

# Invercargill City



## How much is lost to pokies in this District?

Approximately \$17.0 million was lost on pokies in pubs, clubs and TABs in Invercargill City during 2022. That is about \$46,665 each day.

Compared to 2021, the amount lost on pokies **increased** by around **\$1.8 million**.



## How many pokie machines and venues are there?

There are 226 Class 4 pokie machines across 15 venues in Invercargill City as at 31 December 2022.

**That's no change from the previous year.**



## Where are the pokie venues located in the District?

Around 60% of all Class 4 pokie venues in Aotearoa are in medium-high or very-high areas of deprivation.

In Invercargill City, 14 out of 15 venues are in the most deprived communities. **That's 93% of venues.**



## Gambling harm in Aotearoa

An estimated 30-60% of all Class 4 pokie losses come from the 1.6% of New Zealanders who are moderate to severe risk gamblers.\*

It is clear that a significant portion of pokie losses come from a small number of adults who are experiencing gambling harm.



## Who makes more, you or a pokie machine?

The median income in Invercargill City is \$29,900. In comparison, every machine in Invercargill City made, on average, around \$75,366 last year.

That means a pokie machine makes around \$45,000 more each year than the average person in the district. **Who needs that money more?**

\*Sources:

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