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### ***One Lucky CA Lottery Player Likely Extra Thankful Today With Winning Powerball® Ticket Worth \$1.2+ Million***

**SACRAMENTO** – This Thanksgiving may bring extra gratitude for the California Lottery player who bought a lucky *Powerball* ticket in Hemet (Riverside County). That ticket matched five numbers in Wednesday night's draw, winning a second-place prize of \$1,244,495. The [winning numbers](#) were 20, 24, 33, 39, 42, and 21. The lucky ticket was sold at the Stater Bros. Market at 43396 Florida Avenue; that store will get a bonus of more than \$6,000 for selling it.

Nobody hit the *Powerball* jackpot, which has now climbed to an estimated \$340 million for Saturday night's draw. The top prize has been growing since October 11, when one ticket sold in California hit an incredible [\\$1.7 billion jackpot](#). California Lottery does not know who prize-winners are until they [come forward](#) to claim their prize.

Each *Powerball* ticket is \$2, and for every ticket sold in California, about 80 cents helps support public education. To learn more about the mission of the California Lottery and how much money has been raised for schools in each county, click [here](#).

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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 \$2.07 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 \$8.85 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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