

700 North Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
calottery.com



## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

For IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
December 21, 2022  
Phone: (916) 822-8131  
Email: [PIO@calottery.com](mailto:PIO@calottery.com)  
Twitter: [@calotterypress](https://twitter.com/calotterypress)

### ***A Lucky Number Pays off for Scratchers Player As Seven Winners Take Home \$22 Million Total***

**SACRAMENTO** – The number ten proved to be lucky a million times over for one California Lottery Scratchers® player. Charina Fujita had just given birth on October 10 – the tenth day of the tenth month. She was, of course, a bit too busy to buy Scratchers tickets that day, but a few days later, she picked up a Power 10's ticket given its connection to the number ten.



“The day that I went out, it was my first time out in a while. I scratched row ten first. There was no symbol. I scratched higher up, and I saw a symbol. I checked the Lottery app, and then I knew I had won big,” Fujita told the California Lottery.

She won big indeed, to the tune of \$1,000,000! Scratchers winners have six months from the end of any given game to come forward and still must go through the Lottery’s review process to ensure the legitimacy of winners. Once Fujita was officially declared a winner and one of California’s newest millionaires, she told us how everything came together. “I bought the ticket around 10 a.m., so everything was about the number ten,” Fujita added.

Fujita bought her lucky ticket at the Chevron on Berryessa Road in San Jose. That store receives a \$5,000 bonus because of her win.

Speaking of the number ten, Anton Abujrese won a whopping \$10,000,000 playing a California 200X Scratchers ticket. That top-prize winning ticket was picked up at Star Market and Liquor on 29 Palms Highway in Yucca Valley.

The wins keep on coming as William McGee picked up \$5,000,000 playing a West Coast Winnings Scratchers ticket. He bought his at Super Station Car Wash on South Grimmer Boulevard in Fremont.

Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers were lucky for a pair of players who took home \$2,000,000. Gary Sarkissian and Lac Long Phi Ly each won the top prize playing that game. Those tickets were purchased at Safeway at Corte Madera Town Center (Marin County) and at Sunrise Market on Warner Avenue in Fountain Valley, respectively.

There are two more millionaires thanks to Scratchers being unveiled today. Tomasa Zaragoza Camacho won \$1,000,000 playing a Sparkling Riches Scratchers purchased at Grand Terrace Liquor on Barton Road in Grand Terrace. And lastly, Elizabet Avelino Ramirez won \$1,000,000 playing a California Dreamin' Scratchers ticket from an ampminimart on South Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles.

All California retail locations listed above receive a one-half of one percent bonus based on the prize amount just for selling those winning tickets.

###

*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 \$1.88 billion for fiscal year 2020-21, 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 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. As the jackpots continue to grow, the California Lottery would also like to remind players to play responsibly and within their budgets. 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.*

[www.calottery.com](http://www.calottery.com)