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

### LARGEST TEXAS TWO STEP® JACKPOT IN 17 YEARS UP FOR GRABS TONIGHT

**The jackpot stands at an estimated \$2.25 million – the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in game history**

**AUSTIN** – The game that makes the most jackpot winners in Texas each year just got more exciting. After nine draws without a winner, the Texas Two Step® jackpot that started as a \$200,000 prize for the drawing on Sept. 7 has grown to an **estimated \$2.25 million prize for the [Thursday, Oct. 12 drawing](#) – the largest since 2006**. This is the second largest Texas Two Step jackpot on record and only the sixth time the game has reached the \$2 million threshold since the game started in 2001.

“It’s been more than 17 years since we have had a Texas Two Step jackpot this large,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. “If a player matches all four numbers plus the bonus ball, they’ll be the biggest Texas Two Step winner since 2006. We want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win.”

The largest Texas Two Step jackpot in game history was a \$2.9 million prize for the April 27, 2006 drawing, which was shared by three individuals: Marechia A. Faggett, of Longview; Sukhjeet S. Sekhon, of Longview; and Roberto C. Fernandez, of San Antonio. Two winning tickets were sold at Cowboys in Longview and the third was purchased at Ben’s Ice and Food Store in San Antonio.

The last time Texas Two Step had a jackpot of more than \$2 million was for the March 15, 2021 drawing when it reached \$2.15 million. So far in 2023, there have been 30 Texas Two Step jackpot winners, including [an advertised \\$1.55 million jackpot prize that was shared by 10 winners in the April 6 drawing](#).

Texas Two Step jackpots start at \$200,000, and the jackpot amount increases for the next drawing until there is a winner. Players win the jackpot by matching all four of the white ball numbers (1-35) and one Bonus Ball number (1-35) to the numbers drawn. The game features overall odds of one in 32.4. Texas Two Step drawings are conducted on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:12 p.m. CT and tickets must be purchased by 10:02 p.m. CT.

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<b>Top 5 Texas Two Step® Jackpots</b>			
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Jackpot Amount</b>	<b>Draw Date</b>	<b>Retailer City</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$2.9 million	April 7, 2006	San Antonio, Longview, Longview
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>\$2.25 million</b>	<b>Oct. 12, 2023</b>	<b>??</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> (tied)	\$2.15 million	Oct. 2, 2006	Euless & Bryan
3 <sup>rd</sup> (tied)	\$2.15 million	March 12, 2009	La Marque
3 <sup>rd</sup> (tied)	\$2.15 million	March 15, 2021	Austin
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$2.05 million	Aug. 15, 2019	Amarillo
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$1.875 million	July 26, 2018	Garland & Euless

### About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$37.8 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$83 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$31.8 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 \$221 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, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or at [texaslottery.com](https://www.texaslottery.com). PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

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

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