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## Four Lucky Scratchers® Players Win Millions to Start Summer

\$400 Million Powerball® and \$69 Million SuperLotto Plus® Jackpots
Also up for Grabs Tonight

**SACRAMENTO** – As we start off an unusually mild summer across the Golden State, four lucky California Lottery players are taking home a cool \$9 million total in prizes.

**Pamela Adelamini** won \$5,000,000 playing a *Premier 7's* Scratchers game. That top prize-winning ticket, seen below, came from Ralphs in Stevenson Ranch (Los Angeles County).

**Robert Gage** is having a bright start to summer after winning \$2,000,000 on an *Instant Crossword* Scratchers game. He got his lucky ticket from Sunny View Gas Stop in Tehachapi (Kern County).

**Rudy Mendoza** came into newfound wealth after winning \$1,000,000 on a *Diamond 8's* Scratchers game from the Speedway on East Avenue in Fresno.

**Prince Chand** has a million reasons to enjoy summer after buying *The Perfect Gift!* Scratchers and unwrapping the \$1,000,000 top prize. That ticket came from Liquor House II in Modesto.

California Lottery players hoping to strike it rich also have with a chance with two massive jackpots up for grabs tonight. The <u>Powerball</u> jackpot is up to an estimated \$400 million, which means that game has raised an estimated \$29.2 million for public education in California since the jackpot was last hit in April.

California's own in-state millionaire-maker, <u>SuperLotto Plus</u>, has a \$69 million jackpot tonight. Unlike the Powerball jackpot, that prize can only be earned with a ticket bought right here in California. Because the SuperLotto Plus jackpot has grown so high, Lottery estimates having raised an impressive \$67.9 million for California public education since it was last hit in November of last year.



(Image of Pamela Adelamini's winning Scratchers ticket)
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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 approximately \$2 billion for fiscal year 2021-22, 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 more than \$8.8 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. 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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