014, 2013 and 2012, including figures on casino's, bingo, betting shops and arcades.**

The Commission does collect information from licensed gambling operators on the revenue they generate but we do not collect this on a geographical basis. Operators report figures based on their whole estate which can extend across Great Britain (as with large betting operators for example). We do not hold information specific to the area of Lincoln.

You can find the aggregated data in our [Industry Statistics document](#).

- 2. the number of gambling establishments in Lincoln in the same years as indicated above.**

Licensing of premises is the responsibility of the relevant licensing authorities. The licensing department at the relevant Council should be able to provide an up to date list of licensed premises.

We do receive notifications from licensing authorities regarding the licensed premises in their areas and we make this available on our website here: [premises database extract](#). We cannot provide any assurance on the completeness and accuracy of this data.

The premises database is a live system so we are unable to extract historical data. We have however extracts that were created for various reasons between 2009 and 2015 and these can be accessed here (as a zipped file attached to a previous FOI response): https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/all_previous_premises_license_da#incoming-611361

- 3. the number of gambling establishments for the different regions of England for the same years as indicated above.**

Please see question 2.

- 4. the figures on how much is spent on gambling in England in relation to the different regions for the same years as indicated before.**

We do not hold this information for the reasons outlined in the response to question 1.

- 5. how many people in Lincoln where employed by gambling businesses in 2014.**

We do not hold this information.

Review of the decision

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your Freedom of Information request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to FOI Team, Gambling Commission, 4th floor, Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B2 4BP.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Gambling Commission. The ICO can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.

I would like to know the amount of money spent on gambling in the city of Lincoln for the years 2014, 2013 and 2012, including figures on casino's, bingo, betting shops and arcades.

Also the number of gambling establishments in Lincoln in the same years as indicated above.

I would also like figures for the number of gambling establishments for the different regions of England for the same years as indicated above.

I would also like the figures on how much is spent on gambling in England in relation to the different regions for the same years as indicated before.

And also how many people in Lincoln where employed by gambling businesses in 2014.

I would be interested in any information held by your organisation regarding my request. I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and that it is the department's responsibility to provide the information I require. If you need further clarification, please contact me by email.

I would like to receive the information via email on the same address I have contacted you on.

If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. I will also expect you to release all non-exempt material. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to charge excessive fees.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing/by email that you have received this request. I look forward to your response within 20 working days, as outlined by the statute.