



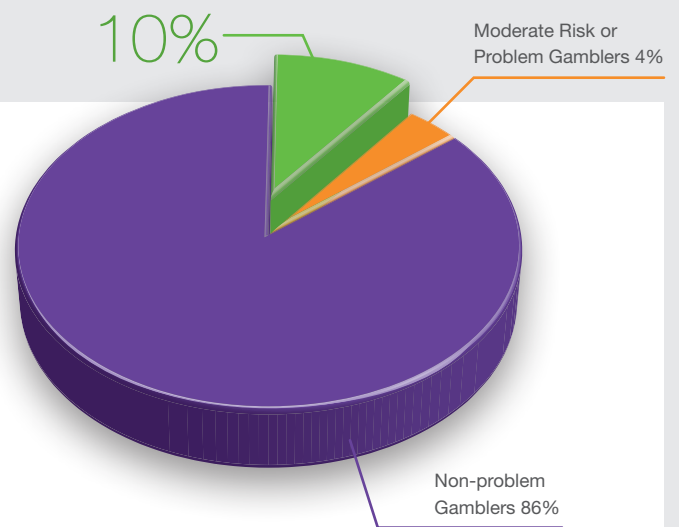
Low Risk Gamblers

10% 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 “low risk” 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.

Low risk gamblers are defined as those scoring a 1 or 2 on the Problem Gambling Severity Index (PGSI). Low risk gamblers are unlikely to have experienced any adverse consequences from gambling and will have answered ‘never’ to most of the indicators of behavioural problems in the PGSI.



Who are low risk gamblers?

Marital Status

Low risk gamblers are more likely to be married than more severe gamblers.

Gender: 58% Male, 42% Female

Although most low risk gamblers are male, they include a higher proportion of females than moderate risk or problem gamblers.

Education

Low risk gamblers are more likely to have completed a higher level of education than moderate risk or problem gamblers, and a lower level than non-problem gamblers.



Age: 36% Between the ages of 20-34 years

Low risk gamblers are likely to be younger than non-problem gamblers.

Country of Birth: 11% Overseas

Low risk gamblers are less likely to have been born overseas than non-problem gamblers.

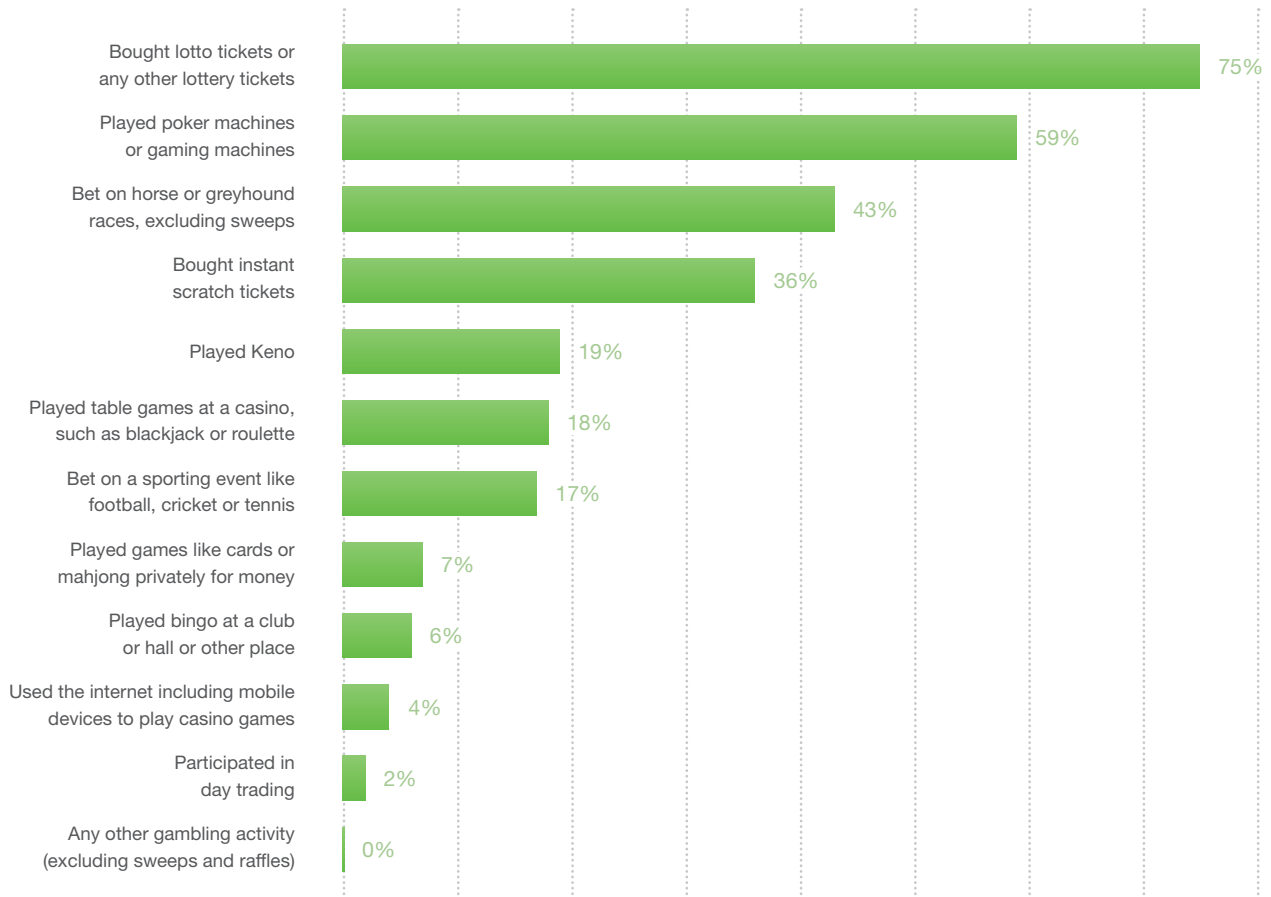
Household

Low risk gamblers are more likely to live in a larger household and have a higher number of dependants than moderate risk or problem gamblers.



Gambling Behaviour, Low Risk Gamblers

The main gambling activity for low risk gamblers is the playing of games like cards for money.
Using the internet to play casino games is also popular with this group.



Typical Spend

78% < \$50 per session

78% of low risk gamblers spend less than \$50 at any one session and 19% spend between \$50 and \$200.

Binge Gambling

24% spent more than their usual amount on occasion

24% of low risk gamblers spend 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” or “Rarely”

92% of low risk gamblers “never” or “rarely” spent more than they could afford to lose over the past 12 months.