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## \$95 MILLION LOTTO TEXAS® JACKPOT-WINNING TICKET SOLD IN COLLEYVILLE

**AUSTIN** – A jackpot-winning ticket worth an estimated annuitized \$95 million for the Lotto Texas<sup>®</sup> drawing held on April 22 was purchased at Lottery Now (Hooked on MT), located at 5200 Colleyville Blvd., in Colleyville. The winning ticket matched all six of the numbers drawn (3-5-18-29-30-52). The cash value option was selected at the time of purchase and the claimant will receive \$57,804,374.37 before taxes. The prize has not yet been claimed. The winner has 180 days from the draw date to claim the prize.

However, unprecedented interest in the third-largest jackpot in Lotto Texas history made this jackpot run unique.

"Sales for this Lotto Texas jackpot run were, in total, \$138.2 million, which yielded an estimated \$50.6 million for public education over this period of time – and that is what the Texas Lottery is all about, generating muchneeded revenue for Texas' public schools," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "We look forward to meeting our newest jackpot winner. If you have the winning ticket, we encourage you to sign the back of 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."

"All purchases of Texas Lottery tickets are required to be conducted at licensed brick-and-mortar retailer locations. The extremely high jackpot for Lotto Texas, coupled with the relatively lower odds of winning the jackpot as compared to Powerball or Mega Millions, generated significant interest and participation by purchasing groups to buy large quantities of Lotto Texas tickets over the last few weeks," Grief said. "This phenomenon is not unprecedented in the lottery industry and has been seen around the world on several occasions in similar situations. Coverage for this particular drawing last Saturday night was greater than 99%."

"To better understand this type of buying activity, you need look no further than our top 10 selling retailers for last Saturday night's Lotto Texas drawing," Grief said. "Sales for last Friday and Saturday were through the roof, with the vast majority of the buying activity focused at those retailers who appeared to be selling to various purchasing groups. In fact, it appears that the winning ticket was likely bought by one of the purchasing groups. While there is no prohibition on these types of purchases, it certainly generated unprecedented jackpot growth over the last few days of this jackpot run."

Top 10 Lotto Texas Retailers for April 22, 2023					
Rank	Location	Location City	Net Sales Amount		
1	Lottery Now	Colleyville	\$10,970,751		
2	Luck Zone	Round Rock	\$8,150,303		
3	Lottery.com	Spicewood	\$5,634,291		
4	ALTX Management	Waco	\$1,140,775		
5	Winners Corner TX, LLC	Austin	\$230,541		
6	Players Café	Cedar Park	\$29,318		
7	JaJa Accessories	Round Rock	\$12,943		
8	Mr. Express #3	Pearland	\$10,298		
9	Lucky Choice Limited Liability	San Antonio	\$5,343		
10	Robin Express	Conroe	\$4,379		

Adding to the buying frenzy, lottery courier services, which are third-party companies that purchase tickets on behalf of Texas Lottery players and deliver them digitally to players via third-party apps, added a new dynamic to this Lotto Texas jackpot run.

"Lottery couriers, as these third-party companies are known and as has been reported in the media, have aggressively entered the U.S. lottery market and, while all the lottery tickets involved are purchased at licensed brick-and-mortar retailer locations, the lottery courier business model is not contemplated by current Texas law and is now being examined closely by the Texas Legislature," Grief added. "It is also possible that some of the lottery couriers operating in Texas assisted various purchasing groups in purchasing large quantities of tickets, particularly in the last few days leading up to last Saturday's drawing."

The winning Lotto Texas jackpot started as an advertised \$5 million prize for the drawing on Sept. 19, 2022 and stretched a record 93 drawings upon getting hit on Saturday evening. At an advertised \$95 million, it was the third-largest jackpot in Lotto Texas history and the game's largest jackpot prize up for grabs since a \$97 million jackpot-winning ticket for the May 29, 2010 drawing was sold at 7-Eleven Convenience Store #21972, located at 8902 Garland Road, in Dallas, and was claimed by The Bilmar Trust.

This is the game's first jackpot winner of more than \$40 million since the Sept. 30, 2020 drawing when an advertised \$47 million prize was claimed by a Seguin resident who purchased the winning ticket at Pic N Pac 10 in Seguin. 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 addition to the jackpot-winning prize, 476,479 Lotto Texas tickets, including those with the Extra! add-on feature, won lower-tier prizes ranging from \$2 to \$12,015 for the same drawing. The jackpot for the Lotto Texas drawing on Monday, April 24 reset to an estimated annuitized \$5 million. With no winner in that drawing, the next Lotto Texas drawing on Wednesday, April 26 will be an estimated annuitized \$5.25 million.

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

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	\$95 million	April 22, 2023	Colleyville		
4	\$85 million	March 7, 2001	Austin		
5	\$77 million	March 16, 1994	Dallas, Arlington, Corpus Christi, Humble, Carrollton		
6	\$76 million	Oct. 21, 2009	Alvin		
7	\$75 million	April 7, 2007	League City		
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		

## About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$36.8 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$80.5 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$30.8 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 \$210 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.

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