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*** JACKPOT ALERT ***

FRIDAY'S MEGA MILLIONS® JACKPOT SKYROCKETS TO \$1.28 BILLION

Third largest lottery jackpot prize in U.S. history; second largest in Mega Millions history

AUSTIN – Just in time for the weekend, the Mega Millions jackpot prize for the [Friday, July 29 drawing](#) has been increased to an **estimated annuitized \$1.28 billion** due to robust sales and excitement among lottery players over the last few days. The jackpot is the second largest jackpot prize in game history and the third largest in U.S. lottery history. Friday's drawing offers a cash value worth an estimated \$747.2 million. If there is no jackpot winner for tonight's Mega Millions drawing, the jackpot prize for the Tuesday, Aug. 2 drawing will roll to an estimated annuitized \$1.7 billion, which would mark a new U.S. lottery record.

"The excitement that's been generated by this Mega Millions jackpot has led to outstanding sales figures for the Texas Lottery during the last several days, which means more revenue for the state of Texas," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "While we're hoping that the lucky winner will be a Texas Lottery® player, we want to remind everyone to play responsibly. Also, if it appears that you have the jackpot-winning ticket, we encourage you to sign the ticket, put it in a safe place, seek financial and legal advice and call the Texas Lottery to schedule an appointment to claim the prize."

Friday's drawing will be the 30th in the current Mega Millions jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$20 million for the April 19 drawing. This is the largest Mega Millions jackpot up for grabs since the Oct. 23, 2018 drawing when it reached an estimated \$1.537 billion – the game's largest jackpot prize, which was won by an out of state player.

Texas has had 13 Mega Millions jackpot prize winners since it joined the game in 2003. Its most recent jackpot winner came in September 2019 when a Leander resident won an estimated annuitized \$227 million, the largest prize ever paid out to a single Texas Lottery player.

Since the start of 2022, five Texas Lottery players have won second-tier Mega Millions prizes of \$1 million or larger, including two during the current jackpot run. A [Houston resident claimed a \\$1,000,510 second-tier](#)

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[prize](#) for the drawing held on May 13 and an [Ingram resident claimed a \\$2 million second-tier prize](#) for the drawing held on June 17.

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 could still walk away winners. Mega Millions currently offers a \$20 million starting jackpot and a second-tier (Match 5+0) prize of \$1 million. By choosing the Megaplier® feature 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. Texas Lottery players can purchase Mega Millions tickets at more than 20,000 Texas Lottery retailers across the state. Ticket sales for the next Mega Millions drawing will close at 9:45 p.m. CT on Friday, July 29. The retailer that sells a jackpot-winning Mega Millions ticket is eligible to receive up to a \$1 million retailer bonus.

Texas Powerball & Mega Millions Jackpot Winners

Game	Draw Date	Advertised Jackpot	Claimant	Claimant City	Retailer	Retailer City
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
MM	7/16/2013	\$20M	THE LUCKY ONES PARTNERSHIP	Houston	Rosslyn Food Mart	Houston

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

Top 10 Mega Millions Jackpots			
Rank	State	Prize Amount	Draw Date
1	SC	\$1.537 billion	Oct. 23, 2018
2		\$1.28 billion	July 29, 2022
3	MI	\$1.05 billion	Jan. 22, 2021
4	KS, IL, MD	\$656 million	March 30, 2012
5	CA, GA	\$648 million	Dec. 17, 2013
6	CA	\$543 million	July 24, 2018
7	IN	\$536 million	July 8, 2016
8	NJ	\$533 million	March 30, 2018
9	CA	\$522 million	June 7, 2019
10	PA	\$516 million	May 21, 2021

Top 10 U.S. Lottery Jackpots				
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	\$1.28 billion	Mega Millions	July 29, 2022	
4	\$1.05 billion	Mega Millions	Jan. 22, 2021	MI
5	\$768.4 million	Mega Millions	March 27, 2019	WI
6	\$758.7 million	Powerball	Aug. 23, 2017	MA
7	\$731.1 million	Powerball	Jan. 20, 2021	MD
8	\$699.8 million	Powerball	Oct. 4, 2021	CA
9	\$687.8 million	Powerball	Oct. 27, 2018	IA, NY
10	\$656.0 million	Mega Millions	March 30, 2012	KS, IL, MD

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$35 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$76 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$29.2 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 \$187 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball®, Mega Millions®, Lotto Texas®, All or Nothing™, Texas Two Step®, Pick 3™, Daily 4™, Cash Five® and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or at [texaslottery.com](https://www.texaslottery.com). PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

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