

## Gambling in Canada

Indigenous peoples have been gambling in what is now Canada for thousands of years. Explorers and settlers also brought their gambling games and traditions. However, in 1892, the Canadian government banned all forms of gambling. But, as times changed, so did perceptions on gambling. In 1900, bingo and raffles were permitted for charitable purposes. Ten years later, horse racing was added to the list of acceptable forms of gambling. And in 1925, fairs and exhibitions were granted the right to hold gambling events. In 1969, the Canadian government amended the Criminal Code to allow both the federal and provincial governments to run lotteries to fund special projects. Today, there are casinos in almost every province in Canada, but the lottery remains the most popular gambling activity across the country.