

Buller District



How much is lost to pokies in this District?

Approximately \$2.5 million was lost on pokies in pubs, clubs and TABs in Buller District during 2022. That is about \$6,973 each day.

Compared to 2021, the amount lost on pokies **increased** by around **\$93,000**.



How many pokie machines and venues are there?

There are 72 Class 4 pokie machines across eight venues in Buller District 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 Buller District, **all** venues are in the most deprived communities.



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 Buller District is \$22,900. In comparison, every machine in Buller District made, on average, around \$35,350 last year.

That means a pokie machine makes around \$12,000 more each year than the average person in the district. **Who needs that money more?**

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