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**

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| **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)**

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| 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%** |

Q2 Comparisons

$2,400,000,000

$2,300,000,000

$2,200,000,000

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$1,900,000,000

$1,800,000,000

$1,700,000,000

$1,600,000,000

$1,500,000,000

Q2 21

Q2 22

Q2 23

Q2 24

Q2 25

Quarterly losses

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

# 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.

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| **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 |
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| **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 |

# 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.

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| **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.

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|  | **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.

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|  | **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.*