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***- 2010-2011  
Alcohol and Gaming Division  
Annual Report***

## The Results Are In...

### *World's top 10 gambling nations named*

When you think about gambling, what comes to mind? For most people, it is glitzy images of show girls and roulette wheels in the city that never sleeps: Las Vegas. Surprisingly though, Americans are *not* among the world's biggest gamblers. Instead, the world's top ten gambling nations include a variety of unlikely candidates.

The rankings of the top gambling nations are based on data from **H2 Gambling Capital**, a consultant firm based in London. To calculate the annual rankings, they take into account average gaming losses (the amount bet and never recovered) in a year divided by the adult population in over 200 countries. The numbers include money lost on all types of betting, horse racing, poker machines, lotteries and casinos, to online gambling participation.

Where did Canada rank? Have a look. The following are the world's top ten gambling nations in 2010 and the losses per adult in each country:

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| 1. Australia     | (\$1,288)      |
| 2. Singapore     | (\$1,174)      |
| 3. Ireland       | (\$588)        |
| <b>4. Canada</b> | <b>(\$568)</b> |
| 5. Finland       | (\$553)        |
| 6. Italy         | (\$517)        |
| 7. Hong Kong     | (\$503)        |
| 8. Norway        | (\$448)        |
| 9. Greece        | (\$420)        |
| 10. Spain        | (\$418)        |

Are you surprised? According to the 2007 Adult Gambling Prevalance Study, Nova Scotians spend on average \$609 per year. In 2010/2011, Nova Scotians alone wagered approximately \$1.42 billion on gambling.

Until next time,  
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### News Articles & Announcements

Many gambling-related news articles and announcements were added to the online Resource Library in recent months.

**OUT!Alive survey looks at gambling addiction in N.S. LGBT community**

*From Global Edmonton on Friday, July 21, 2011*

**Atlantic Lotto gambles on 'Facebook generation'**

*From CBC.ca on Monday, July 11, 2011*

**Nova Scotia will launch another gambling study after rejecting previous report**

*From the Canadian Press on Friday, June 17, 2011*

**Deadly gamble: Study links suicide, gambling**

*From the Chronicle Herald on Thursday, June 9, 2011*

**Problem gamblers can seek help over the phone in Prince Edward Island**

*From the Metro News on Wednesday, June 8, 2011*

**Addictions wait times now posted online**

*From CBC.ca on Wednesday, June 1, 2011*

**Alberta hedges bet on online gambling**

*From CBC.ca on Monday, May 30, 2011*

**Problem gambling set to explode**

*From CBC.ca on Thursday May 19, 2011*

**Gambling disorders grow with access: researcher**

*From CTV.ca on Wednesday, May 18, 2011*

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### Articles & Reports

Many new and archived gambling-related research articles and reports were added to the online Resource Library in recent months.

**Nova Scotia Alcohol and Gaming Division Annual Report 2010-2011**

This report covers the activities of the Alcohol and Gaming Division relative to the gaming industry during the 2010/2011 fiscal year and explains its working mandate received from the Gaming Control Act. [read more](#)

**Socio-Economic Impact Study of Gambling in Nova Scotia**

This annotated version of the Nova Scotia study was released pursuant to a recommendation from the Province's Freedom of Information officer, following a Freedom of Information request from the Canadian Press and Game Over VLTs Society...

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### Upcoming Events

**Ray of Hope Retreat: New Beginnings for Women in Recovery**

September 9 - 11, 2011

**Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation's Responsible Gaming Conference**

October 3 - 4 October, 2011

**National Association for Gambling Studies Australia Conference**

November 23 - 25, 2011

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