***JACKPOT ALERT***

## MORE THAN \$1.3 BILLION UP FOR GRABS THIS WEEKEND

## Tonight’s Mega Millions ${ }^{\circledR}$ jackpot is an estimated $\$ 750$ million - fifth largest jackpot in U.S. history; Powerball ${ }^{\circledR}$ jackpot prize set at an estimated $\$ 640$ million for Saturday night's drawing


#### Abstract

(AUSTIN) - The jackpots continue to soar, giving Texas Lottery ${ }^{\circledR}$ players a chance to play for more than $\$ 1.3$ billion this weekend, as the Mega Millions ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Powerball ${ }^{\circledR}$ jackpots boast two of the largest prizes in U.S. lottery history. Both games are advertising jackpot prizes of more than $\$ 600$ million simultaneously for only the second time in history and the first time since October 2018. Tonight's Mega Millions jackpot is set at an estimated annuitized $\$ 750$ million - the fifth largest jackpot in U.S. history and second highest in game history, while Saturday's Powerball jackpot currently stands at an estimated annuitized $\$ 640$ million - the ninth largest jackpot prize in U.S. lottery history and fifth highest in game history. Both growing jackpots are the result of 34 draws without a winner.


"It's an exciting time for our multijurisdictional jackpot games, as both the Mega Millions and Powerball jackpot prizes are now among the 10 largest in U.S. lottery history," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "Sales for both of these games continue to come in at a steady pace, which is helping us accomplish our goal of generating revenue for public education in Texas. While we are keeping our fingers crossed that at least one of these dueling jackpots will be won by a Texas Lottery player, we want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

Tonight's Mega Millions jackpot offers an estimated cash value of $\$ 550.6$ million. Texas has had 13 Mega Millions jackpot prize winners since it joined the game in 2003. Its most recent winner came in September 2019 when a Leander resident won an estimated annuitized $\$ 227$ million prize. The claimant chose the cash value option and received $\$ 157,091,592$ before taxes, the largest prize ever paid out to a single Texas Lottery player.

Saturday's Powerball jackpot offers an estimated cash value of $\$ 478.7$ million. Since joining the game in 2010, Texas has had two Powerball jackpot winners, including its most recent in February 2015 when TL Management Trust, Andrew Weber, Trustee of Austin, claimed a share of the $\$ 564.1$ million jackpot prize with two other winners.

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Through two weeks into the new year, Texas has already had five second-tier prize winners in the multijurisdictional jackpot games. Since the start of 2020, 22 Texas Lottery players have won second-tier Powerball (11) and Mega Millions (11) prizes of $\$ 1$ million or larger, including eight during the current jackpot runs. Earlier this week, two Texas Lottery players won a second-tier Powerball prize of $\$ 1$ million; the winning tickets were sold in Corpus Christi and Waco for the Jan. 13 drawing. Also this week, a Texas Lottery player won a second-tier Mega Millions prize of $\$ 1$ million prize; the ticket was sold in Carrollton for the drawing held on Jan. 12.

Mega Millions is played by choosing five numbers from a field of 70 and one Mega Ball number from the second field of 25 numbers. To win the Mega Millions jackpot, players must match all six numbers drawn including the Mega Ball. Players matching fewer numbers may not win the jackpot, but still walk away winners. Mega Millions offers a $\$ 20$ Million starting jackpot and a second-tier (Match $5+0$ ) prize of $\$ 1$ million. By choosing the Megaplier ${ }^{\circledR}$ for $\$ 1$ more per play, players can multiply their non-jackpot winnings by two, three, four or five times, winning as much as $\$ 5$ million. Drawings are broadcast each Tuesday and Friday at 10:12 p.m. CT. Ticket sales for the next Mega Millions drawing will close at 9:45 p.m. CT on Friday.

Powerball jackpots start at $\$ 20$ million and roll until the jackpot is won. Players win the jackpot by matching five numbers from a field of 69 numbers and one Powerball number from a field of 26 numbers. By choosing the Power Play ${ }^{\circledR}$ for $\$ 1$ more per play, players can multiply their non-jackpot winnings by two, three, four, five or 10 times*. A Power Play Match Five (5+0) is set at $\$ 2,000,000$ regardless of the Power Play number selected. All other non-grand prizes will be multiplied by the Power Play number selected. *The 10X Power Play multiplier is available for drawings in which the initially advertised annuitized Grand Prize amount is $\$ 150$ million or less. Drawings are broadcast each Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT. Ticket sales for the next Powerball drawing will close at 9 p.m. CT on Saturday.

