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JACKPOT ALERT

MEGA MILLIONS® JACKPOT SITS AT \$720 MILLION FOR FRIDAY'S DRAWING

Fifth largest jackpot prize in Mega Millions history is up for grabs

AUSTIN – Following a substantial jackpot win in another state earlier this week, Texas Lottery® players begin the weekend excitedly looking forward to their next chance at winning a major jackpot prize, as the Mega Millions® jackpot for the [Friday, July 21 drawing](#) stands at an **estimated annuitized \$720 million**. Tonight's jackpot prize offers a cash value worth an estimated \$370.5 million. If there is no jackpot winner for tonight's Mega Millions drawing, the jackpot prize for the Tuesday, July 25, drawing will roll to an estimated annuitized \$820 million.

"This week has been nothing short of exhilarating, as Texas Lottery players have been caught up in the frenzy of jackpot fever," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "While the staggering \$1.08 billion Powerball jackpot was hit in another jurisdiction on Wednesday night, hope remains for Texas Lottery players looking for a chance to win a huge jackpot prize, as tonight's Mega Millions jackpot ranks as the fifth largest in game history. When jackpot prizes reach exciting levels, we see an increase in sales, which creates much needed revenue for public education in Texas. We realize playing for a jackpot like this is a great thrill for our players, so we want to remind everyone to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

Friday's drawing will be the 27th in the current Mega Millions jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$20 million for the April 21 drawing. This is the largest Mega Millions jackpot up for grabs since the Jan. 13 drawing when it reached an estimated annuitized \$1.348 billion – the game's second-largest jackpot prize, which was won by an out of state player.

Texas has had 13 Mega Millions jackpot prize winners since it joined the game in 2003. Its most recent winner came in September 2019 when a Leander resident won an estimated annuitized \$227 million prize. The claimant chose the cash value option and received \$157,091,592 before taxes; the largest prize ever paid out to a single Texas Lottery player.

Since the start of 2023, six Texas Lottery players have won second-tier Mega Millions prizes of \$1 million or larger, including three during the current jackpot run. Most recently, a [Dallas resident claimed a \\$1 million](#)

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[second-tier prize](#) for the June 30 drawing; the ticket was sold in Austin. Prior to that a [Houston resident claimed a \\$3 million prize](#) for the June 16 drawing and a [Corpus Christi resident claimed a \\$1 million prize](#) for the drawing held on May 9.

Mega Millions is played by choosing five numbers from a field of 70 and one Mega Ball number from the second field of 25 numbers. To win the Mega Millions jackpot, players must match all six numbers drawn including the Mega Ball. Players matching fewer numbers may not win the jackpot, but could still walk away winners. Mega Millions currently offers a \$20 million starting jackpot and a second-tier (Match 5+0) prize of \$1 million. By choosing the Megaplier® feature for \$1 more per Play, players can multiply their non-jackpot winnings by two, three, four or five times, winning as much as \$5 million.

Drawings are broadcast each Tuesday and Friday at 10:12 p.m. CT. Texas Lottery players can purchase Mega Millions tickets at more than 20,000 Texas Lottery retailers across the state. Ticket sales for the next Mega Millions drawing will close at 9:45 p.m. CT on Friday, July 21. The retailer that sells a jackpot-winning Mega Millions ticket may be eligible to receive up to a \$1 million retailer bonus.

Second-Tier Mega Millions Prizes Won in Texas in 2023			
Draw Date	Prize Amount	Retailer City	Claimant City
Jan. 3, 2023	\$1 million	Round Rock	Dallas
Jan. 13, 2023	\$1 million	Houston	Houston
March 24, 2023	\$1 million	Dallas	Grand Prairie
May 9, 2023	\$1 million	Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi
June 16, 2023	\$3 million	Houston	Houston
June 30, 2023	\$1 million	Austin	Dallas

Top 10 Mega Millions Jackpots			
Rank	State	Prize Amount	Draw Date
1	SC	\$1.537 billion	Oct. 23, 2018
2	ME	\$1.348 billion	Jan. 13, 2023
3	IL	\$1.337 billion	July 29, 2022
4	MI	\$1.05 billion	Jan. 22, 2021
5	??	\$720 million	July 21, 2023
6	KS, IL, MD	\$656 million	March 30, 2012
7	CA, GA	\$648 million	Dec. 17, 2013
8	CA	\$543 million	July 24, 2018
9	IN	\$536 million	July 8, 2016
10	NJ	\$533 million	March 30, 2018

Texas Powerball & Mega Millions Jackpot Winners

Game	Draw Date	Advertised Jackpot	Claimant	Claimant City	Retailer	Retailer City
PB	2/11/2015	\$500M*	TL MANAGEMENT TRUST	Austin	Appletree Food Mart	Princeton
MM	8/31/2007	\$330M*	SB ALCHEMY HOLDINGS, LTD.	Dallas	Kroger #318 SST	Humble
MM	9/24/2019	\$227M	(Anonymous)	Leander	Lakeline Express Mart	Cedar Park
MM	1/29/2010	\$144M	WILLIAM R KIEFER	Katy	Short Stop Market	Katy
MM	7/6/2007	\$126M	H & H TRUST	Dallas	Central Gas & More	Dallas
MM	1/9/2007	\$122M	CRUMP, ALLEN & LEWIS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP	Amarillo	Taylor Petro Co Inc #80	Amarillo
MM	3/1/2005	\$112M	MAL HOLDINGS, LP	Rowlett	Dalrock Grocery	Rowlett
MM	10/1/2004	\$101M	UT VAN NGUYEN	Carrollton	Sack N Save #204	Carrollton
MM	5/16/2006	\$94M	MARTHA L. CUELLAR	El Paso	Good Time Store #12	El Paso
MM	10/11/2016	\$49M	IT WILL BUY ME A BOAT REVOCABLE TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2016	Rockwall	QuikTrip #982	Balch Springs
PB	5/29/2013	\$40M	PAUL MCDOWELL	Bells	Lone Star Food Store #48	Bells
MM	5/27/2011	\$35M	MAIM REVOCABLE TRUST	Arlington	Tommy's #10	Granbury
MM	1/1/2008	\$33M	JOHN A. JONES	Fort Worth	C-Store Sub Express	Fort Worth
MM	6/27/2014	\$33M	THE 6-27-14 REVOCABLE TRUST	Houston	Moulton Grocery & Market	Moulton
MM	7/16/2013	\$20M	THE LUCKY ONES PARTNERSHIP	Houston	Rosslyn Food Mart	Houston

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$37.3 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$82 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$31.4 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 \$217 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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