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

## **FIRST MEGA MILLIONS® JACKPOT OF 2023 STANDS AT \$785 MILLION FOR TUESDAY'S DRAWING**

**Sixth largest lottery jackpot prize in U.S. history; fourth largest in Mega Millions history**

**AUSTIN** – After there were no winners for Friday night's Mega Millions jackpot drawing, Texas Lottery® players can begin the new year by playing for one of the largest jackpot prizes in the game's history. The Mega Millions jackpot for the [Tuesday, Jan. 3 drawing](#) stands at an **estimated annuitized \$785 million**, the fourth largest jackpot prize in Mega Millions history and the sixth largest in U.S. lottery history. Tuesday's drawing offers a cash value worth an estimated \$395 million. If there is no jackpot winner for tonight's Mega Millions drawing, the jackpot prize for the Friday, Jan. 6 drawing will roll to an estimated annuitized \$940 million.

"Following a year of big jackpots, 2023 is getting started with one of the largest jackpots in lottery history," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "As great excitement builds for Tuesday night's drawing, we're keeping our fingers crossed that the first Mega Millions jackpot winner of the new year is a Texas Lottery player. Most importantly, we also want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

Tuesday's drawing will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> in the current Mega Millions jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$20 million for the Oct. 18, 2022 drawing. This is the largest Mega Millions jackpot up for grabs since the July 29, 2022 drawing when it reached an advertised \$1.28 billion – the game's second-largest jackpot prize, which was won by an out of state player. Two second-tier prizes worth \$1 million each from the [July 29, 2022 drawing](#) have yet to be claimed by Texas Lottery players and [will expire on Jan. 25 at 5 p.m. local time](#) if not claimed by the deadline. The winning tickets for the unclaimed prizes were sold at RaceTrac #099, located at 1100 W. Park Blvd. in Plano, and at Fuel Maxx #47, located at 420 University Drive in Prairie View.

Texas has had 13 Mega Millions jackpot prize winners since it joined the game in 2003. Its most recent jackpot winner came in September 2019 when a Leander resident won an estimated annuitized \$227 million, the largest prize ever paid out to a single Texas Lottery player.

In 2022, 13 Texas Lottery players won second-tier Mega Millions prizes of \$1 million or larger, including two during the current jackpot run. A Whitesboro resident claimed a \$3 million second-tier prize for the [drawing held](#)

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on [Nov. 1, 2022](#) and a Texas Lottery player won a second-tier prize worth \$1 million for the Dec. 20, 2022 drawing; the ticket was sold in Round Rock.

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 Tuesday, Jan. 3. The retailer that sells a jackpot-winning Mega Millions ticket may be eligible to receive up to a \$1 million retailer bonus.

### 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	Rossllyn Food Mart	Houston

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

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<b>Top 10 Mega Millions Jackpots</b>			
Rank	State	Prize Amount	Draw Date
1	SC	\$1.537 billion	Oct. 23, 2018
2	IL	\$1.337 billion	July 29, 2022
3	MI	\$1.05 billion	Jan. 22, 2021
4		<b>\$785 million</b>	<b>Jan. 3, 2023</b>
5	KS, IL, MD	\$656 million	March 30, 2012
6	CA, GA	\$648 million	Dec. 17, 2013
7	CA	\$543 million	July 24, 2018
8	IN	\$536 million	July 8, 2016
9	NJ	\$533 million	March 30, 2018
10	CA	\$522 million	June 7, 2019

<b>Top 10 U.S. Lottery Jackpots</b>				
Rank	Prize Amount	Game	Draw Date	State
1	\$2.04 billion	Powerball	Nov. 7, 2022	CA
2	\$1.586 billion	Powerball	Jan. 13, 2016	CA, FL, TN
3	\$1.537 billion	Mega Millions	Oct. 23, 2018	SC
4	\$1.337 billion	Mega Millions	July 29, 2022	IL
5	\$1.05 billion	Mega Millions	Jan. 22, 2021	MI
6	<b>\$785.0 million</b>	<b>Mega Millions</b>	<b>Jan. 3, 2023</b>	
7	\$768.4 million	Powerball	March 27, 2019	WI
8	\$758.7 million	Powerball	Aug. 23, 2017	MA
9	\$731.1 million	Powerball	Jan. 20, 2021	MD
10	\$699.8 million	Powerball	Oct. 4, 2021	CA

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$36.1 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$78.5 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$30.1 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 \$199 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

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