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Powerball® Celebrates 30 Years Of Winners!

Wednesday's Jackpot is Worth a Whopping \$370 Million

SACRAMENTO – The highly popular Powerball game is celebrating its 30th birthday this week! National ticket sales began on April 19, 1992, for the game's first drawing held on April 22, 1992.

California was not part of Powerball in the '90s but became the 43rd jurisdiction to join in April of 2013. In addition to creating 1.7 billion prize winners nationally over the past three decades, the game has generated more than \$27 billion to fund vital public services and programs across the country, including helping the California Lottery support its mission to raise supplemental funding for public schools.

"We want to thank our players who have made Powerball one of our most popular games and, in doing so, supporting our state's public schools. The California Lottery congratulates the Powerball team on their 30th anniversary," said Alva V. Johnson, California Lottery Director.

The Powerball game has produced some of the biggest wins in lottery history, including the world record \$1.586 billion jackpot set in January 2016. That staggering prize wound up being shared between a winner here in California, as well as winners in Tennessee and Florida. Other notable numbers from Powerball's past 30 years include:

- Jackpot-winning tickets: 393
- Overall prize-winning tickets: 1.7 billion
- Total jackpot prizes paid: \$25 billion
- Total lower-tier cash prizes: \$23 billion

There could be another California winner to add to those statistics as the jackpot this Wednesday night is now worth an estimated \$348 Million!

The Powerball jackpot has been hit twice so far in 2022, including with one big winning ticket here in the Golden State. Two tickets, one sold in Sacramento and the other in Green Bay, Wisconsin, split a \$632.6 million jackpot in the January 5 drawing. Later in February, a ticket in Connecticut won a jackpot worth \$185.3 million. The 2022 California winner (or winners) has yet to be declared.

Top 10 Powerball Jackpots All-Time

Rank	Amount	Date	Number of Winning Tickets	Winning City
1	\$1.586 billion	1/13/2016	3	California , Tennessee, Florida
2	\$768.4 million	3/27/2019	1	Wisconsin
3	\$758.7 million	8/23/2017	1	Massachusetts
4	\$731.1 million	1/20/2021	1	Maryland
5	\$699.8 million	10/04/2021	1	California
6	\$687.8 million	10/27/2018	2	New York, Iowa
7	\$632.6 million	1/05/2022	2	California , Wisconsin
8	\$590.5 million	11/28/2012	1	Florida
9	\$587.5 million	2/11/2015	2	Missouri, Arizona
10	\$564.1 million	1/6/2018	3	North Carolina, Texas, Puerto Rico

The first-ever Powerball jackpot hit in California was a \$213.4 million prize from a winning ticket purchased by Carlo "Carl" Mitchell in Fresno. The highest jackpot ever won by a single ticket sold in California happened just last year in October when Scott Godfrey got a very lucky ticket at Albertsons in Morro Bay (San Luis Obispo County).

The odds of winning the Powerball jackpot are 1 in 292,201,338, no matter how high the jackpot gets. Overall odds of winning any prize are 1 in 25. California retailers that sell a jackpot-winning ticket receive a bonus of one-half of one percent of the amount, up to a maximum of \$1 million.

Powerball tickets are sold for \$2 each at more than 23,000 locations in California and can be bought until 7 p.m. on the day of the draw. Drawings are held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at 7:59 p.m. Pacific time in Tallahassee, Florida. Tickets are sold in 45 states, as well as in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



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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 more than \$1.8 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely nondiscretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated almost \$8.4 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. The California Lottery urges its customers to play responsibly. Problem gambling resources are available to anyone at 1-800-GAMBLER.