

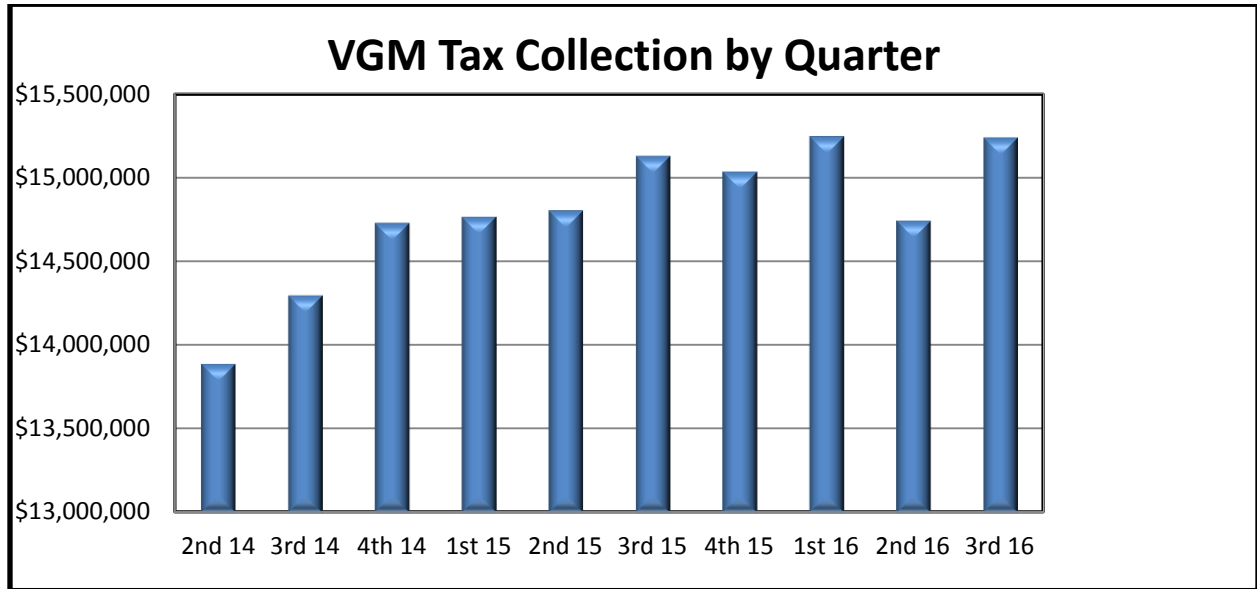
# Gambling Control Division

## Quarterly Information Summary

FY16 3rd Quarter Ending March 31, 2016

### Video Gambling Tax Collections

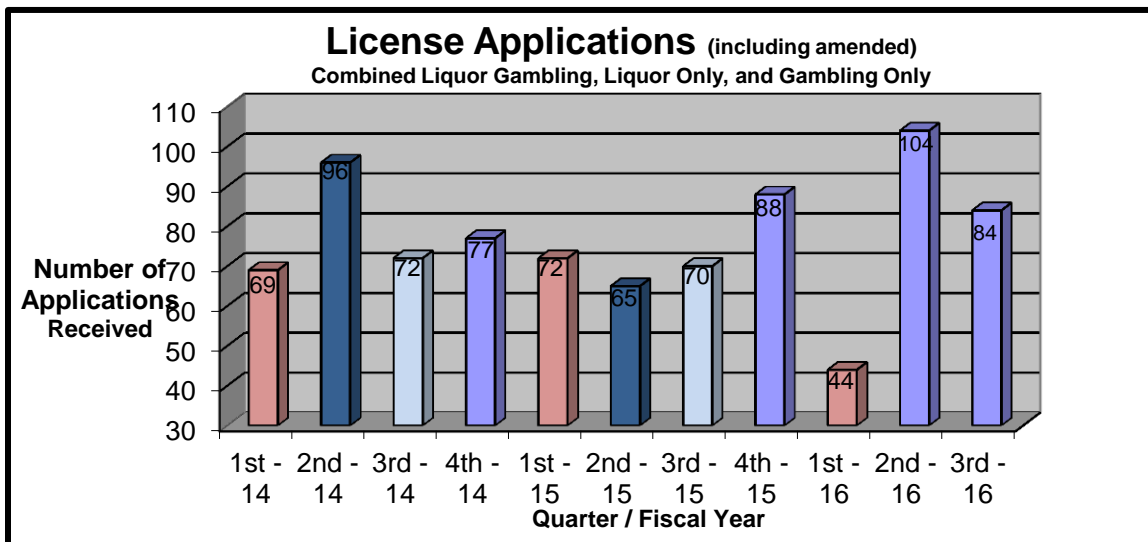
Video Gambling Machine (VGM) tax collections for the third quarter of fiscal year 2016 (January, February, March) were approximately \$15.2 million. That is a 3% increase from the previous quarter, but is less than a 1% increase in collections from third quarter of fiscal year 2015. All VGM tax collections are deposited into the State General Fund.



