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

## \$29.75 MILLION UP FOR GRABS IN WEDNESDAY'S LOTTO TEXAS® DRAWING

Fifth-largest jackpot up for grabs in North America; game's largest prize since September 2020

**AUSTIN** – Another night, another big prize for Texas Lottery® players to play for, as the Lotto Texas® jackpot now stands at an estimated annuitized \$29.75 million for the Wednesday, Jan. 11 drawing. The jackpot is largest the game has offered in more than two years and remains the fifth-largest lottery prize currently up for grabs in North America.

"Recent sales for Lotto Texas and Mega Millions suggest that jackpot fever is sweeping through Texas," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "Our players are thrilled to have another chance at playing for a big jackpot prize this week as they step in line to buy a ticket for tonight's Lotto Texas drawing. Jackpots this large generate a lot of excitement, so I want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

Wednesday's drawing will be the 50<sup>th</sup> in the current Lotto Texas jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$5 million for the Sept. 19 drawing. This is the largest Lotto Texas jackpot up for grabs since the Sept. 30, 2020 drawing when it reached an estimated \$47 million, which was <u>claimed</u> by a <u>Seguin resident</u> who purchased the winning ticket at Pic N Pac 10 in Seguin.

In 2022, there were six Lotto Texas jackpot winners. The game's most recent jackpot winner was a <u>Katy resident that claimed a jackpot prize of \$19 million</u> for the drawing held on Sept. 17, 2022. The largest Lotto Texas jackpot in game history was an advertised \$145 million prize for the June 19, 2004, drawing, which was sold in El Paso and claimed by VOM Enterprises, Ltd.

Lotto Texas is played by picking six numbers from one to 54 and offers multimillion-dollar jackpots. Drawings are held every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT. For \$1 more per Play, a player can select the Extra! add-on feature for a chance to win up to \$10,000 more on non-jackpot prizes.

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Lotto Texas Jackpot Prizes Won in 2022			
Draw Date	Prize Amount (Estimated Annuitized)	Retailer City	Claimant City
Sept. 17, 2022	\$19 million	Willis	Katy
June 25, 2022	\$7.25 million	Irving	Arlington
June 1, 2022	\$17.75 million	Pearland	Pearland
March 5, 2022	\$6.75 million	Grapevine	Haltom City
Feb. 14, 2022	\$9.5 million	Pasadena	Pasadena
Jan. 1, 2022	\$16.25 million	Flower Mound	Highland Village

## 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.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball<sup>®</sup>, Mega Millions<sup>®</sup>, Lotto Texas<sup>®</sup>, All or Nothing<sup>™</sup>, Texas Two Step<sup>®</sup>, Pick 3<sup>™</sup>, Daily 4<sup>™</sup>, Cash Five<sup>®</sup> and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or at texaslottery.com. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

<u>Editors/News Directors, note:</u> A high-res image of the Lotto Texas logo can be downloaded <u>here</u>. (Right-click on the image for saving options.)

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