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

LUCK AWAITS TEXANS IN JACKPOTS TOTALING OVER \$1.4 BILLION THIS WEEKEND

**Friday's Mega Millions® jackpot increased to an estimated \$815 million,
Saturday's Powerball® jackpot is set at an estimated \$600 million**

AUSTIN – The Lone Star State is aglow in a cascade of green as Mega Millions and Powerball are offering more than \$1.4 billion in combined jackpot prizes this St. Patrick's Day weekend. With Mega Millions increased to an **estimated annuitized \$815 million** for the [Friday, March 15 drawing](#) – the sixth largest jackpot in game history – and Powerball offering a Grand Prize worth an **estimated annuitized \$600 million** in the [Saturday, March 16 drawing](#), Texas Lottery® players will be embracing luck as they take a chance at capturing a pot of gold.

“The Texas Lottery is hoping at least one of its players has a lot of luck this weekend and wins one of these exciting Powerball and Mega Millions jackpot prizes,” said Ryan Mindell, deputy executive director of the Texas Lottery. “Sales for both games in Texas have been strong over the last few weeks, helping to generate important revenue for public education in our state. While we know our players are looking forward to playing for these large jackpots, we want to remind everyone to play responsibly; it only takes one ticket to win.”

Friday's drawing will be the 28th in the current Mega Millions jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$20 million for the Dec. 12, 2023 drawing. This is the largest Mega Millions jackpot up for grabs since the Aug. 8, 2023 drawing when it reached an estimated annuitized \$1.602 billion – the largest jackpot prize in game history, which was won by an out of state player. Tonight's Mega Millions jackpot offers an estimated cash value of \$385.1 million. If there is no jackpot winner for tonight's drawing, the jackpot for the Tuesday, March 19 drawing will be an estimated annuitized \$875 million.

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Texas has had 14 Mega Millions jackpot prize winners since it joined the game in 2003. Its most recent winner came in October 2023 when The Blue Yucca Trust won an estimated annuitized \$360 million prize. The claimant chose the cash value option and received \$157,367,045 before taxes; the largest prize ever paid out to a single Texas Lottery player.

Saturday's Powerball drawing will be the 32nd in the current jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$20 million for the Jan. 3 drawing and offers an estimated cash value of \$293.4 million. If there is no jackpot winner for tomorrow night's Powerball drawing, the Grand Prize for the Monday, March 18 drawing will be an estimated annuitized \$645 million.

Since joining the game in 2010, Texas has had two Powerball jackpot winners, including its most recent in February 2015 when TL Management Trust, Andrew Weber, Trustee of Austin, claimed a share of the \$564.1 million jackpot prize with two other winners.

Since the start of 2024, six Texas Lottery players have won second-tier Powerball (4) and Mega Millions (2) prizes of \$1 million or larger, including one in each game over the last week.

Powerball: Second-Tier Prizes Won in Texas in 2024			
Draw Date	Prize Amount	Retailer City	Claimant City
Jan. 1, 2024	\$2 million	Laredo	Laredo
Jan. 29, 2024	\$1 million	Katy	Katy
Jan. 31, 2024	\$1 million	San Antonio	San Antonio
March 13, 2024	\$1 million	Houston	Houston
Mega Millions: Second-Tier Prizes Won in Texas in 2024			
Draw Date	Prize Amount	Retailer City	Claimant City
Jan. 2, 2024	\$2 million	Longview	Longview
March 8, 2024	\$1 million	Richwood	Richwood

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. Ticket sales for the next Mega Millions drawing will close at 9:45 p.m. CT on Friday, March 15.

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Powerball Grand Prizes currently start at \$20 million and roll until the jackpot is won. Players win the Grand Prize by matching five numbers from a field of 69 numbers and one Powerball number from a field of 26 numbers. By choosing Power Play® for \$1 more per Play, players can multiply their non-Grand Prize winnings by two, three, four, five or 10 times*. A Power Play Match Five (5+0) prize is set at \$2 million regardless of the Power Play number selected. All other non-Grand Prizes will be multiplied by the Power Play number selected. (*The 10X Power Play multiplier is available for drawings in which the initially advertised annuitized Grand Prize amount is \$150 million or less.) Ticket sales for the next Powerball drawing will close at 9 p.m. CT on Saturday, March 16.

Texas Lottery players can purchase Mega Millions and Powerball tickets at more than 20,000 Texas Lottery retailers across the state. The retailer that sells a jackpot-winning Mega Millions or Powerball ticket is eligible to receive up to a \$1 million retailer bonus.

Powerball & Mega Millions Jackpot Wins By Texas Lottery Players

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	10/6/2023	\$360M	The Blue Yucca Trust	Rapid City, SD	Stripes #5031	San Angelo
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	Rossllyn Food Mart	Houston

^ indicates jackpot prize was shared with one or more out-of-state winner.

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Top 10 Mega Millions Jackpots			
Rank	State	Prize Amount	Draw Date
1	FL	\$1.602 billion	Aug. 8, 2023
2	SC	\$1.537 billion	Oct. 23, 2018
3	ME	\$1.348 billion	Jan. 13, 2023
4	IL	\$1.337 billion	July 29, 2022
5	MI	\$1.05 billion	Jan. 22, 2021
6	??	\$815 million (est.)	March 15, 2024
7	KS, IL, MD	\$656 million	March 30, 2012
8	CA, GA	\$648 million	Dec. 17, 2013
9	CA	\$543 million	July 24, 2018
10	IN	\$536 million	July 8, 2016

Top 10 Powerball Jackpots			
Rank	State	Prize Amount	Draw Date
1	CA	\$2.04 billion	Nov. 7, 2022
2	CA	\$1.765 billion	Oct. 11, 2023
3	CA, FL, TN	\$1.586 billion	Jan. 13, 2016
4	CA	\$1.08 billion	July 19, 2023
5	MI	\$842.4 million	Jan. 1, 2024
6	WI	\$768.4 million	March 27, 2019
7	MA	\$758.7 million	Aug. 23, 2017
8	WA	\$754.6 million	Feb. 6, 2023
9	MD	\$731.1 million	Jan. 20, 2021
10	CA	\$699.8 million	Oct. 4, 2021

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$38 billion in revenue for the state and distributed more than \$85 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$32.6 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 \$235 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. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

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