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JACKPOT ALERT SATURDAY'S LOTTO TEXAS[®] JACKPOT HOPS TO \$63.25 MILLION

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

third-largest jackpot prize in the world

AUSTIN – Texas Lottery[®] players will be hunting for a jackpot this holiday weekend, as the current Lotto Texas[®] jackpot stands at an **estimated annuitized \$63.25 million** for the <u>Saturday, April 8 drawing</u> – the game's largest jackpot prize in more than 12 years. The current jackpot ranks as the <u>third largest</u> jackpot in the world. It sits behind the estimated annuitized Powerball[®] jackpot worth \$186 million for the Saturday, April 8 drawing, as well as the estimated annuitized Mega Millions[®] jackpot worth \$414 million for the Friday, April 7 drawing. Saturday's Lotto Texas drawing offers a cash value worth an estimated \$39.2 million. If there is no jackpot winner for Saturday's Lotto Texas drawing, the jackpot prize for the Monday, April 10 drawing will roll to an estimated annuitized \$63.75 million.

"This weekend, our players will get another exclusive chance to win the Lotto Texas jackpot, which is among the largest lottery jackpot prizes up for grabs in the world," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "I'm looking forward to congratulating the largest Lotto Texas jackpot winner since May of 2010 and the game's first jackpot winner 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. If it appears that you have the jackpot-winning ticket, we encourage you to sign the ticket, put it in a safe place, seek financial and legal advice and call the Texas Lottery to schedule an appointment to claim the prize."

Lotto Texas has boasted five different winning jackpot drawings in the \$60 million range throughout the game's 30-year history. The last time was for the Feb. 8, 2006, drawing, when an advertised \$64 million prize was claimed by AB Revocable Living Trust, which purchased the winning ticket at Shop & Save in Houston. 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.

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Saturday's drawing will be the 87th in the current Lotto Texas jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$5 million for the Sept. 19 drawing, extending the record for the longest jackpot run in game history. 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.

In 2022, there were six Lotto Texas jackpot winners. The game's most recent jackpot winner was a <u>Katy</u> resident that claimed a jackpot prize of \$19 million for the drawing held on Sept. 17, 2022.

While the jackpot prize remains up for grabs, many Texas Lottery players have been coming away with lower-tier Lotto Texas prizes during the recent jackpot run. For players that choose the game's popular add-on feature – Extra! – for \$1 more per Play, non-jackpot prizes could be increased by up to \$10,000. Since being introduced in April 2013, Extra! has produced year-over-year sales increases for the Texas Lottery, including a record-setting year in FY 2022 with \$39.6 million in total sales. In the <u>April 5 drawing</u>, 65,967 Lotto Texas tickets, including those that played Extra!, won lower-tier prizes ranging from \$2 to \$13,173.

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. Ticket sales for the next Lotto Texas drawing will close at 10:02 p.m. CT on Saturday. More information about playing Lotto Texas and the Extra! add-on feature can be found <u>here.</u>

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$36.6 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$79.9 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$30.6 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 \$207 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. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

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