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*****JACKPOT ALERT*****

MEGA MILLIONS® ROARS TO \$1.13 BILLION FOR TUESDAY'S DRAWING

5th largest jackpot in Mega Millions history; 8th largest in U.S. lottery history

AUSTIN – March is nearing its end and the Mega Millions jackpot is roaring with an **estimated annuitized \$1.13 billion** for the [Tuesday, March 26 drawing](#). As the fifth largest in game history and the eighth largest in U.S. lottery history, the cash value for the current jackpot is worth an estimated \$537.5 million. If there is no jackpot winner in tonight's Mega Millions drawing, the jackpot for the Friday, March 29 drawing will roll to an estimated \$1.29 billion.

"It's an extraordinary time for Texas Lottery® players, as both Mega Millions and Powerball® are now over \$800 million simultaneously for the first time in U.S. lottery history," said Ryan Mindell, deputy executive director of the Texas Lottery. "As excitement continues to build for tonight's Mega Millions drawing, the Texas Lottery is hoping to have our first billion-dollar winner. The higher these jackpots rise, the higher our sales climb, which is important for the Texas Lottery's mission of generating revenue for public education. We know this is a thrilling time for our players, but we want to remind everyone to play responsibly. Also, if you are fortunate to be holding the winning ticket after tonight's drawing, we encourage the winner to sign the ticket, put it in a safe place, seek legal and financial advice, and then call the Texas Lottery to set up an appointment to claim the prize."

Tuesday's drawing will be the 31st in the current Mega Millions jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$20 million for the Dec. 12, 2023 drawing. This is the largest Mega Millions jackpot up for grabs since the Aug. 8, 2023 drawing when a \$1.602 billion – the game's largest jackpot prize – was won by an out of state player.

Texas has had 14 Mega Millions jackpot prize winners since it joined the game in 2003. Its most recent winner came in October 2023 when The Blue Yucca Trust won an estimated annuitized \$360 million prize. The claimant chose the cash value option and received \$157,367,045 before taxes; the largest prize ever paid out to a single Texas Lottery player.

Since the start of 2024, four Texas Lottery players have won second-tier Mega Millions prizes of \$1 million or larger, including one in each of the drawings held last week on March 19 and March 22.

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Second-Tier Mega Millions Prizes Won in Texas in 2024

Draw Date	Prize Amount	Retailer City	Claimant City
Jan. 2, 2024	\$2 million	Longview	Longview
March 8, 2024	\$1 million	Richwood	Richwood
March 19, 2024	\$1 million	Houston	(not yet claimed)
March 22, 2024	\$1 million	Creedmoor	(not yet claimed)

Mega Millions is played by choosing five numbers from a field of 70 and one Mega Ball number from the second field of 25 numbers. To win the Mega Millions jackpot, players must match all six numbers drawn including the Mega Ball. Players matching fewer numbers may not win the jackpot, but could still walk away winners. Mega Millions currently offers a \$20 million starting jackpot and a second-tier (Match 5+0) prize of \$1 million. By choosing the Megaplier® feature for \$1 more per Play, players can multiply their non-jackpot winnings by two, three, four or five times, winning as much as \$5 million.

Drawings are broadcast each Tuesday and Friday at 10:12 p.m. CT. Texas Lottery players can purchase Mega Millions tickets at more than 20,000 Texas Lottery retailers across the state. Ticket sales for the next Mega Millions drawing will close at 9:45 p.m. CT on Tuesday, March 26. The retailer that sells a jackpot-winning Mega Millions ticket may be eligible to receive up to a \$1 million retailer bonus.

Top 10 Mega Millions Jackpots

Rank	State	Prize Amount	Draw Date
1	FL	\$1.602 billion	Aug. 8, 2023
2	SC	\$1.537 billion	Oct. 23, 2018
3	ME	\$1.348 billion	Jan. 13, 2023
4	IL	\$1.337 billion	July 29, 2022
5	??	\$1.13 billion (est.)	March 26, 2024
6	MI	\$1.05 billion	Jan. 22, 2021
7	KS, IL, MD	\$656 million	March 30, 2012
8	CA, GA	\$648 million	Dec. 17, 2013
9	CA	\$543 million	July 24, 2018
10	IN	\$536 million	July 8, 2016

Top 10 U.S. Lottery Jackpots

Rank	Prize Amount	Game	Draw Date	State
1	\$2.04 billion	Powerball	Nov. 7, 2022	CA
2	\$1.765 billion	Powerball	Oct. 11, 2023	CA
3	\$1.602 billion	Mega Millions	Aug. 8, 2023	FL
4	\$1.586 billion	Powerball	Jan. 13, 2016	CA, FL, TN
5	\$1.537 billion	Mega Millions	Oct. 23, 2018	SC
6	\$1.348 billion	Mega Millions	Jan. 13, 2023	ME
7	\$1.337 billion	Mega Millions	July 29, 2022	IL
8	\$1.13 billion (est.)	Mega Millions	March 26, 2024	??
9	\$1.08 billion	Powerball	July 19, 2023	CA
10	\$1.05 billion	Mega Millions	Jan. 22, 2021	MI

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Powerball & Mega Millions Jackpot Wins By Texas Lottery Players

Game	Draw Date	Advertised Jackpot	Claimant	Claimant City	Retailer	Retailer City
PB	2/11/2015	\$500M^	TL MANAGEMENT TRUST	Austin	Appletree Food Mart	Princeton
MM	10/6/2023	\$360M	The Blue Yucca Trust	Rapid City, SD	Stripes #5031	San Angelo
MM	8/31/2007	\$330M^	SB ALCHEMY HOLDINGS, LTD.	Dallas	Kroger #318 SST	Humble
MM	9/24/2019	\$227M	(Anonymous)	Leander	Lakeline Express Mart	Cedar Park
MM	1/29/2010	\$144M	WILLIAM R KIEFER	Katy	Short Stop Market	Katy
MM	7/6/2007	\$126M	H & H TRUST	Dallas	Central Gas & More	Dallas
MM	1/9/2007	\$122M	CRUMP, ALLEN & LEWIS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP	Amarillo	Taylor Petro Co Inc #80	Amarillo
MM	3/1/2005	\$112M	MAL HOLDINGS, LP	Rowlett	Dalrock Grocery	Rowlett
MM	10/1/2004	\$101M	UT VAN NGUYEN	Carrollton	Sack N Save #204	Carrollton
MM	5/16/2006	\$94M	MARTHA L. CUELLAR	El Paso	Good Time Store #12	El Paso
MM	10/11/2016	\$49M	IT WILL BUY ME A BOAT REVOCABLE TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2016	Rockwall	QuikTrip #982	Balch Springs
PB	5/29/2013	\$40M	PAUL MCDOWELL	Bells	Lone Star Food Store #48	Bells
MM	5/27/2011	\$35M	MAIM REVOCABLE TRUST	Arlington	Tommy's #10	Granbury
MM	1/1/2008	\$33M	JOHN A. JONES	Fort Worth	C-Store Sub Express	Fort Worth
MM	6/27/2014	\$33M	THE 6-27-14 REVOCABLE TRUST	Houston	Moulton Grocery & Market	Moulton
MM	7/16/2013	\$20M	THE LUCKY ONES PARTNERSHIP	Houston	Rosslyn Food Mart	Houston

^ indicates jackpot prize was shared with one or more out-of-state winners.

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About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$38 billion in revenue for the state and distributed more than \$85 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$32.6 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 \$235 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, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or at [texaslottery.com](https://www.texaslottery.com). PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

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