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Powerball® Jackpot Increased to \$625 Million for Tonight's Draw

SACRAMENTO – With no one hitting the Powerball jackpot on Saturday night, California Lottery players are getting a chance at a life-changing win to start the week. Tonight's Powerball jackpot has just been raised to an estimated \$625 million!

Stores selling California Lottery tickets are also winning big. The Lottery's network of [more than 23,000 retail partners](#) has earned an estimated \$5.7 million in commission and bonuses during this jackpot sequence, which has been rolling since the summer.

Here are some Powerball fast facts for tonight's draw:

- The lump sum cash amount for anyone who wins tonight's jackpot is an estimated \$299.8 million.
- This Powerball sequence began with the starting jackpot of \$20 million on August 6th and has rolled 34 times. Prior to that, a player in Pennsylvania won the [\\$206.9 million](#) jackpot on August 3rd.
- Public education in California is on a winning streak, too. The California Lottery has raised an estimated \$40.1 million in just 79 days thanks to this growing Powerball jackpot.
- Sales in California for this Powerball sequence total approximately \$100.2 million.
- More than 48.7 million Powerball tickets have been sold in California since this jackpot run began, and nearly 2 million of those tickets have been winners, producing \$14.3 million in prizes.
- The largest prize won so far in California during this draw sequence is \$2.595 million from a ticket sold in Daly City. It matched five of the six winning numbers in the August 31st draw.
- The last time the Powerball jackpot was this high was back on January 5th when another California Lottery player split the massive [\\$632.6 million](#) jackpot with a winner in Green Bay, WI.
- The largest jackpot in Powerball history is \$1.586 billion.

The deadline to buy Powerball tickets on draw nights is 7 p.m. PT. Tonight's draw is scheduled for 7:59 p.m. PT.

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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 \$1.88 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.

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