

Response

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

After completing a review of our records I can confirm the Gambling Commission does not hold data at this sort of geographical level. Our remit is to report gambling participation and rates of problem gambling across Great Britain as a whole; we do not have the base sizes to accurately report anything at city level.

For further Information you may wish to look at the participation and problem gambling rates from the [Scottish Health Survey](#) and apply this to their estimate of how many adults aged 16+ live in Dundee.

The Scottish Health Survey has been run since 2012 and the most recent data we have relates to 2015 (2016 data will be available around September time this year).

The following Table shows the rates for 2012-2015:

	2012	2013	2014	2015
Overall gambling participation (past 12 months) (%)	63.0	66.3	65.0	67.8
Problem gambler according to either DSM-IV or PGSI (%)	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.7

The problem gambling rate is based on anyone who scored as a problem gamblers on either the PGSI or DSM-IV (the two problem gambling surveys which are used as standard in the Health Surveys).

I hope you find this information useful.

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 make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. If however this request is too wide or too unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the act, you are required to advise and assist requesters.

1. I am seeking information on the amount of money spent by people in Dundee on fixed odds betting machines, broken down each year, for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
2. Can I also receive a figure for each of those five years, taking into account money that was won and then gambled away again in Dundee.
3. Further, could you please details the cash value of money lost by people in Dundee for each of those five years.
4. For each of the five years, can the Gambling Commission please reveal what the estimated player population was in Dundee for that year, how many of those were deemed "a risk" or "problem gamblers" and the average amount of money lost by them.

I understand that under the act, I should be entitled to a response within 20 working days. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.