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### **Updated Fast Facts for Tonight's Powerball® Drawing: Estimated Jackpot Now at \$630 Million**

**SACRAMENTO** – With the jackpot now at a whopping \$630 million for tonight's Powerball drawing, the California Lottery releases the following updated fast facts:

- The Powerball sequence began at \$20 million on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, and rolled 39 times so far to an advertised jackpot of **\$630 million for tonight's draw.**
  - The advertised jackpot for tonight started at \$575 million and has been increased twice (the most recent to \$630 million) based on strong sales across the country.
  - The new jackpot estimate has a cash value of \$448.4 million (less federal taxes) – that's if a single winner were to choose the lump sum payment.
- **This jackpot currently ranks as the 7<sup>th</sup> largest Powerball jackpot.**

**Record POWERBALL Jackpots**

1.	\$1.586 Billion	Jan. 13, 2016	California, Florida, Tennessee
2.	\$768.4 Million	March 27, 2019	Wisconsin
3.	\$758.7 Million	Aug. 23, 2017	Massachusetts
4.	\$731.1 Million	Jan. 20, 2021	Maryland
5.	\$699.8 Million	Oct. 4, 2021	California
6.	\$687.8 Million	Oct. 27, 2018	Iowa, New York
7.	Est. \$630 Million	Jan. 5, 2022	
8.	\$590.5 Million	May 18, 2013	Florida
9.	\$587.5 Million	Nov. 28, 2012	Arizona, Missouri
10.	\$564.1 Million	Feb. 11, 2015	North Carolina, Puerto Rico, Texas

- NOTE: The last time the Powerball jackpot was hit was from a [winning ticket](#) sold in Morro Bay, CA, when one winner hit every single number on a quick pick. That jackpot was a record for California.
- California's sales for this entire Powerball sequence total \$158.1 million as of 10:00 a.m. today.

- The contribution to education from this entire Powerball sequence (the 39 draws plus the sales so far for tonight's draw) is estimated to be more than \$63 million.
- More than 79 million Powerball tickets have been sold in California so far for this rolling sequence.
- Our retailer partners (locations where Lottery tickets are sold) have been winners in this Powerball sequence as well, earning an estimated \$9.3 million combined so far for selling Powerball tickets, cashing the associated winning tickets, and receiving incentive bonuses for selling tickets worth \$1M or more.
- If the jackpot is not hit tonight, it will increase to at least an estimated \$730 million for Saturday night.

As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget, or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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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.*

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