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Our Selection Process

Many casinos have gone to paying 6 to 5 for blackjacks instead of the traditional 3 to 2 payoff. This can make a significant difference in your winning.

The blackjack games in this guide still offer 3 to 2 payoffs. The key to the following table is as follows:

Key

- **Casino:** Self-explanatory
- **Location:** The area of Las Vegas the casino is located in:
 - Downtown = Fremont Street area
 - East = East side of town, including Henderson
 - LV = Near the Strip, but not on it.
 - North = The northern part of Las Vegas
 - Near Strip = Near the Strip
 - South = The southern part of Las Vegas
 - Strip = Casinos on the main stretch of Las Vegas Boulevard (from Mandalay Bay to the Stratosphere)
 - West = The western part of Las Vegas
- **Decks:** Number of decks used. The fewer the decks, the better the odds are for the player.
- **Soft 17:** Indication of what the dealer does with a soft 17.
- **Double after Split:** Indication of whether the player may double after a split, which he usually can in Las Vegas.
- **Surrender:** Indication of whether the player may surrender, assuming the dealer does not have a blackjack.
- **RSA:** Indication of whether the player may re-split aces.
- **DR:** Doubling restriction. In Las Vegas, this rule is usually only found on 6 to 5 paying games, adding insult to injury:
 - 9 = Player may double on 9 to 11 only
 - 10 = Player may double on 10 or 11 only
 - None = Player may double on any two cards
- **Footnotes:** Indication of unusual rules.
- **Minimum:** Minimum bet allowed.
- **Maximum:** Maximum bet allowed.
- **House Edge:** The ratio of the expected player loss to the initial wager

Footnotes

1. Player may double on any 3 cards, except after splitting. Unlimited re-splitting, except aces may be split to a maximum of 3 hands only.

Las Vegas Blackjack Survey

<u>Casino</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Decks</u>	<u>Soft 17</u>	<u>DAS</u>	<u>Surrender</u>	<u>RSA</u>	<u>DR</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>H. Edge</u>
Arizona Charlie's East	East	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.57 %
Arizona Charlie's East	East	2	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.40 %
Arizona Charlie's West	West	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.57 %
Arizona Charlie's West	West	2	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.40 %
Bally's	Strip	2	Hit	No	No	No	?	?		0.60 %
Bally's	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	No	?	?		0.55 %
Bellagio	Strip	5	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?		0.47 %
Bellagio	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?		0.28 %
Bellagio	Strip	2	Stand	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.27 %
Big Horn ¹	North	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?		0.28 %
Bill's Gambling Hall and Saloon	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.64 %
Bill's Gambling Hall and Saloon	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.45 %
Binion's	Strip	8	Hit	Yes	No	No	5	500		0.66 %

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Binion's	Strip	1	Hit	No	No	No	10	10	500	0.58 %
Boulder Station	East	2	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?	?	0.40 %
Boulder Station	East	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?	?	0.57 %
Caesars Palace	Strip	2	Hit	No	No	No	?	?	?	0.60 %
Caesars Palace	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?	?	0.28 %
Caesars Palace	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	No	?	?	?	0.55 %
California	Downtown	6	Hit	No	No	No	3		1000	0.78 %
California	Downtown	2	Hit	No	No	No	5		1000	0.60 %
Cannery	East	5	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?	?	0.47 %
Cannery	East	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?	?	0.45 %
Circus Circus	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?	?	0.57 %
Circus Circus	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?	?	0.45 %
El Cortez	Downtown	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?	?	0.45 %
El Cortez	Downtown	1	Hit	No	No	No	?	?	?	0.30 %
El Dorado	East	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?	?	0.45 %
Ellis Island	Near Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?	?	0.45 %
Ellis Island	Near Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?	?	0.64 %

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Encore	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes		15	5000	0.48 %
Encore	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes		25	5000	0.28 %
Excalibur	Strip	6	Hit	No	No	No		10	1000	0.78 %
Excalibur	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No		25	1000	0.45 %
Excalibur	Strip	2	Hit	No	No	No		10	1000	0.60 %
Fiesta Rancho	North	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes		?	?	0.57 %
Fiesta Rancho	North	2	Hit	Yes	No	Yes		?	?	0.40 %
Fitzgerald's	Downtown	6	Hit	Yes	No	No		5	500	0.64 %
Fitzgerald's	Downtown	2	Hit	No	No	No		10	500	0.60 %
Flamingo	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	No	No		?	?	0.43 %
Flamingo	Strip	8	Hit	Yes	No	No		?	?	0.66 %
Flamingo	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No		?	?	0.45 %
Four Queens	Downtown	8	Hit	Yes	No	No		5	500	0.66 %
Four Queens	Downtown	1	Hit	No	No	No	10	10	500	0.58 %
Four Queens	Downtown	2	Hit	No	No	No		15	500	0.60 %
Fremont	Downtown	6	Hit	No	No	No		3	500	0.78 %
Fremont	Downtown	2	Hit	No	No	No		10	1000	0.60 %

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Gold Coast	Near Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	5	1000	0.64 %	
Gold Coast	Near Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	5	1000	0.45 %	
Golden Gate	Downtown	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	5	500	0.64 %	
Golden Nugget	Downtown	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	25	7500	0.48 %	
Golden Nugget	Downtown	8	Hit	Yes	No	No	10	2500	0.66 %	
Golden Nugget	Downtown	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	25	7500	0.45 %	
Golden Nugget	Downtown	2	Hit	No	No	No	10	2500	0.60 %	
Green Valley Ranch	East	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?	0.28 %	
Green Valley Ranch	East	2	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?	0.40 %	
Green Valley Ranch	East	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?	0.57 %	
Hard Rock	Near Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?	0.28 %	
Hard Rock	Near Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?	0.45 %	
Hard Rock	Near Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	No	?	?	0.55 %	
Harrah's	Strip	8	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?	0.66 %	
Harrah's	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	No	No	?	?	0.43 %	
Harrah's	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?	0.64 %	
Harrah's	Strip	5	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?	0.62 %	

