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Single Ticket Sold in Florida Hits the Mega Millions® Jackpot; CA Lottery Player Wins Big With Second Place, With Ticket Now Worth More Than \$3.3 Million

SACRAMENTO – While no one in California hit the record-high *Mega Millions* jackpot Tuesday night, there were more than [one million winning tickets](#) sold across the Golden State, including one that matched the first five numbers and is now worth \$3,383,371. That ticket was sold at the Kwik Serv, also known as Super Mac Food & Gas, in Hilmar in Merced County. The winning numbers were 13-19-20-32-33 and Mega Ball 14. Only one ticket in Florida hit the jackpot, which wound up being worth \$1.602 billion after final sales were tallied across the U.S.

California is the only *Mega Millions* state where the second-place prize tier can be worth more than one million dollars. That prize level acts much like a secondary jackpot; it rolls even higher when no tickets match the first five numbers correctly. Although one winning ticket did match the first five numbers only a week ago for the August 1st draw, sales were so strong, it propelled the second prize for Tuesday night to nearly \$3.4 million.

The Lottery will not know who the winner is until they [come forward to claim](#) their prize. Winners of any prize tier below the jackpot have 180 days from the date of the draw to claim in California. Most winners claim their prize in person at one of California Lottery's [nine offices](#) across the state.

Public schools in California were also big winners in this historic *Mega Millions* jackpot run. The jackpot began growing back on April 21; total sales for this game alone in that more than three-month period wound up totaling an estimated \$295.9 million, which translates into an estimated **\$118.4 million for public education**. Raising additional funds for public schools is the sole mission of the California Lottery, which was created by voters to do just that in the 1980s. A breakdown of how much Lottery has raised since 1985 and how much has gone to each county and school district is available to anyone on the [California Lottery website](#).



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The California Lottery's mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transferred to public education totaled approximately \$2 billion for fiscal year 2021-22, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated more than \$8.8 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. If you feel you have a gambling problem or know someone who does, you can get free confidential help by calling the California Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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