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

# MONDAY'S LOTTO TEXAS® JACKPOT INCREASED TO \$72 MILLION

The growing in-state jackpot prize is the seventh largest in game history; second-largest jackpot prize in North America and third largest in the world

**AUSTIN** – The strong sales pace for Lotto Texas® continues, causing the jackpot prize for the Monday, April 17 drawing to be increased to an **estimated annuitized \$72 million** – now the seventh-largest advertised jackpot prize in Lotto Texas history. The current jackpot is the game's largest in more than 12 years and ranks as the second largest jackpot in North America and third largest in the world. In North America, Lotto Texas sits behind the estimated annuitized Powerball® jackpot worth \$235 million for the Monday, April 17 drawing. Tonight's Lotto Texas drawing offers a cash value worth an estimated \$43.6 million. If there is no jackpot winner for tonight's Lotto Texas drawing, the jackpot prize for the Wednesday, April 19 drawing will roll to an estimated annuitized \$73 million.

"Sales over the last few days indicate that our players are excited to have another chance to play for the Lotto Texas jackpot tonight, which is one of the largest in game history and still among the largest in the world," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "As that excitement builds, so do lottery proceeds for public education in Texas. We know our players will be daydreaming about what they may do if they win that prize, and we're looking forward to at least one person winning this enormous prize. However, we want to remind our players to play responsibly. Also, 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 \$70 million range throughout the game's 30-year history. The last time was for the Oct. 21, 2009 drawing, when an advertised \$76 million prize was claimed by MAED Trust, which purchased the winning ticket at H-E-B Pantry Foods #288 SST in Alvin. 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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Top 10 Lotto Texas Jackpots			
Rank	Advertised Jackpot (Est. Annuitized)	Draw Date	Retailer City
1	\$145 million	June 19, 2004	El Paso
2	\$97 million	May 29, 2010	Dallas
3	\$85 million	March 7, 2001	Austin
4	\$77 million	March 16, 1994	Dallas, Arlington, Corpus Christi, Humble, Carrollton
5	\$76 million	Oct. 21, 2009	Alvin
6	\$75 million	April 7, 2007	League City
7	\$72 million	April 17, 2023	???
T-8	\$70 million	June 22, 2002	Sherman, Terrell, Longview, Austin, Pearland
T-8	\$70 million	Jan. 31, 2004	Houston
9	\$66 million	May 21, 2005	North Richland Hills
10	\$65 million	Oct. 21, 1998	Kerrville, Lufkin

Monday's drawing will be the 91<sup>st</sup> 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 <a href="April 15 drawing">April 15 drawing</a>, 174,286 Lotto Texas tickets, including those that played Extra!, won lower-tier prizes ranging from \$2 to \$12,320.

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 Monday. More information about playing Lotto Texas and the Extra! add-on feature can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

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#### 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<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> and an image of the Lotto Texas prize chart can be downloaded <u>here</u>. (Right-click on the image for saving options.)

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