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## \*\*\*JACKPOT ALERT\*\*\* \$865 MILLION POWERBALL<sup>®</sup> GRAND PRIZE TAKES CENTER STAGE FOR WEDNESDAY'S DRAWING

5<sup>th</sup> largest jackpot in game history

**AUSTIN** – After Tuesday night's Mega Millions<sup>®</sup> jackpot was hit, only one massive jackpot remains. Texas Lottery<sup>®</sup> players are looking for their next opportunity to win big, as they have their sights set on the Wednesday, March 27 <u>Powerball</u> drawing, which features a Grand Prize worth an **estimated annuitized \$865 million.** Tonight's Powerball Grand Prize is the fifth largest in game history and offers a cash value worth an estimated \$416.1 million. If there is no jackpot winner in tonight's Powerball drawing, the Grand Prize for the Saturday, March 30 drawing will roll to an estimated annuitized \$935 million.

"With the Powerball jackpot getting closer to the billion-dollar mark, anticipation among Texas Lottery players is rising, as sales for the game in Texas have been strong for the past few weeks," said Ryan Mindell, deputy executive director of the Texas Lottery. "The recent surge in sales is helping the Texas Lottery fulfill its mission of generating much needed revenue for public education in Texas. While we are hoping this jackpot produces the Texas Lottery's first Powerball Grand Prize winner since 2015, we want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

Wednesday's Powerball drawing will be the 37<sup>th</sup> in the current jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$20 million for the Jan. 3 drawing. This is the game's largest prize since the Oct. 11, 2023 drawing when an out of state player won an \$1.765 billion jackpot prize.

Since joining the game in 2010, Texas has had two Powerball jackpot winners, including its most recent in February 2015 when TL Management Trust, Andrew Weber, Trustee of Austin, claimed a share of the \$564.1 million jackpot prize with two other winners.

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Since the start of 2024, seven Texas Lottery players have won second-tier Powerball prizes of \$1 million or larger.

Powerball: Second-Tier Prizes Won in Texas in 2024								
Draw Date	Prize Amount	Retailer City	Claimant City					
Jan. 1, 2024	\$2 million	Laredo	Laredo					
Jan. 29, 2024	\$1 million	Katy	Katy					
Jan. 31, 2024	\$1 million	San Antonio	San Antonio					
March 13, 2024	\$1 million	Houston	Houston					
March 18, 2024	\$1 million	Donna	(not yet claimed)					
March 18, 2024	\$1 million	Houston	Houston					
March 23, 2024	\$1 million	Austin	(not yet claimed)					

Powerball Grand Prizes currently start at \$20 million and roll until the jackpot is won. Players win the Grand Prize by matching five numbers from a field of 69 numbers and one Powerball number from a field of 26 numbers. By choosing Power Play<sup>®</sup> for \$1 more per Play, players can multiply their non-Grand Prize winnings by two, three, four, five or 10 times\*. A Power Play Match Five (5+0) prize is set at \$2 million regardless of the Power Play number selected. All other non-Grand Prizes will be multiplied by the Power Play number selected. (\*The 10X Power Play multiplier is available for drawings in which the initially advertised annuitized Grand Prize amount is \$150 million or less.).

Drawings are broadcast each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT. Texas Lottery players can purchase Powerball tickets at more than 20,000 Texas Lottery retailers across the state. Ticket sales for the next Powerball drawing will close at 9 p.m. CT on Wednesday, March 27. The retailer that sells a jackpot-winning Powerball ticket is eligible to receive up to a \$1 million retailer bonus.

Top 10 Powerball Jackpots							
Rank	State	Prize Amount	Draw Date				
1	CA	\$2.04 billion	Nov. 7, 2022				
2	CA	\$1.765 billion	Oct. 11, 2023				
3	CA, FL, TN	\$1.586 billion	Jan. 13, 2016				
4	CA	\$1.08 billion	July 19, 2023				
5	??	\$865 million (est.)	March 27, 2024				
6	MI	\$842.4 million	Jan. 1, 2024				
7	WI	\$768.4 million	March 27, 2019				
8	MA	\$758.7 million	Aug. 23, 2017				
9	WA	\$754.6 million	Feb. 6, 2023				
10	MD	\$731.1 million	Jan. 20, 2021				

## **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
ММ	1/29/2010	\$144M	WILLIAM R KIEFER	Katy	Short Stop Market	Katy
ММ	7/6/2007	\$126M	H & H TRUST	Dallas	Central Gas & More	Dallas
ММ	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
ММ	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
ММ	5/27/2011	\$35M	MAIM REVOCABLE TRUST	Arlington	Tommy's #10	Granbury
ММ	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.

## 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<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, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or at texaslottery.com. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

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