

Monthly Report No. 5-2024

MGM National Harbor Gaming Taxes

Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) and Table Game (TG) Local Taxes Distributed to Prince George's County from the State of Maryland

FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

November 2023

Purpose

Section 9-1A-27 and Section 9-1A-31 of the State Government Article govern the imposition and distribution of video lottery terminal (VLT) taxes and table game (TG) taxes in Maryland. This monthly report series is designed to show the actual VLT taxes and Table Game taxes paid by the State Maryland to Prince George's County in FY 2024 (July 1, 2023 through July 30, 2024).

VLT and Table Game Local Taxes - Amounts Paid by the State **Prince George's County FY 2024**

		VLT Taxes	Table Game	
Month	Notes	Paid (1) (2)	Taxes Paid	Total
Jul-23		\$1,450,485	\$1,523,785	\$2,974,271
Aug-23		\$1,346,109	\$1,457,436	\$2,803,545
Sep-23		\$1,357,186	\$1,220,245	\$2,577,431
Oct-23		\$1,356,447	\$1,405,569	\$2,762,016
Nov-23		\$1,342,320	\$1,407,363	\$2,749,683
Total		\$6,852,548	\$7,014,399	\$13,866,946

Note:

- (1) VLT Taxes = "local impact grants"
- (2) Local impact grants "...shall be used for improvements primarily in the communities in immediate proximity to the video lottery facilities..." Section 9-1A-31(b)(1) of the State Government Article.

Summary

In November 2023 for MGM National Harbor operations, Prince George's County received \$2.7 million in revenue from the State for Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) (e.g., "local impact grants")¹ and Table Game (TG) local taxes. Approximately \$1.3 million was paid for the County share of VLT revenue. A "hold harmless" provision which redistributed funds to ensure minimum revenue levels in Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City, was repealed by Chapter 692 of 2021. Although the provision is still in effect, it does not reduce County gaming revenues. The County also received \$1.4 million from its share of TG revenue.

¹ Section 9-1A-27(a)(3) of the State Government Article requires that 5.5% of the proceeds from video lottery terminals be distributed to the jurisdiction where the video lottery facility is located, subject to specified deductions. It also defines these allocations as "local impact grants". Effective October 2017, the local tax rate on video lottery terminal expired ticket revenues increased from 5.5% to 9.5%.



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Table Game (TG) Taxes

For November 2023 MGM National Harbor operations, Prince George's County received approximately \$1.4 million in payments from the State for TG local taxes (5.0%). The State's TG local tax payments have been as follows for the past month and Fiscal Year:

Table Game (TG) Local Taxes - Amounts Paid by the State Prince George's County FY 2024

	Nov-23	FYTD
Gross Table Game Revenues - MGM National Harbor	\$28,147,259	\$140,287,972
TG Local Tax Rate (5.0%)	5.0%	5.0%
Table Game Local Tax Allocation Paid by the State	\$1,407,363	\$7,014,399

Note:

"FYTD" - Fiscal Year to Date

There are no proximity requirements in either Section 9-1A-27 or Section 9-1A-31 of the State Government Article for the use of table game local taxes.



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Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Taxes (e.g., "local impact grants")

For November 2023 MGM National Harbor operations, Prince George's County received \$1.3 million from the State of Maryland, after deductions required by State Law², for Video Lottery Terminal local taxes (5.5%). The breakdown of the VLT local tax distribution formula for the past month and Fiscal Year is shown in the table:

VLT Local Taxes - Amounts Paid by the State Prince George's County FY 2024

	Nov-23	FYTD
Gross VLT Revenues - Big 3 Facilities	\$89,055,276	\$454,279,265
VLT Local Tax Rate (5.5%)	5.5%	5.5%
VLT Local Taxes - Big 3 Facilities	\$4,898,040	\$24,985,360
VLT Local Tax Allocation - Big 3 - Expired Tickets	\$135,665	\$894,075
Big 3 Gross VLT Expired Tickets	9.5%	9.5%
VLT Local Tax (9.5%) Expired Tickets - Effective October 2017	\$12,888	\$84,937
VLT Local Tax Allocation - Big 3 - Expired Tickets	\$12,888	\$84,937
Final - VLT Local Tax Allocation with Expired Tickets - Before Deductions	\$4,910,928	\$25,070,297
Less: State Law Deductions	(\$883,967)	(\$4,512,653)
Net VLT Local Taxes - Big 3 Facilities	\$4,026,961	\$20,557,643
Divide Evenly - State Law	\$1,342,320	\$6,852,548
Less: "Hold-Harmless" - State Law	\$0	\$0
VLT Local Tax Allocation Paid by the State	\$1,342,320	\$6,852,548

Notes

- (1) Big 3 Facilities Maryland Live, Horseshoe, MGM National Harbor.
- (2) State Law deductions:
 - A. Allegany County (\$200,000) annually.
 - B. Cecil County (\$130,000) annually.
 - C. Town of Perryville (\$70,000) annually.
 - D. Worcester County (\$200,000) annually.
 - E. Town of Forest Heights (\$120,000) annually.
 - F. 18% to Baltimore City (after deductions above) monthly.
- (3) Divide Evenly State Law requires Net VLT Local Taxes for Big 3 Facilities to be divided equally.
- (4) "FYTD" Fiscal Year to Date.
- (5) Effective October 2017, per State law, the local tax rate on expired ticket revenues changed from 5.5% to 9.5%.

² Section 9-1A-31(a)(1) through Section 9-1A-31(a)(8) of the State Government Article describes the distribution process, including various deductions, for video lottery terminal taxes to the local jurisdictions with a video lottery facility.