Non-Problem Gamblers

86% 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 “non-problem” gamblers, one of four 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.

Non-problem gamblers are defined as those scoring a 0 on the Problem Gambling Severity Index (PGSI). Non-problem gamblers may still be frequent gamblers with heavy involvement in gambling in terms of time and money, but they will not have experienced any adverse consequences.

Who are non-problem gamblers?

Marital Status
Non-problem gamblers are more likely to be married than low risk, moderate or problem gamblers.

Gender: 51% Female, 49% Male
With an almost equal gender split, non-problem gamblers are more likely to be female than low risk, moderate or problem gamblers.

Age: 38% Between the ages of 35–54 years
Non-problem gamblers are likely to be older than low risk, moderate or problem gamblers.

Country of Birth: 15% Overseas
Non-problem gamblers are more likely to have been born overseas than low risk, moderate or problem gamblers.

Education
Non-problem gamblers are likely to have completed a higher level of education than low risk, moderate or problem gamblers.

Household
Non-problem gamblers are more likely to live in a larger household and have a higher number of dependants than low risk, moderate or problem gamblers.

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Gambling Behaviour, Non-Problem Gamblers

The main gambling activity for non-problem gamblers is the purchase of lottery tickets. Approximately 1/3 of non-problem gamblers have played poker machines in the past 12 months.

- Bought lotto tickets or any other lottery tickets: 81%
- Played poker machines or gaming machines: 32%
- Bought instant scratch tickets: 28%
- Bet on horse or greyhound races, excluding sweeps: 26%
- Played Keno: 8%
- Bet on a sporting event like football, cricket or tennis: 7%
- Played table games at a casino, such as blackjack or roulette: 7%
- Played bingo at a club or hall or other place: 3%
- Played games like cards or mahjong privately for money: 3%
- Participated in day trading: 1%
- Used the internet including mobile devices to play casino games: 1%
- Any other gambling activity (excluding sweeps and raffles): 0%

Typical Spend

< $50 per session

93% of non-problem gamblers spend less than $50 at any one session. Only 0.4% of this group spend more than $200 in a typical gambling session.

Binge Gambling

5% spent more than their usual amount on occasion

Only 5% of non-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

Never

100% of non-problem gamblers “never” spent more than they could afford to lose over the past 12 months.

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