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JACKPOT ALERT

POWERBALL® GRAND PRIZE SOARS TO \$1.1 BILLION FOR MONDAY'S DRAWING

Now 6th largest jackpot in game history

AUSTIN – The Powerball[®] Grand Prize has burst through the \$1 billion threshold, setting up a tantalizing opportunity for players to win big as the holidays approach. The jackpot for the Monday, Dec. 15 drawing is now up to an estimated annuitized \$1.1 billion – currently the largest jackpot in the world and the sixth largest in Powerball history – with the cash value worth an estimated \$503.4 million. If there is no jackpot winner in Monday's Powerball drawing, the Grand Prize for the Wednesday, Dec. 17 drawing will increase to an estimated annuitized \$1.25 billion.

"The Powerball jackpot has reached a jaw-dropping \$1.1 billion," said Courtney Arbour, executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, which oversees the Texas Lottery. "Whether you're a longtime player or purchasing your first ticket, this jackpot run adds excitement to the season while supporting vital programs like public education. Remember it only takes one ticket to win."

Monday's Powerball drawing will be the 43rd in the current jackpot run since starting at an estimated annuitized \$20 million for the Sept. 8 drawing, marking the longest jackpot run in Powerball history. This is the game's second largest prize of the year, only behind the estimated annuitized \$1.8 billion jackpot prize that was advertised for the Sept. 6 drawing, which produced two winning tickets, including one in Texas. A share of that jackpot was claimed by Seven Bridges Revocable Trust, of Fredericksburg, while the other share was claimed by a winner from Missouri. Since joining the game in 2010, Texas has had three Powerball jackpot winners.

While no one managed to secure the jackpot prize in the Saturday, Dec. 13 drawing, three lucky Texas Lottery players matched four of the five white balls and the red Powerball number, winning \$50,000 prizes – with one of those winners doubling their prize by choosing Power Play® for an extra \$1. In total 218,337 winning tickets – with prizes ranging from \$4 to \$100,000 – were purchased in the state for Saturday's draw. Since the start of 2025, 18 Texas Lottery players have won second-tier Powerball prizes of \$1 million or larger. Most recently, a winning ticket worth \$1 million was sold in Fort Worth for the Dec. 6 drawing.



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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 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.).

Texas Lottery players may select how to be paid if they win the jackpot prize – annual payments (annuity) or cash value (lump sum) – only at the time of purchase. The annuitized Grand Prize is paid in 30 graduated payments over 29 years, with each payment after the initial payment increasing by five percent. The Texas Lottery advises players to seek financial guidance when weighing their options.

Drawings are broadcast each Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT. Texas Lottery players can purchase Powerball tickets at more than 19,000 Texas Lottery retailers across the state. Ticket sales for the next Powerball drawing will close at 9 p.m. CT on Monday, Dec. 10. The retailer that sells a jackpot-winning Powerball ticket is eligible to receive a bonus of up to \$250,000.

Top 10 Powerball Jackpots			
Rank	State	Prize Amount	Draw Date
1	CA	\$2.04 billion	Nov. 7, 2022
2	TX, MO	\$1.787 billion	Sept. 6, 2025
3	CA	\$1.765 billion	Oct. 11, 2023
4	CA, FL, TN	\$1.586 billion	Jan. 13, 2016
5	OR	\$1.326 billion	April 6, 2024
6	??	\$1.1 billion (est.)	Dec. 15, 2025
7	CA	\$1.08 billion	July 19, 2023
8	MI	\$842.4 million	Jan. 1, 2024
9	WI	\$768.4 million	March 27, 2019
10	MA	\$758.7 million	Aug. 23, 2017

About the Texas Lottery

The Texas Lottery's functions and activities are administered by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), the state agency responsible for licensing and regulating a broad range of professions, occupations and industries in Texas. Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$41.5 billion in revenue for the state and distributed more than \$93.9 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$35.5 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 \$279 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 $^{\text{TM}}$, Texas Two Step®, Pick 3^{TM} , Daily 4^{TM} , Cash Five® and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or at <u>texaslottery.com</u>. Must be 18 or older to purchase a ticket or enter a promotional second-chance drawing. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

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