

2025 Six-Month Irish Thoroughbred Racing Industry Statistics

	2025	2024	% Variance
Fixtures	173	173	-
Races	1,271	1,276	(0.4%)
Flat Races	562	571	(1.6%)
National Hunt Races	709	705	0.6%
Entries	26,765	27,692	(3.3%)
Flat Entries	11,232	12,182	(7.8%)
National Hunt Entries	15,533	15,510	0.1%
Total Runners	14,549	14,371	1.2%
Flat Runners	6,312	6,488	(2.7%)
National Hunt Runners	8,237	7,883	4.5%
Individual runners	5,678	5,621	1.0%
Individual Runners That Won Prize money	3,821	3,822	-
Field Sizes	11.4	11.3	0.9%
Flat Average Field Size	11.2	11.4	(1.8%)
National Hunt Average Field Size	11.6	11.2	3.6%
Horses in care of a Trainer – Racing Active*	8,594	8,394	2.4%
Horses in care of a Trainer – Racing Inactive*	2,888	-	-
Active Owners	3,860	3,763	2.6%
New Owners	412	486	(15.2%)
Total Prize Money	€31.5m	€31.0m	1.6%
Total Race Sponsorship	€4.6m	€4.6m	-
Total Attendances**	566,377	529,581	6.9%
Total On-Course Betting (incl. Tote)	€39.3m	€35.1m	12.0%
On-Course Bookmaker Betting (excl. Tote)	€35.7m	€31.3m	14.1%
> On-Course Bookmakers (Home)	€30.5m	€26.0m	17.3%
> On-Course Bookmakers (Away)	€1.0m	€1.0m	-
> On-Course SP Shops	€4.2m	€4.3m	(2.3%)
Total Tote Betting (excluding World Pools)	€34.2m	€32.2m	6.2%
> On-Course Tote	€3.6m	€3.8m	(5.3%)
> Off-Course Tote (Irish pools)	€28.0m	€25.9m	8.1%
> Off-Course Tote (International pools)	€2.5m	€2.5m	-
Tote (World Pools)***	€27.3m	€28.1m	(2.8%)
Tote (World Pools)****	€25.1m	€7.1m	253.5%
Bloodstock Sales at Public Auction	€68.4m	€58.4m	17.1%

*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 specific six-month period from January 1 to June 30, 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.

***Total World Pool aggregate turnover figure for Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby Day, Curragh June 29 (Races 1-9).

****Total World Pool aggregate turnover figure for Tattersalls Irish 2000 Guineas Day, Curragh May 24 (Races 1-9) v 2024 (Races 4 & 5).