### Liquor and Gambling License Applications

In the third quarter of fiscal year 2016, the Division received 84 gambling, liquor, and combined liquor/gambling applications (including amended applications). This is 14 (20% increase) more than the number of applications received during third quarter of FY15, and 20 less (19% decrease) than the number of applications received last quarter. Currently, there are approximately 1,347 active gambling operators in Montana.

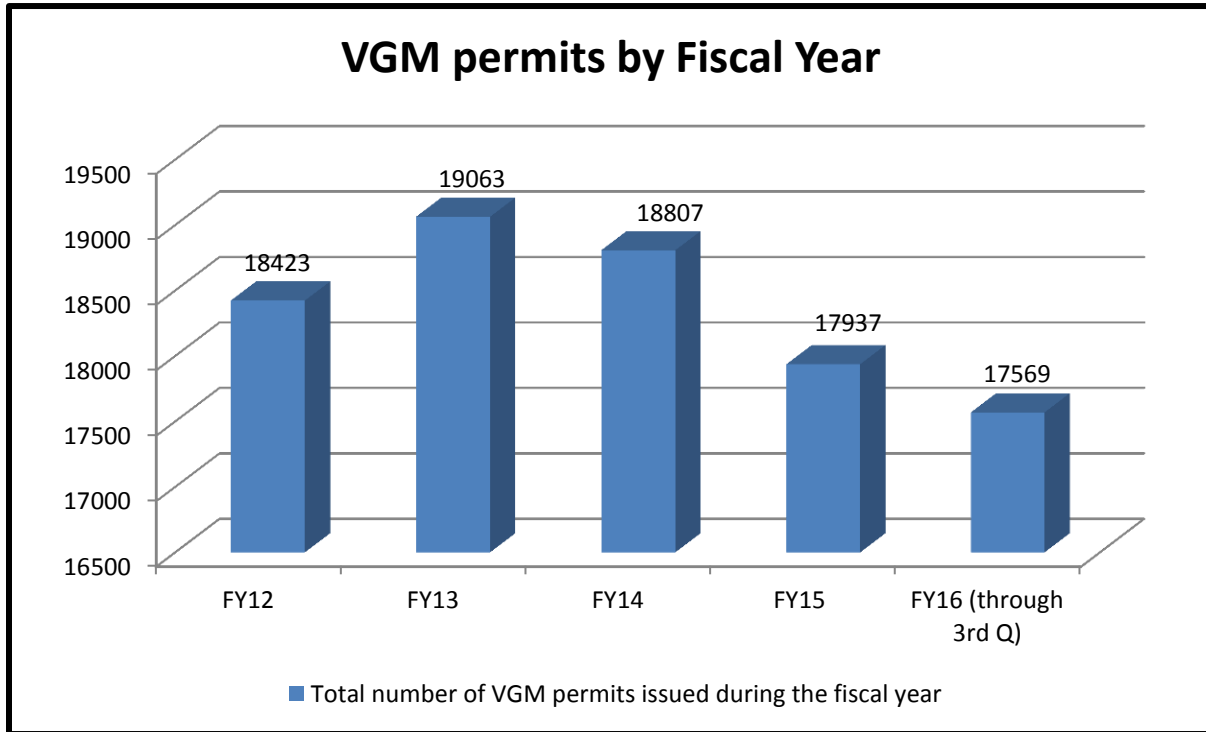
Note: The increase in second quarter fiscal year 2014 and 2016 was attributable to amended applications for a unique situation and not indicative of a change in the trend.



## Video Gambling Machine Permits

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, an individual video gambling machine permit fee was increased to \$240 for the full fiscal year and is reduced by a prorated amount each subsequent quarter of the fiscal year. A portion of the fee goes to the local government where the machine is located and the balance goes to the Gambling Special Revenue Fund.

During the third quarter of fiscal year 2016, 867 video gambling machines permits were issued. This is a 46.9% increase from third quarter of FY15.



## Live Bingo/Keno

The total number of bingo and keno licenses issued through the third quarter of fiscal year 2016 was 98 (67 Commercial, 34 Exempt), which is 13.9% more than this time last fiscal year.

## Special Event Permits

- The division processed 17 Casino Night permits during third quarter for a total of 33 permits processed through fiscal year 2016. This is 37.5% more than the number of permits processed this time last fiscal year.
- The division processed 45 Calcutta permits during third quarter for a total of 145 permits processed through fiscal year 2016. This is 17.9% more than the number of permits processed this time last fiscal year.

## Live Card Games

- By the end of third quarter, the number of card tables permitted during fiscal year 2016 was 221. This is 3% less than the same time last year.
- The number of card dealers licensed at the end of second quarter fiscal year 2016 was 336, down 8.9% from the same time last year.
- Through third quarter of fiscal year 2016, 114 large-stakes tournament permits were issued to 19 gambling operators. This is 23.4% less than the number processed through this time fiscal year 2015.
- Through third quarter of fiscal year 2016, 12 small-stakes tournament permits were issued. This is 40% less than the number processed through this time fiscal year 2015.

