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### ***Powerball® Jackpot at \$653 Million for Tonight's Draw!***

**SACRAMENTO** – The jackpot keeps on rolling into a brand-new month as tonight's Powerball draw has grown to an estimated \$653 million. This sequence began on November 21, 2022, with a \$20 million jackpot and has rolled 31 times. If someone wins tonight's jackpot, it would be the 8<sup>th</sup> largest grand prize won in the Powerball game.

California public schools have already won big. More than \$111 million dollars' worth of Powerball ticket sales here in the Golden State have raised an estimated \$46 million for public education so far, and those figures will continue to grow throughout the day.

As this jackpot continues to grow, the California Lottery once again wants to remind players that anyone who buys a ticket online will not be eligible to win.

"The only safe and secure way to play is for our players to buy their tickets in person at one of our many retail partner locations throughout the state," said Carolyn Becker, California Lottery spokesperson. "Tickets purchased online or with an app are unauthorized and unregulated here, so it's buyer beware; the California Lottery is prohibited from legally paying any prize claim from a ticket bought in that manner."

Powerball tickets are \$2 each and are sold at any of California Lottery's [more than 23,000 retail partners](#).

Here are the latest fast facts about tonight's draw:

- As of this morning, more than 57 million Powerball tickets have been sold in California for this entire sequence. More than 2.2 million of these have won at one of the eight prize levels below the jackpot; prizes for winning tickets sold in California total almost 18 million, including a [winning ticket worth almost \\$4 million](#) sold at a Southern California convenience store from Monday's draw.
- California holds the Powerball jackpot record, having sold the [only winning ticket](#) for a historic \$2.04 billion jackpot in November 2022.

If a single ticket hits the Powerball jackpot tonight, the lump sum – also known as the cash value – is estimated at \$350.5 million. Players have until 7 p.m. PT to buy tickets for tonight's draw, which is slated to happen at 7:59 p.m. PT.

Powerball is played in 45 states plus 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 \$1.88 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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