



Moderate Risk and Problem Gamblers

**4% of the South Australian
gambling population**

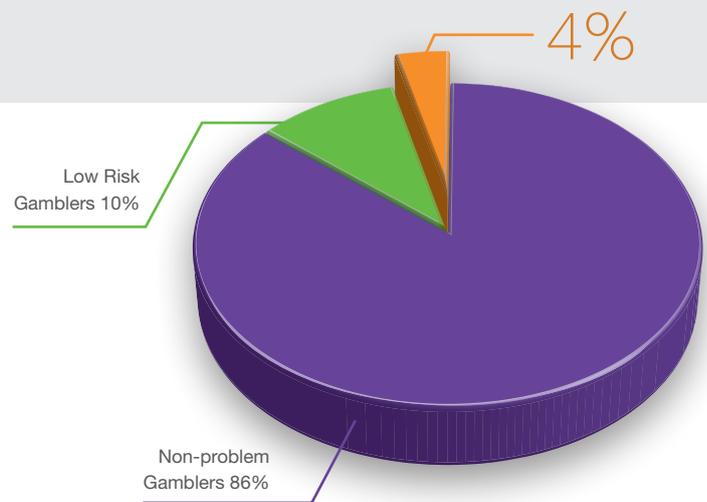
The 2012 survey of Gambling Prevalence in South Australia was conducted during the period October to December 2012. It sought to describe the gambling patterns of adults and young people in South Australia and involved 9,508 telephone interviews.

This fact sheet briefly describes “moderate risk or problem” gamblers, an aggregate of two of the gambling groups identified through the use of the Problem Gambling Severity Index, an assessment tool used to gauge the degree to which a person’s gambling is problematic.

Moderate risk gamblers are defined as those scoring a 3 to 7 on the Problem Gambling Severity Index (PGSI). They may or may not have experienced adverse consequences from gambling.

Problem gamblers are defined as those who have experienced adverse consequences as a result of their gambling and who may have lost control of their gambling behaviour. Problem gamblers have scores of 8 or more on the PGSI.

These two groups have been combined for the purposes of this fact sheet.



Who are moderate risk or problem gamblers?

Marital Status

Moderate/problem gamblers are less likely to be married than less severe gamblers.

Gender: 71% Male, 29% Female

Moderate/problem gamblers are mostly male.

Education

Moderate/problem gamblers are likely to have completed a lower level of education than non-problem or low risk gamblers.

Age: 35% Between the ages of 20-34 years

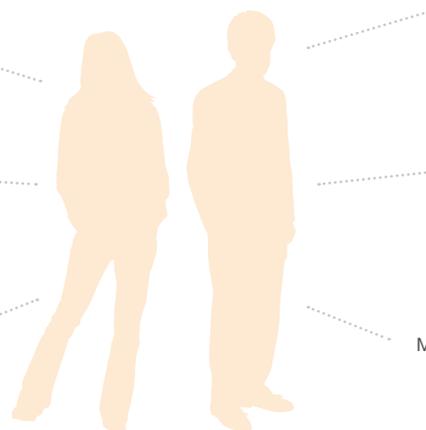
Moderate/problem gamblers are likely to be younger than non-problem gamblers.

Country of Birth: 12% Overseas

Moderate/problem gamblers are less likely to have been born overseas than non-problem gamblers.

