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## \*\*\*JACKPOT ALERT\*\*\*

## WEDNESDAY'S LOTTO TEXAS® JACKPOT IS LARGEST OF THE YEAR

The jackpot prize for Texas' original draw game is now an estimated annuitized \$20.75 million

**AUSTIN** – The jackpot game with big prizes exclusively for Texas Lottery<sup>®</sup> players is offering its largest prize of the year. The Lotto Texas<sup>®</sup> jackpot for the <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>Dec. 14 drawing</u> stands at an estimated annuitized \$20.75 million – the game's largest since October 2021.

"One month ago today, Lotto Texas celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being Texas' original draw game with big jackpot prizes that can only be won by Texas Lottery players," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "Since launching on November 14, 1992, Lotto Texas has created nearly 600 jackpot winners in our great state. With the game's largest jackpot prize of the year now up for grabs, we're hoping to congratulate a new Lotto Texas jackpot winner before the year's end. However, we want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

It's been more than a year since the Lotto Texas jackpot reached the level it currently stands. The Oct. 2, 2021 drawing advertised a \$20.75 million estimated annuitized jackpot, which was won by a Houston resident who purchased the winning ticket at BFM Food Mart in Houston. The largest Lotto Texas jackpot in game history was an advertised \$145 million prize for the June 19, 2004, drawing, which was sold in El Paso and claimed by VOM Enterprises, Ltd.

So far in 2022, there have been six Lotto Texas jackpot winners, with the most recent being a <u>Katy</u> resident that claimed a jackpot prize of \$19 million for the drawing held on Sept. 17. Wednesday's drawing will be the 38<sup>th</sup> in the current Lotto Texas jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$5 million for the Sept. 19 drawing.

Lotto Texas is played by picking six numbers from one to 54 and offers multimillion-dollar jackpots. Drawings are held every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT. For \$1 more per Play, a player can select the Extra! add-on feature and for a chance to win up to \$10,000 more on non-jackpot prizes.

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Lotto Texas Jackpot Prizes Won in 2022			
Draw Date	Prize Amount (Estimated Annuitized)	Retailer City	Claimant City
Sept. 17, 2022	\$19 million	Willis	Katy
June 25, 2022	\$7.25 million	Irving	Arlington
June 1, 2022	\$17.75 million	Pearland	Pearland
March 5, 2022	\$6.75 million	Grapevine	Haltom City
Feb. 14, 2022	\$9.5 million	Pasadena	Pasadena
Jan. 1, 2022	\$16.25 million	Flower Mound	Highland Village

## About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$36.1 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$78.5 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$30.1 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 \$199 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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

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