Texas Lottery players can purchase Mega Millions and Powerball tickets at more than 20,000 Texas Lottery retailers across the state. The retailer that sells a jackpot-winning Mega Millions or Powerball ticket is eligible to receive up to a $\$ 1$ million retailer bonus.
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Texas Mega Millions \& Powerball Jackpot Winners

| Game | Draw Date | Advertised Jackpot | Claimant | Claimant City | Retailer | Retailer City |
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| PB | 2/11/2015 | \$500M* | TL MANAGEMENT TRUST | Austin | Appletree Food Mart | Princeton |
| MM | 8/31/2007 | \$330M* | SB ALCHEMY HOLDINGS, LTD. | Dallas | Kroger \#318 SST | Humble |
| MM | 9/24/2019 | \$227M | (Anonymous) | Leander | Lakeline Express Mart | Cedar Park |
| MM | 1/29/2010 | \$144M | WILLIAM R KIEFER | Katy | Short Stop Market | Katy |
| MM | 7/6/2007 | \$126M | H \& H TRUST | Dallas | Central Gas \& More | Dallas |
| MM | 1/9/2007 | \$122M | CRUMP, ALLEN \& LEWIS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP | Amarillo | Taylor Petro Co Inc \#80 | Amarillo |
| MM | 3/1/2005 | \$112M | MAL HOLDINGS, LP | Rowlett | Dalrock Grocery | Rowlett |
| MM | 10/1/2004 | \$101M | UT VAN NGUYEN | Carrollton | Sack N Save \#204 | Carrollton |
| MM | 5/16/2006 | \$94M | MARTHA L. CUELLAR | El Paso | Good Time Store \#12 | El Paso |
| MM | 10/11/2016 | \$49M | IT WILL BUY ME A BOAT REVOCABLE TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2016 | Rockwall | QuikTrip \#982 | Balch Springs |
| PB | 5/29/2013 | \$40M | PAUL MCDOWELL | Bells | Lone Star Food Store \#48 | Bells |
| MM | 5/27/2011 | \$35M | MAIM REVOCABLE TRUST | Arlington | Tommy's \#10 | Granbury |
| MM | 1/1/2008 | \$33M | JOHN A. JONES | Fort Worth | C-Store Sub Express | Fort Worth |
| MM | 6/27/2014 | \$33M | THE 6-27-14 REVOCABLE TRUST | Houston | Moulton Grocery \& Market | Moulton |

*- indicates jackpot prize was shared with one or more out-of-state winner.

|  | Top 10 U.S. Lottery Jackpots |  |  |  |
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| Rank | Prize Amount | Game | Draw Date | State |
| 1 | $\$ 1.586$ billion | Powerball | Jan. 13, 2016 | CA, FL, TN |
| 2 | $\$ 1.537$ billion | Mega Millions | Oct. 23, 2018 | SC |
| 3 | $\$ 768.4$ million | Mega Millions | March 27, 2019 | WI |
| 4 | $\$ 758.7$ million | Powerball | Aug. 23, 2017 | MA |
| 5 | $\$ 750.0$ million | Mega Millions | Jan. 15, 2021 |  |
| 6 | $\$ 687.8$ million | Powerball | Oct. 27, 2018 | IA, NY |
| 7 | $\$ 656.0$ million | Mega Millions | March 30, 2012 | KS, IL, MD |
| 8 | $\$ 648.0$ million | Mega Millions | Dec. 17, 2013 | CA, GA |
| 9 | $\$ 640.0$ million | Powerball | Jan. 16, 2021 |  |
| 10 | $\$ 590.5$ million | Powerball | May 18, 2013 | FL |


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| 4 | CA, GA | $\$ 648$ million | Dec. 17, 2013 |
| 5 | CA | $\$ 543$ million | July 24, 2018 |
| 6 | IN | $\$ 536$ million | July 8, 2016 |
| 7 | NJ | $\$ 533$ million | March 30, 2018 |
| 8 | CA | $\$ 522$ million | June 7, 2019 |
| 9 | FL | $\$ 451$ million | Jan. 5, 2018 |
| 10 | FL, MD | $\$ 414$ million | March 18, 2018 |


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| Rowerball Jackpots |  |  |  |
| Rank | State | Prize Amount | Draw Date |
| 1 | CA, FL, TN | \$1.586 billion | Jan. 13, 2016 |
| 2 | WI | $\$ 768.4$ million | March 27, 2019 |
| 3 | MA | $\$ 758.7$ million | Aug. 23, 2017 |
| 4 | IA, NY | $\$ 687.8$ million | Oct. 27, 2018 |
| 5 |  | $\$ 640$ million | Jan. 16, 2021 |
| 6 | FL | $\$ 590.5$ million | May 18, 2013 |
| 7 | AZ, MO | $\$ 587.5$ million | Nov. 28, 2012 |
| 8 | TX, NC, PR | $\$ 564.1$ million | Feb. 11, 2015 |
| 9 | NH | $\$ 559.7$ million | Jan. 6, 2018 |
| 10 | NH | $\$ 487$ million | July 30, 2016 |

## About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated $\$ 32$ billion in revenue for the state and distributed $\$ 67$ billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed $\$ 26.2$ billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than $\$ 148$ million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball ${ }^{\oplus}$, Mega Millions ${ }^{\circledR}$, Lotto Texas ${ }^{\circledR}$, All or Nothing ${ }^{\text {Tw }}$, Texas Two Step ${ }^{\circledR}$, Pick $3^{\text {Tw }}$, Daily $4^{\text {Tw }}$, Cash Five ${ }^{\circledR}$ and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

Editors/News Directors, note: Images of the Mega Millions logo, Powerball logo and Powerball prize chart are attached in JPEG format. A list of the 2020 top selling Texas Lottery retailers is also attached.

