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### ***Will Another Millionaire Be Made in CA? Powerball® Jackpot at an Estimated \$596 Million for Tonight***

**SACRAMENTO** – This year has been filled with big wins and new millionaires for California Lottery players, with another massive *Powerball* jackpot up for grabs tonight.

With a total of 114 new millionaires already minted this year in the Golden State, the California Lottery is on track to potentially surpass the record-breaking annual millionaire count of 153 set back in 2021. That number includes millionaires made from popular *Scratchers*® games along with draw games like *Powerball*.

The estimated jackpot for tonight's draw is \$596 million, with a cash value estimated at \$284.2 million. The last time the *Powerball* jackpot was hit was July 19 when a lucky ticket sold in Los Angeles matched all six numbers to win a whopping [\\$1.08 billion](#). That was the third-largest *Powerball* jackpot ever; the highest jackpot ever was also hit here in California late last year, when a corner gas station called Joe's Service Center in Altadena sold a single ticket worth a staggering [\\$2.04 billion](#).

This current *Powerball* jackpot sequence, which started nearly two months ago, has already proven to be a big winner for public schools. Thanks to this growing top prize, the California Lottery has raised an estimated \$42.4 million for public education just from this game alone.

*Powerball* tickets are \$2 each, and approximately 80 cents from every ticket sold [goes to public schools](#). The draw is slated to happen tonight at 7:59pm Pacific Time.

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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. As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget, or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families.*

*If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.*

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