

2025 Irish Thoroughbred Racing Industry Statistics

	2025	2024	Variance % 2025 v 2024
Bloodstock Sales at Public Auction	€225.4m	€197.8m	14.0%
Fixtures	390	390	-
Races	2,888	2,894	(0.2%)
Total Entries	62,802	66,151	(5.1%)
Flat Entries	29,063	31,187	(6.8%)
National Hunt Entries	33,739	34,964	(3.5%)
Eliminations	5,128	6,749	(24.0%)
Total Runners	33,230	33,243	-
Flat Runners	15,540	15,800	(1.6%)
National Hunt Runners	17,690	17,443	1.4%
Individual Runners	8,119	8,022	1.2%
Individual Winners	2,171	2,184	(0.6%)
Individual Placed Horses*	5,563	5,471	1.7%
Average Field Sizes	11.51	11.49	0.2%
Horses in care of a Trainer – Racing Active**	10,336	10,488	(1.4%)
Horses in care of a Trainer – Racing Inactive**	4,052	-	-
Total Owners	4,791	4,741	1.1%
Sole Owner/Partner	3,610	3,603	0.2%
Syndicates	935	916	2.1%
Companies	206	179	15.1%
Clubs	42	43	(2.3%)
New Owners	790	838	(5.7%)
Owner Retention	76.2%	73.8%	3.0%
Total Prize Money	€70.76m	€69.89m	1.2%
Prize Money won in UK by Irish-trained horses	£20.0m	£20.4m	(2.0%)
Prize Money won in rest of world by Irish-trained horses	€12.9m	€9.5m	35.8%
Commercial Sponsorship	€7.0m	€6.8m	2.9%
EBF Sponsorship	€3.1m	€2.9m	6.9%
Total Reported Attendances***	1.316m	1.242m	6.0%
Off-Course Betting Duty Receipts****	€113.6m	€141.0m	(19.4%)
Total On-course Betting (incl. Tote)	€91.5m	€84.1m	8.8%
On-course Bookmaker Betting	€80.9m	€73.7m	9.8%
> Betting Ring	€71.3m	€64.1m	10.9%
> On-course SP shops	€9.6m	€9.6m	-
Total Tote Betting	€81.3m	€75.8m	7.2%
> On-course Tote	€10.6m	€10.4m	1.9%
> Off-course Tote (Irish pools)	€62.8m	€57.6m	9.0%
> Off-course Tote (International pools)	€7.9m	€7.8m	1.3%

*Placed 2nd to 6th in a Race.

**Since February 2025, trainers are required to notify HRI of all thoroughbred horses in their care in accordance with IHRB Rule 148. Horses in the care of a trainer that are categorised as 'Racing Active' are those which were notified to HRI as race entry ready during the period from January 1 to December 31, those categorised as 'Racing Inactive' were never registered by their trainer as 'Racing Active' during this period.

***Total attendance figures as supplied to HRI by each racecourse.

****As betting duty is collected quarterly in arrears, this provision does not reflect the calendar year.