



## **NY Lottery & Video Gaming Smash Records with \$9.69 Billion in Sales/Net Win**

### **Total Lottery and VLT revenue up 5.8 percent over 2014/15**

The New York State Gaming Commission announced today that New York Lottery sales and Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) net win in Fiscal Year 2015/16 broke all previous years' records with a combined total of \$9.69 billion in revenue. All profits go directly to Aid to Education for New York's public schools – meaning the New York Lottery earned a record total of \$3.3 billion for distribution to all school districts in the state.

“On all metrics, the New York Lottery continues to be the most profitable lottery on the continent and underscores the success of New York's smart gaming policies,” said Commission Executive Director Robert Williams. “This is great news for taxpayers and students across the state, as it provides New Yorkers a fun and exciting way to give back to their communities.”

Traditional lottery games grew by 6.2 percent with a record \$7.7 billion in sales in FY 2015/16 over the previous year's \$7.25 billion. This encompasses draw games such as Mega Millions, Powerball, Cash 4 Life, Lotto, Numbers, Win 4, Take Five, Pick 10, Quick Draw, and Instant Games. Draw game sales grew to \$3.79 billion in FY 2015/16 from \$3.49 billion in 2014/15, an increase of 8.6 percent. Instant games, known as “scratch-offs” grew to \$3.91 billion in FY 2015/16 from \$3.76 billion in 2014/15, an increase of 4 percent.

“We thank the Lottery's 17,000 retailers, including thousands of small, independent businesses across the state, for their continued hard work and support in achieving this new record,” said Executive Director Williams.

VLT net win shot up 4.3 percent with a record \$1.98 billion in FY 2015/16 over 2014/15's \$1.90 billion. Resorts World Casino New York City and Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway both brought in approximately \$30 million more over the prior year (a 3.7 percent and 5.7 percent increase, respectively). Upstate VLT facilities grew by a total of \$21 million, highlighted by Batavia Downs' 10.7 percent growth over the prior year.

A district-by-district breakdown of the Aid to Education distribution can be found [here](#).

New York Lottery and VLT revenue is distributed to local school districts by the same statutory formula used to distribute other state aid to education. It takes into account both a school district's size and its income level; larger, lower-income school districts receive proportionately larger shares of Lottery school funding. The Lottery's contribution represents 14 percent of total state education aid to local school districts.

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