

Quarter 2 2025 poker machine loss data for NSW

Total Losses Q2: \$2,273,997,658 (8.8% increase over Q2 2024)

Total losses Q2 2024: \$2,090,246,946

Total Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs) Q2: 87,930 (increase of 141 since Q1 2025)

Daily losses Q2: \$24,835,869

Hourly losses Q2: \$1,034,828

[Note: losses in NSW are seasonal. Q2 losses are usually slightly less than Q1 for clubs, but higher than Q1 for hotels.]

By venue type

Q2 2025	Net losses	# EGMs	# Premises	% of losses
Clubs	\$1,281,888,254	65,401	996	56.4%
Hotels	\$992,109,404	22,529	1,145	43.6%
Q2 2024				
Clubs	\$1,177,176,842	65,321	1,007	56.3%
Hotels	\$913,070,104	22,554	1,163	43.7%

Q2 Comparison 2021-2025 (2019-2020 Q2 affected by COVID)

Q2	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Clubs	\$1,058,161,169	\$1,171,791,196	\$1,117,297,727	\$1,177,176,842	\$1,281,888,254
Hotels	\$698,357,484	\$856,004,838	\$855,792,442	\$913,070,104	\$992,109,404
Total	\$1,756,518,653	\$2,027,796,034	\$1,973,090,169	\$2,090,246,946	\$2,273,997,658
+/- previous year		15.4%	-2.7%	5.9%	8.8%



Figure 1: Losses Q2 annually, showing dip around 2023 state election

1.1. Top grossing venues (Estimated) in Q2 2025

Due to a lack of data transparency we estimate how much money is lost through poker machines in individual venues by calculating the amount lost in that type of venue (hotel or club) in that LGA, dividing that by the number of EGMs in that type of venue in the LGA, then multiplying by the number of machines in the specific venue.

Exact poker machine profits made by hotel owners (losses to patrons) cannot be determined as hotels are privately owned.

Clubs may publish results in their annual reports, but the larger clubs are now often part of groups, which can disguise individual club takings by combining all the revenue from poker machines across the group.

Wesley Mission welcomes corrections based on evidence of actual figures.

Venue		Previous rank	Suburb	LGA	Number of machines	Estimated losses (profit to venue) for Q2
Hotels						
1	Markets Hotel	7	Homebush West	Strathfield	30	\$3,768,811
2	Wentworth Hotel	5	Homebush West	Strathfield	30	\$3,768,811
3	St George Hotel	14	Belmore	Canterbury-Bankstown	30	\$2,757,582



Venue		Previous rank	Suburb	LGA	Number of machines	Estimated losses (profit to venue) for Q2
Clubs						
1	Mounties	1	Mount Pritchard	Fairfield	603	\$22,192,418
2	Bankstown Sports Club	2	Bankstown	Canterbury-Bankstown	745	\$20,095,992
3	Wentworthville Leagues Club	3	Wentworthville	Cumberland	545	\$17,837,876

1.2. LGA loss data

Now that Liquor and Gaming provide population figures for LGAs, we are calculating the number of people per EGM. The lower the number, the higher the EGM density.

Venue type	Average number of people per EGM across NSW LGAs
Hotels	412
Clubs	132
Both (total EGMs/Total population)	91

Top 10 Metro LGAs for losses:

There has been a slight change in order of LGAs since Q1 2025. It is notable that Burwood/Strathfield are in the top 10 even though the two LGAs combined have far fewer EGMs than other LGAs in this list – and 1000 fewer than in Campbelltown.

Estimated annual loss per person:

As an estimate, we divided the Q2 loss amount for an LGA (or small bundle) by the LGA population and multiply by 4. This is likely an under-estimate. The resulting figure is for every person in the LGA, including all adults and children, and so would be considerably higher if only the adult, active gambling population was considered.



	LGA	Q2 Losses	Daily losses	EGMs	Venues	ppl/EGM	Estimated annual loss per person
1	Canterbury-Bankstown	\$192,858,433	\$2,106,432	4925	61	75	\$2,079
2	Fairfield	\$175,820,910	\$1,917,560	3814	37	55	\$3,373
3	Cumberland	\$129,357,610	\$1,412,923	2719	32	87	\$2,198
4	Sydney	\$101,942,442	\$1,119,492	3309	158	64	\$1,927
5	Blacktown	\$98,778,595	\$1,079,557	2881	37	138	\$996
6	Georges River	\$76,708,863	\$837,798	2091	31	79	\$2,015
7	Parramatta	\$74,244,519	\$812,277	1887	34	136	\$1,157
8	Penrith	\$62,516,429	\$682,608	2550	35	85	\$1,149
9	Burwood, Strathfield	\$59,211,296	\$648,041	895	19	96	\$2,760
10	Campbelltown	\$58,831,587	\$642,069	1898	22	93	\$1,333

Top 10 Regional (non-metro) LGAs for losses

Changes in the top 10 ranking LGAs are impacted by the changes in the way Liquor and Gaming bundle LGAs together if an LGA has fewer than 5 venues of a type (hotel or club). The bundling is not consistent from quarter to quarter and may differ for hotels and clubs. This may give a false impression of increased losses in some areas. Venue by venue data (currently collected by NSW Liquor and Gaming but not released as it is in Victoria) would address this problem.

	LGA	Q2 Losses	Daily Losses	EGMs	Venues	Ppl/EGM	Estimated annual loss per person
1	Central Coast	\$86,124,780	\$939,035	4450	65	78	\$994
2	Wollongong	\$50,887,889	\$555,112	2682	61	80	\$949
3	Newcastle	\$50,321,344	\$549,626	2739	80	62	\$1,192
4	Lake Macquarie	\$41,940,992	\$457,890	2458	59	87	\$785
5	Murray River etc**	\$40,315,092	\$440,602#	2281	42	-	-
6	Tweed	\$29,723,155	\$323,725	1887	28	52	\$1,221
7	Albury (H,C) and Greater Hume (C)***	\$25,045,189	\$273,718#	1216	19	-	-
8	Armidale Regional etc****	\$24,094,593	\$263,329#	1470	67	-	-
9	Shoalhaven	\$23,794,283	\$259,154	1654	36	66	\$877
10	Dungog, Maitland, Singelton	\$23,268,449	\$254,279	1104	35	113	\$749

**Berrigan, Edward River, Federation, Hay, Murray River



**** Greater Hume hotel data is included with Wagga Wagga and associated LGAs*

***** Armidale, Bellingen, Glen Innes Severn, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Inverell, Tenterfield
because of complex bundling, and differing numbers of days in Q2 for hotels and clubs, these amounts are approximate.*

