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

## **\$51.5 MILLION LOTTO TEXAS® JACKPOT UP FOR GRABS TONIGHT**

**Game's largest jackpot prize in more than 12 years;**

**second-largest jackpot prize in North America and third largest in the world**

**AUSTIN** – The largest Lotto Texas® jackpot prize in more than 12 years is still up for grabs, as it now stands at an **estimated annuitized \$51.5 million** for the [Wednesday, March 8 drawing](#), which is the [second largest jackpot in North America and third largest in the world](#). In North America, Lotto Texas sits only behind the estimated annuitized Mega Millions® jackpot worth \$203 million for the Friday, March 10 drawing. Tonight's Lotto Texas drawing offers a cash value worth an estimated \$30.6 million. If there is no jackpot winner for tonight's Lotto Texas drawing, the jackpot prize for the Saturday, March 11 drawing will roll to an estimated annuitized \$53 million.

"Texas Lottery® players have another exclusive chance tonight to win one of the largest lottery jackpot prizes in the world," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "The excitement for this growing jackpot has helped generate strong sales for the game, which supports public education in Texas. We're looking forward to congratulating the largest Lotto Texas jackpot winner since May of 2010 and the first one of 2023. While it can be a thrill to play for a large jackpot prize, we want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

Wednesday's drawing will be the 74<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 May 29, 2010, drawing, when the advertised jackpot reached an estimated \$97 million. The winning ticket for that Lotto Texas drawing was sold at 7-Eleven Convenience Store #21972, located at 8902 Garland Road, in Dallas, and was claimed by The Bilmar Trust. 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 has boasted nine different winning jackpot drawings in the \$50 million range throughout the game's 30-year history. The last time was for the Jan. 26, 2005, drawing, when an advertised \$57 million prize was claimed by a Garland resident, who purchased the winning ticket at Tom Thumb #2561, in

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Garland. The last time the game had a jackpot winner of more than \$40 million was for the Sept. 30, 2020, drawing, when an estimated \$47 million prize was [claimed by a Seguin resident](#) 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 [Katy resident that claimed a jackpot prize of \\$19 million](#) for the drawing held on Sept. 17, 2022.

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. Ticket sales for the next Lotto Texas drawing will close at 10:02 p.m. CT on Wednesday.

#### About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$36.4 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$79.5 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$30.4 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 \$204 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, LinkedIn, YouTube or at [texaslottery.com](https://www.texaslottery.com). PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

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

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