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JACKPOT ALERT

MEGA MILLIONS® JACKPOT EXPANDS TO

$1 BILLION FOR TONIGHT'S DRAWING

Third largest jackpot in U.S. history up for grabs, second highest in game history

(AUSTIN) – With only one supersized multi-state jackpot left to play for, Texas Lottery® players have their sights set on their chances to win the rising Mega Millions® jackpot prize, which has been **increased to an estimated annuitized $1 billion for the Friday, Jan. 22 drawing.** The new amount marks only the third time that a jackpot prize has reached at least $1 billion in U.S. lottery history and just the second time ever that the Mega Millions jackpot has reached that level. The estimated cash value for tonight's drawing is now an estimated $739.6 million. The growing jackpot is the result of 36 draws without a winner, the longest roll in game history.

"Playing for large lottery jackpot prizes like the ones we have seen recently are an exciting form of entertainment and are fun for our players, but we want to urge them to play responsibly," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "While it's a thrill to dream about winning tonight's Mega Millions jackpot prize, we encourage our players to play within their means and remind them that it only takes one ticket to win."

Since the current Mega Millions jackpot run started on Sept. 18, 2020, three Texas Lottery players have won second-tier prizes of $1 million or larger, with all three wins coming since Dec. 25, 2020. Most recently, a Texas Lottery player won a second-tier Mega Millions prize of $1 million prize; the ticket was sold in Carrollton for the drawing held on Jan. 12.

Texas has had 13 Mega Millions jackpot prize winners since joining 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.

Friday's Mega Millions jackpot is the largest since the Oct. 23, 2018 drawing when a South Carolina winner claimed a $1.537 billion prize; the largest in game history and the second-largest jackpot in world history.

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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 still walk away winners. Mega Millions offers a $20 Million starting jackpot and a second-tier (Match 5+0) prize of $1 million. By choosing the Megaplier® 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.

Texas Lottery players can purchase Mega Millions 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.

Texas Mega Millions & Powerball 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

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

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Top 10 U.S. Lottery Jackpots

Rank	Prize Amount	Game	Draw Date	State
1	$1.586 billion	Powerball	Jan. 13, 2016	CA, FL, TN
2	$1.537 billion	Mega Millions	Oct. 23, 2018	SC
3	$1.0 billion	Mega Millions	Jan. 22, 2021	
4	$768.4 million	Mega Millions	March 27, 2019	WI
5	$758.7 million	Powerball	Aug. 23, 2017	MA
6	$731.1 million	Powerball	Jan. 20, 2021	MD
7	$687.8 million	Powerball	Oct. 27, 2018	IA, NY
8	$656.0 million	Mega Millions	March 30, 2012	KS, IL, MD
9	$648.0 million	Mega Millions	Dec. 17, 2013	CA, GA
10	$590.5 million	Powerball	May 18, 2013	FL

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3	KS, IL, MD	$656 million	March 30, 2012
4	CA, GA	$648 million	Dec. 17, 2013
5	CA	$543 million	July 24, 2018
6	IN	$536 million	July 8, 2016
7	NJ	$533 million	March 30, 2018
8	CA	$522 million	June 7, 2019
9	FL	$451 million	Jan. 5, 2018
10	FL, MD	$414 million	March 18, 2018

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated $32 billion in revenue for the state and distributed $67 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed $26.2 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 $148 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, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

Editors/News Directors, note: An image of the Mega Millions logo is attached in JPEG format. A list of the 2020 top selling Texas Lottery retailers is also attached.

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