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

## **SATURDAY'S LOTTO TEXAS® JACKPOT SITS AT \$44 MILLION**

**Game's largest jackpot in more than two years;  
currently the third-largest jackpot prize in North America**

**AUSTIN** – Without a jackpot winner in Wednesday night's Lotto Texas® drawing, the jackpot for the [Saturday, Feb. 18 drawing](#) has rolled to an **estimated annuitized \$44 million**, giving Texas Lottery® players another weekend to daydream about winning the game's largest jackpot prize in more than two years. The current jackpot stands as the [third largest up for grabs in North America and fifth largest in the world](#) ahead of the Friday, Feb. 17 Mega Millions drawing, which advertises a jackpot worth an estimated \$84 million. Saturday's Lotto Texas drawing offers a cash value worth an estimated \$26.3 million. If there is no jackpot winner for Saturday's Lotto Texas drawing, the jackpot prize for the Monday, Feb. 20 drawing will roll to an estimated annuitized \$45.25 million.

"This weekend, our players will be eyeing their next exclusive chance to win the Lotto Texas jackpot, which is among the largest lottery jackpot prizes up for grabs in the world, sitting only behind Mega Millions and Powerball in North America," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "I'm looking forward to congratulating the first Lotto Texas jackpot winner of 2023. As this exciting jackpot run continues, we want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

Saturday's drawing will be the 66<sup>th</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 [claimed by a Seguin resident](#) 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 [Katy resident that claimed a jackpot prize of \\$19 million](#) 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 \$36.4 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$79.5 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$30.4 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 \$204 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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

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