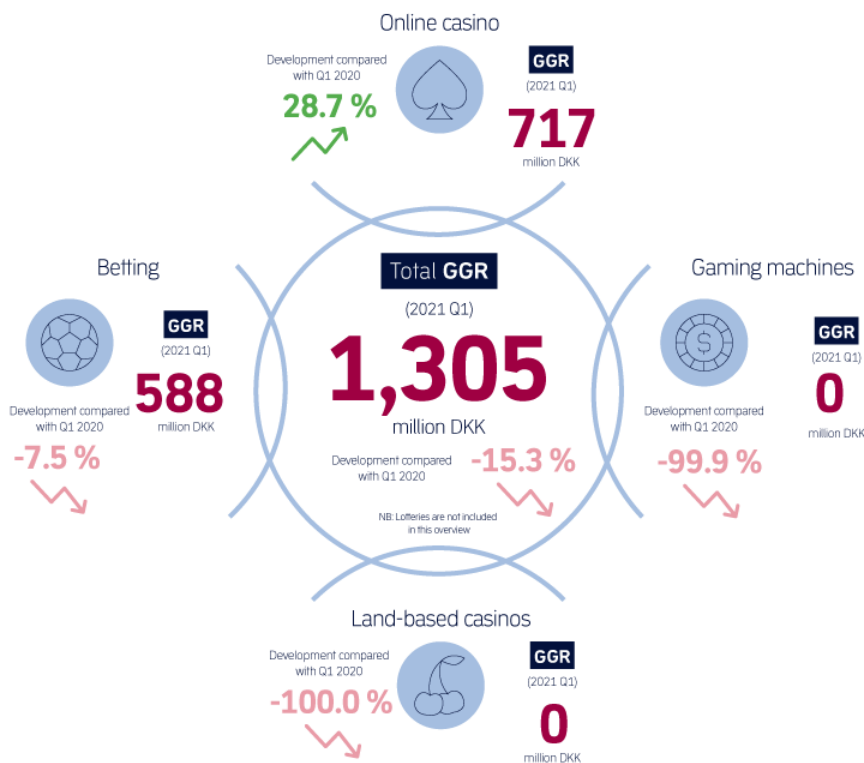


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# Gambling spend fell in Q1 2021 compared to 2020

The most recent quarterly statistics from the Danish Gambling Authority show that the gross gaming revenue (GGR) for betting, online casino, gaming machines and land-based casinos fell by 15.3 percent in the first quarter of 2021 compared to the same period in 2020, cf. figure 1.

Figure 1. GGR for the gambling market in Q1 2021 and changes in percent from Q1 2020.



Source: Data on gambling duties submitted by licence holders to the Danish Tax Agency.

## Land-based gambling is still affected by the corona lockdown

In December 2020, restaurants, gambling arcades and land-based casinos closed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. They stayed closed throughout Q1 2021, which is why the total GGR for gaming machines and land-based casinos is close to zero.

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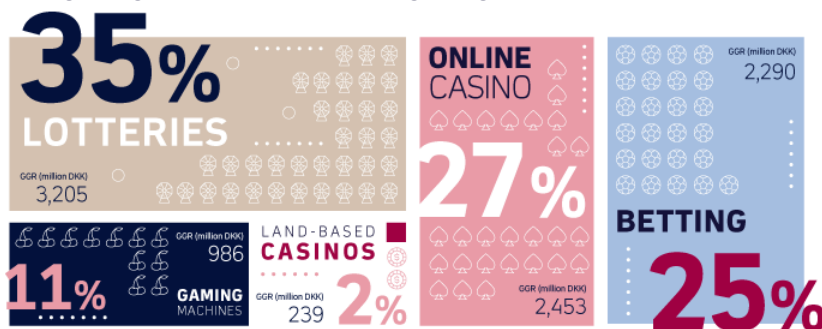
### Biggest ever GGR for online casino in one quarter

The online casino market grew yet again in Q1 2021. Online casino beat the record when Q1 became the quarter with the biggest GGR in Denmark ever with its DKK 717 million in GGR. Compared to Q1 2020, it was an increase of 28.7 percent. The increase is a continuation of a tendency which has prevailed in a number of years, where online casino has grown every year since the liberalisation in 2012. Whether or not the increase can be ascribed to the corona lockdown is uncertain, but it should be noted that the increase does not counterbalance the fall of the land-based market in the same period.

### The total gambling market in 2020 declined compared to 2019

In the Danish Gambling Authority's most recent quarterly statistics, figures from lotteries have been included for 2020. Thereby the entire 2020 gambling market make up DKK 9,173 million. In total the entire market has fallen by DKK 600 million compared to 2019, equalling a fall of 6.1 percent. In 2020, the GGR for lotteries made up DKK 3,205 million, *cf. figure 2*. This is an increase of DKK 17 million compared to 2019, equalling 0.5 percent.

Figure 2. The gambling sectors' GGR and shares of the gambling market in 2020



Source: Data on gambling duties submitted by licence holders to the Danish Tax Agency

### Find more statistics on [Spillemyndigheden.dk/en](https://spillemyndigheden.dk/en)

On the Danish Gambling Authority's website, more figures on the gambling market are available in the quarterly statistics. They are released in a Power BI report, where statistics are presented on interactive dashboards that allows the user to select and filter for example by period of time.

It is central to the Danish Gambling Authority to closely monitor the development in the gambling market. This enables an efficient and effective supervision of the gambling operators, which ensures a fair and responsible gambling market in Denmark.