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JACKPOT ALERT MONDAY'S LOTTO TEXAS[®] JACKPOT ROLLS TO \$61.5 MILLION Game's largest jackpot prize in more than 12 years; third-largest jackpot prize in the world

AUSTIN – After there were no jackpot winners in Saturday night's Lotto Texas[®] drawing, the game's largest jackpot in more than 12 years has rolled to an **estimated annuitized \$61.5 million** for the <u>Monday</u>, <u>April 3 drawing</u>. The current jackpot ranks as the <u>third largest jackpot in the world</u>. It sits behind the estimated annuitized Powerball[®] jackpot worth \$159 million for the Monday, April 3 drawing, as well as the estimated annuitized Mega Millions[®] jackpot worth \$385 million for the Tuesday, April 4 drawing. Tonight's Lotto Texas drawing offers a cash value worth an estimated \$37.6 million. If there is no jackpot winner for tonight's Lotto Texas drawing, the jackpot prize for the Wednesday, April 5 drawing will roll to an estimated annuitized \$62.75 million.

"A new week begins with Texas Lottery[®] players getting an exclusive chance to win one of the largest jackpot prizes in the world, as the Lotto Texas jackpot now stands at \$61.5 million mark for Monday night's drawing," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "Sales have been strong over the last several weeks, which will generate important revenue for public education in Texas. We look forward to celebrating at least one of our own players winning the first Lotto Texas jackpot of 2023 and the largest since May of 2010. As excitement for this jackpot prize increases, we want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

Lotto Texas has boasted five different winning jackpot drawings in the \$60 million range throughout the game's 30-year history. The last time was for the Feb. 8, 2006, drawing, when an advertised \$64 million prize was claimed by AB Revocable Living Trust, which purchased the winning ticket at Shop & Save in Houston. The last time the game had a jackpot winner of more than \$40 million was for the Sept. 30, 2020, drawing, when an estimated \$47 million prize was <u>claimed by a Seguin resident</u> who purchased the winning ticket at Pic N Pac 10 in Seguin.

Monday's drawing will be the 85th in the current Lotto Texas jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$5 million for the Sept. 19 drawing, extending the record for the longest jackpot run in game

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history. This is the largest Lotto Texas jackpot up for grabs since the May 29, 2010, drawing, when the advertised jackpot reached an estimated \$97 million. The winning ticket for that Lotto Texas drawing was sold at 7-Eleven Convenience Store #21972, located at 8902 Garland Road, in Dallas, and was claimed by The Bilmar Trust. 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.

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

While the jackpot prize remains up for grabs, many Texas Lottery players have been coming away with lower-tier Lotto Texas prizes during the recent jackpot run. For players that choose the game's popular add-on feature – Extra! – for \$1 more per Play, non-jackpot prizes could be increased by up to \$10,000. Since being introduced in April 2013, Extra! has produced year-over-year sales increases for the Texas Lottery, including a record-setting year in FY 2022 with \$39.6 million in total sales. In the <u>April 1 drawing</u>, 104,544 Lotto Texas tickets, including those that played Extra!, won lower-tier prizes ranging from \$2 to \$11,716.

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. Ticket sales for the next Lotto Texas drawing will close at 10:02 p.m. CT on Monday. More information about playing Lotto Texas and the Extra! add-on feature can be found <u>here.</u>

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$36.6 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$79.9 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$30.6 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 \$207 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. 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.)