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*****JACKPOT ALERT*****

LOTTO TEXAS® JACKPOT EXPANDS TO \$65 MILLION FOR WEDNESDAY'S DRAWING

**The growing in-state jackpot prize is now tied for 9th largest in game history;
third-largest jackpot prize in North America and fourth largest in the world**

AUSTIN – The largest Lotto Texas® jackpot in more than 12 years is now among the top 10 largest in game history, as the **estimated annuitized \$65 million jackpot** for the [Wednesday, April 12 drawing](#) is tied for the ninth largest in Lotto Texas history with the \$65 million jackpot that was advertised for the Oct. 21, 1998 drawing. This Lotto Texas jackpot prize also still ranks as [the third largest jackpot in North America and fourth largest in the world](#). In North America, Lotto Texas sits behind the estimated annuitized Powerball® jackpot worth \$202 million for the Wednesday, April 12 drawing, as well as the estimated annuitized Mega Millions® jackpot worth \$476 million for the Friday, April 16 drawing. Tonight's Lotto Texas drawing offers a cash value worth an estimated \$40.1 million. If there is no jackpot winner for tonight's Lotto Texas drawing, the jackpot prize for Saturday's drawing will roll to an estimated annuitized \$66.75 million.

"This historic run for Lotto Texas is only getting more exciting, as the jackpot has now broken into the top 10 for largest advertised jackpot prizes in Lotto Texas history," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "Texas Lottery players have an exclusive chance to win this enormous jackpot prize and we're looking forward to congratulating the largest Lotto Texas jackpot winner since May of 2010. As this jackpot grows, we continue to see strong sales for the game, which will generate important revenue for public education in our state. We know playing for a large jackpot can be thrilling for our players, so we want to remind everyone 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 [claimed by a Seguin resident](#) who purchased the winning ticket at Pic N Pac 10 in Seguin.

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Top 10 Lotto Texas Jackpots			
Rank	Advertised Jackpot (Est. Annuitized)	Draw Date	Retailer City
1	\$145 million	June 19, 2004	El Paso
2	\$97 million	May. 29, 2010	Dallas
3	\$85 million	March 7, 2001	Austin
4	\$77 million	March 16, 1994	Dallas, Arlington, Corpus Christi, Humble, Carrollton
5	\$76 million	Oct. 21, 2009	Alvin
6	\$75 million	April 7, 2007	League City
T-7	\$70 million	June 22, 2002	Sherman, Terrell, Longview, Austin, Pearland
T-7	\$70 million	Jan. 31, 2004	Houston
8	\$66 million	May. 21, 2005	North Richland Hills
T-9	\$65 million	Oct. 21, 1998	Kerrville, Lufkin
T-9	\$65 million	April 12, 2023	???
10	\$64 million	Feb. 8, 2006	Houston

Wednesday's drawing will be the 89th 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 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 [Katy 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 [April 10 drawing](#), 66,336 Lotto Texas tickets, including those that played Extra!, won lower-tier prizes ranging from \$2 to \$11,924.

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 Wednesday. More information about playing Lotto Texas and the Extra! add-on feature can be found [here](#).

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.

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