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Harrah's	Strip	2	Hit	No	No	No	?	?		0.60 %
Hooters	Near Strip	1	Hit	No	No	No	10 10	500		0.58 %
Imperial Palace	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.45 %
Imperial Palace	Strip	8	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.66 %
Jerry's Nugget	North	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.64 %
Jerry's Nugget	North	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.45 %
Las Vegas Hilton	Near Strip	2	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	25	3000		0.33 %
Las Vegas Hilton	Near Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	10	1000		0.48 %
Luxor	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	1000	5000		0.28 %
Luxor	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	10	1000		0.45 %
Luxor	Strip	2	Stand	Yes	No	Yes	100	5000		0.20 %
Main Street Station	Downtown	6	Hit	No	No	No	5	1000		0.78 %
Main Street Station	Downtown	2	Hit	No	No	No	5	1000		0.60 %
Mandalay Bay	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?		0.28 %
Mandalay Bay	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?		0.48 %
Mandalay Bay	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.45 %

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MGM Grand	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	15	2000	0.48 %	
MGM Grand	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	15	2000	0.28 %	
MGM Grand	Strip	2	Stand	Yes	No	Yes	200	5000	0.20 %	
Mirage	Strip	8	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?	0.57 %	
Mirage	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?	0.48 %	
Mirage	Strip	2	Stand	Yes	No	No	?	?	0.27 %	
Mirage	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?	0.28 %	
Monte Carlo	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?	0.28 %	
Monte Carlo	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?	0.45 %	
Monte Carlo	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?	0.48 %	
Nevada Palace	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?	0.57 %	
New York New York	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	10	1000	0.48 %	
New York New York	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	50	5000	0.28 %	
New York New York	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	25	2000	0.45 %	
New York New York	Strip	2	Stand	Yes	No	No	100	5000	0.27 %	
Opera House Gambling Hall	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?	0.40 %	

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Orleans	Near Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.45 %
Orleans	Near Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.64 %
Palace Station	Near Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.57 %
Palace Station	Near Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.40 %
Palazzo		2	Hit	Yes	No	No	25	5000		0.45 %
Palazzo		6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	15	2500		0.48 %
Palazzo		6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	100	10000		0.28 %
Palms	Near Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?		0.28 %
Palms	Near Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.45 %
Palms	Near Strip	8	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?		0.57 %
Paris	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	No	?	?		0.55 %
Paris	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	No	?	?		0.35 %
Paris	Strip	2	Hit	No	No	No	?	?		0.60 %
Plaza	Downtown	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	5	500		0.45 %
Poker Palace	North	6	Hit	No	No	No	?	?		0.78 %
Poker Palace	North	2	Hit	No	No	No	?	?		0.60 %

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Rampart	West	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	5	1000		0.48 %
Rampart	West	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	10	1000		0.45 %
Red Rock	West	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	100	10000		0.28 %
Red Rock	West	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	10	3000		0.57 %
Red Rock	West	2	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	25	2000		0.40 %
Rio	Near Strip	8	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.66 %
Rio	Near Strip	6	Stand	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.43 %
Rio	Near Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.64 %
Rio	Near Strip	2	Hit	No	No	No	?	?		0.60 %
Riviera	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.64 %
Riviera	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.45 %
Sahara	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.64 %
Sam's Town	East	2	Hit	No	No	No	?	?		0.60 %
Sam's Town	East	6	Hit	No	No	No	?	?		0.78 %
Silver Nugget	North	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.57 %
Silver Nugget	North	2	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.40 %

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Silverton	South	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.57 %
Silverton	South	2	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.40 %
Slots-a-Fun	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.43 %
South Point	South	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.64 %
South Point	South	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.45 %
Stratosphere	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.57 %
Stratosphere	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.45 %
Terrible's	Near Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.57 %
Terrible's	Near Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.45 %
Texas Station	North	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?		0.48 %
Texas Station	North	2	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.40 %
Treasure Island	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	10	5000		0.48 %
Treasure Island	Strip	2	Stand	Yes	No	No	50	10000		0.27 %
Treasure Island	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	25	10000		0.28 %
Tropicana	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	5	2500		0.57 %
Tropicana	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	No	Yes	25	2000		0.36 %

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Tuscany	Near Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?		0.48 %
Tuscany	Near Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.45 %
Vegas Club	Downtown	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	10	500		0.45 %
Vegas Club	Downtown	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	5	500		0.64 %
Venetian	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	100	10000		0.28 %
Venetian	Strip	8	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	15	2500		0.57 %
Venetian	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	50	5000		0.45 %
Western	Downtown	4	Hit	No	No	No	?	?		0.74 %
Western	Downtown	1	Hit	No	No	No	?	?		0.30 %
Western	Downtown	2	Hit	No	No	No	?	?		0.60 %
Westin	Near Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	No	?	?		0.64 %
Wild Wild West	Near Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.40 %
Wild Wild West	Near Strip	6	Hit	Yes	No	Yes	?	?		0.57 %
Wynn	Strip	6	Hit	Yes	Yes	Yes	15	5000		0.48 %
Wynn	Strip	2	Hit	Yes	No	No	100	10000		0.45 %
Wynn	Strip	6	Stand	Yes	Yes	Yes	100	10000		0.28 %
