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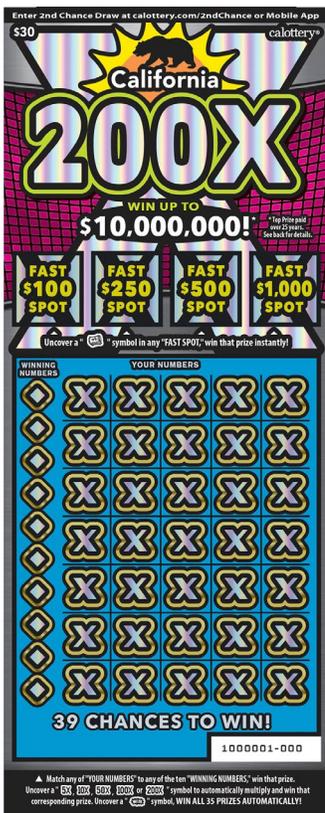


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Big Win for a Small Store as Four CA Lottery Scratchers® Tickets Add Up to \$42 Million in Wins!

SACRAMENTO – The purchase of a 200X Scratchers ticket turned out to be life-changing for Salvador Carbajal. That is because Carbajal won \$10,000,000 playing that popular game. While Carbajal wants to remain private about his plans for that major windfall, the store staff where the ticket was sold is sharing their excitement.



Milton Polanco works at Jensen’s Market on Maine Avenue in Baldwin Park and sold Carbajal that lucky ticket. “It was very it was exciting! We sold the ticket back in September. I had this guy playing Scratchers for a while. He was playing different games, switching back and forth,” Polanco told the California Lottery.

This isn’t the first big winner sold at Jensen’s Market. Polanco said the store had sold a ticket worth \$15,000 a few years ago. He also said that the store became quite popular after the \$10 million ticket was sold.

“It was big news in town. Our regular customers definitely know we sold that ticket,” Polanco said. Jensen’s Market receives a bonus of \$50,000.

Speaking of big wins in Southern California, Mary Higelin won a whopping \$20,000,000 playing a Set For Life Millionaire Edition Scratchers ticket. That ticket was sold at CN Liquor on Hammer Avenue in Norco (Riverside County). Hers is the biggest prize any player can win with a Scratchers game, and she is only the fourth person in California Lottery history to do so.

Elsewhere in Southern California, Roberto Nunes won \$10,000,000 playing a \$10 Million Dollar Titanium Black Scratchers ticket he purchased at Fulton Square Liquor in Sherman Oaks.

And in Los Angeles, Nicholas Simpson won \$2,000,000 playing an Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers ticket he picked up at the Sunwest 58 Mobil station on Sunset Boulevard.

Those three stores will receive a retailer bonus of one-half of one percent of the prize amount just for selling those winning tickets.



(Image of Jensen's Market located at 4724 Maine Avenue in Baldwin Park)

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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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