Household

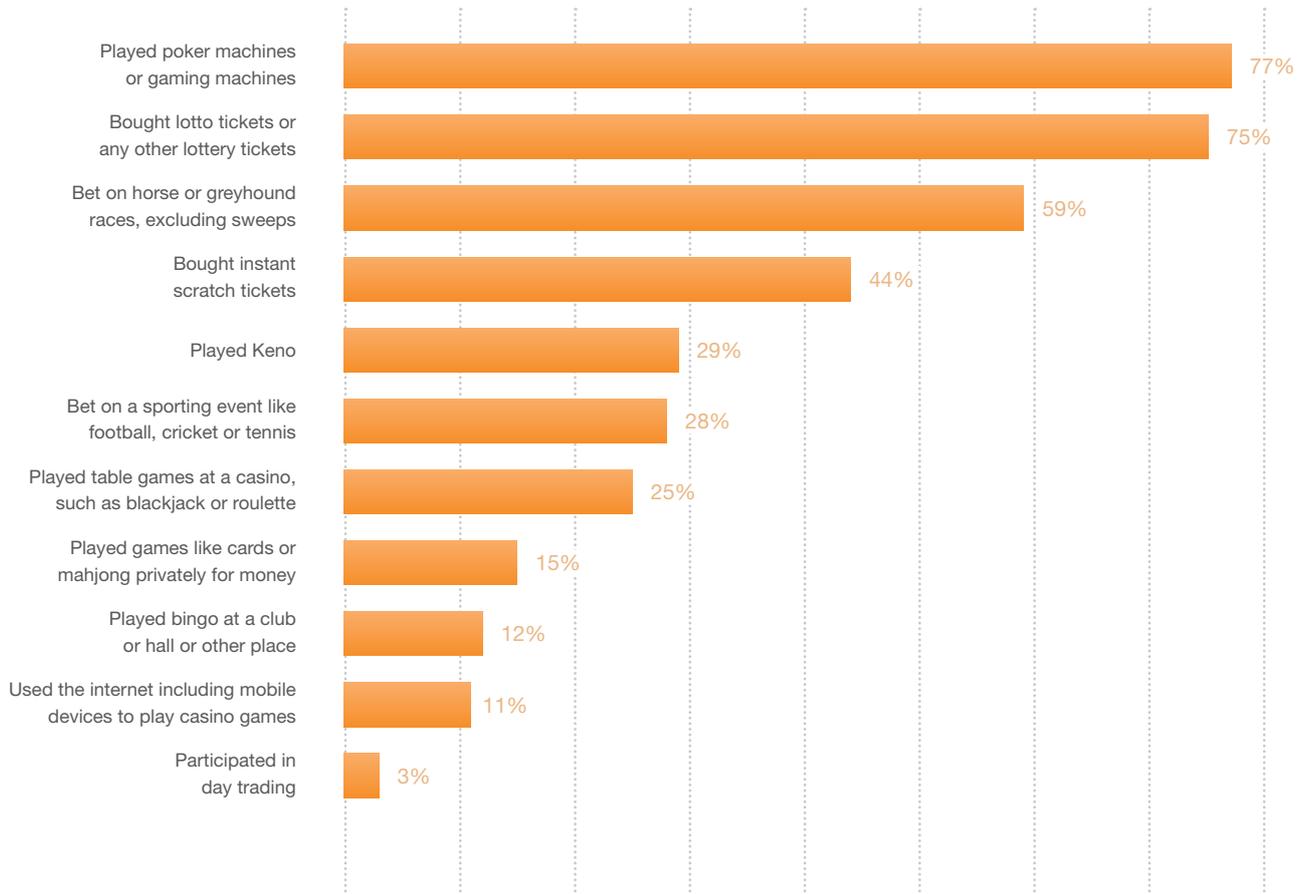
Moderate/problem gamblers are more likely to live in a smaller household and have a lower number of dependants than non-problem or low risk gamblers.





Gambling Behaviour, Moderate Risk and Problem Gamblers

Moderate risk and problem gamblers tend to participate in a wider range of gambling activities.
Casino games, whether played privately or online are popular with this group.



Typical Spend

42% spend between \$50-\$200 per session

44% of moderate and problem gamblers spend **less than \$50** at any one session. A total of **42%** spend \$50-\$200 in a session and **14%** spend **more than \$200** in a typical gambling session.

Binge Gambling

59% spent more than their usual amount on occasion

Most moderate or problem gamblers **spent far more** than their usual amount on at least one occasion over the past 12 months.

Bet More Than You Could Afford to Lose

46% bet more than they could afford "sometimes", "often" or "always"

Almost half of moderate or problem gamblers **bet more than they can afford "sometime"** or more frequently.