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

## \$41 MILLION UP FOR GRABS IN SATURDAY'S LOTTO TEXAS® DRAWING

Currently the second-largest jackpot prize in North America, only behind Mega Millions®

AUSTIN – Texas Lottery® players will once again have their eyes set on the exclusive chance of winning one of the largest prizes on the continent this weekend, as the Lotto Texas® jackpot for the Saturday, Feb. 11 drawing now stands at an estimated annuitized \$41 million, which is currently ranked as the second-largest jackpot prize up for grabs in North America and fourth largest in the world. In North America, it sits only behind Mega Millions®, which advertises a jackpot prize worth an estimated annuitized \$50 million ahead of the Friday, Feb. 10 drawing. Saturday's Lotto Texas drawing offers a cash value worth an estimated \$24.7 million. If there is no jackpot winner for Saturday's Lotto Texas drawing, the jackpot prize for the Monday, Feb. 13 drawing will roll to an estimated annuitized \$41.75 million.

"As this Lotto Texas jackpot rivals some of the largest jackpot prizes in the world, we are seeing an uptick in sales for the game, which indicates that our players are excited to play for the game's largest jackpot prize in more than two years," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "Additionally, those strong sales are generating important revenue for public education in the state of Texas. I'm looking forward to congratulating the first Lotto Texas jackpot winner of 2023. As this jackpot run continues and becomes more thrilling, we want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

Saturday's drawing will be the 63<sup>rd</sup> in the current Lotto Texas jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$5 million for the Sept. 19 drawing. This is the largest Lotto Texas jackpot up for grabs since the Sept. 30, 2020 drawing when it reached an estimated \$47 million, which was <u>claimed by a Seguin resident</u> who purchased the winning ticket at Pic N Pac 10 in Seguin.

In 2022, there were six Lotto Texas jackpot winners. The game's most recent jackpot winner was a <u>Katy resident that claimed a jackpot prize of \$19 million</u> for the drawing held on Sept. 17, 2022. 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.

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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 for a chance to win up to \$10,000 more on non-jackpot prizes. Ticket sales for the next Lotto Texas drawing will close at 10:02 p.m. CT on Saturday.

### About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$36.2 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$79 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$30.3 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 \$202 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.

<u>Editors/News Directors, note:</u> A high-res image of the Lotto Texas logo can be downloaded <u>here</u> and an image of the Lotto Texas prize chart can be downloaded <u>here</u>. (Right-click on the image for saving options.)