

Odds of a win

Here are some stats to help put into perspective just how likely it is to get a win on some of the most popular forms of gambling in Australia.

Games of chance

Games of chance are those with a completely random outcome. There is no way to use strategies or techniques to improve the chances of winning or influence the outcome.

In almost all games of chance you are less likely to win than you are to be struck by lightning! Which, for comparison, is a 1 in 12,000 chance! Here are the odds of winning.

Lotteries, scratchies and keno	
Power Ball (first division)	1 in 134.5 million
OzLotto (first division)	1 in 62.9 million
Set for Life (first division)	1 in 38.3 million
Lucky Lotteries (super jackpot)	1 in 18.4 million
Keno (10 number jackpot)	1 in 8.9 million
Lotto (first division)	1 in 8.1 million
Lotto Strike (first division)	1 in 3.6 million
Super 66 (first division)	1 in 1.1 million
6 from 38 Pools (first division)	1 in 2.8 million
Instant Scratchies (top prize on \$2 ticket)	1 in 824,000

Poker machines	
\$1 Poker Machine (\$5,000 Jackpot)	1 in 9.7 million

Casino games	
Roulette (straight up bet)	1 in 35
Biggest Big Wheel (1 spin)	1 in 47

Games of chance and skill

Some types of gambling may require some level of skill. However, the outcome is also influenced by unpredictable factors or variables such as shuffling of cards, the weather, how a sports player or animal is feeling, etc.

Here are the odds for games of skill as well as chance.

Sports and race betting	
Horse number 1 wins race (\$1 bet trackside)	21 in 100
Horse number 12 wins race (\$1 bet trackside)	2 in 100

Casino games	
Caribbean Stud Poker (jackpot with royal flush)	1 in 250

The house edge

Don't forget - the gambling industry is a business. Like any business, they aim to make money.

The game or venue is referred to as the 'house'. When spending money on a gambling activity, the house takes a cut of the total money bet and the balance shared between the players. This is called the house edge.

The longer you play and spend, the larger the house's edge or profit is.

For more information on the odds of gambling visit gamblinghelponline.org.au. For support with gambling related harm contact us today on the number below.

