

# Fixed Odds Betting Terminals

FOBTs are electronic gambling machines that include a range of games, including roulette. The machines are programmed to operate on fixed odds against an amount of money used to play on the machines.



## The law says:

**£100**

is the maximum amount someone can place on a single bet

(The Gambling Act, 2005)

**£500**

is the most any person can win from this machine on a single bet

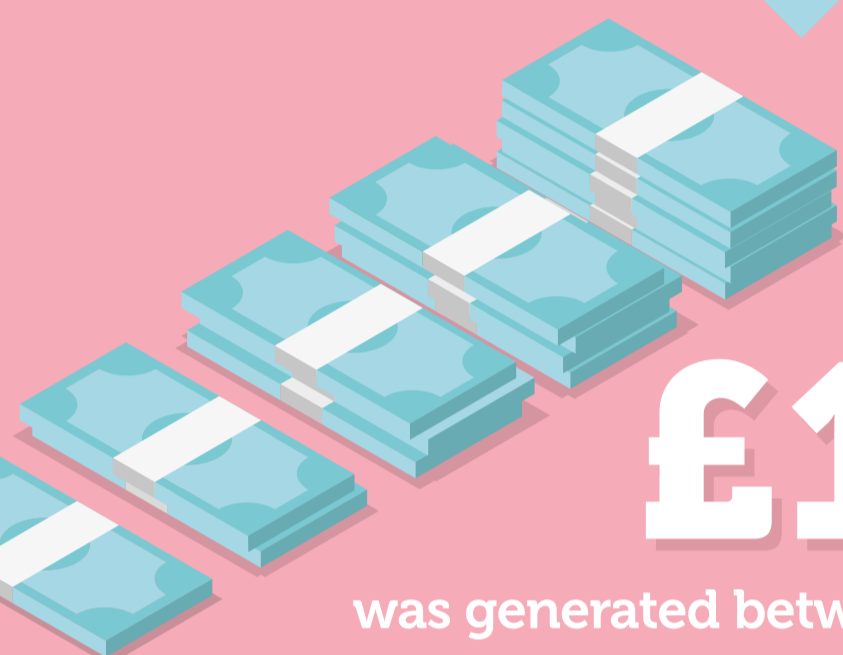
(The Gambling Act, 2005)

There are

**34,388**

fixed odds betting terminals in the UK

(Gambling Commission, 2017)



**£1.8bn**

was generated between Oct 2015 - Sept 2016

(Gambling Commission, 2017)

There is **strong evidence** to link FOBTs and **problem** gambling

(Landman Economics, 2014)



It takes less than **four minutes** for someone to lose

**£1,000**

using FOBTs

A regular FOBT gambler loses, on average,

**£1,200**

per year

(JP Morgan, 2012)

Since 2000/2001, HMRC has received over

**£27bn**

in tax revenue from betting and gaming

(HMRC, 2017)

In 2015/16, HMRC received

**£2,666,000,000**

in tax revenue from betting and gaming

(HMRC, 2017)

People living in unemployed areas spend **four times** as much on FOBTs compared to people living in areas with the **lowest** unemployment rates.

Deprived areas gambled a total of

**£5.6bn**

(The Guardian, 2012)



While affluent areas only gambled

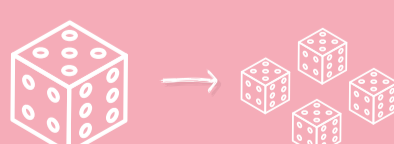
**£1.4bn**

(The Guardian, 2012)

**70%**

of regular users are from the poorest social demographic group in the UK

(JP Morgan, 2012)



For every FOBT in an affluent area, there are four FOBTs in a deprived area

(JP Morgan, 2012)

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