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### ***More Than Two Million Winning Mega Millions® Tickets Sold in CA, but No Jackpot Yet in 2024***

**SACRAMENTO** – Tonight's *Mega Millions* jackpot stands at an estimated \$563 million, having rolled 22 times since it was last hit this past December [right here in California](#).

California Lottery's ticket sales for this two-and-a-half-month jackpot sequence currently total more than \$100 million, and **public schools will earn at least an estimated \$42.4 million just from sales of this game alone**. The sole mission of the California Lottery is to generate [additional funding for public education](#). For every \$2 *Mega Millions* ticket sold in California, about 80 cents goes to schools.

In the time since the last *Mega Millions* jackpot was hit, [California Lottery retail partners](#) have sold more than 50 million tickets, representing about 15 percent of the total combined sales across the country. *Mega Millions* is played in 45 states, plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Of the 50+ million tickets sold in California, more than 2.1 million have won at various prize levels, earning players a collective \$13.8 million! In addition to the jackpot, there are [eight other ways to win](#) *Mega Millions*. The odds of winning any prize are 1 in 24.

If someone hits the jackpot tonight, the estimated cash value of their prize – should a winner decide to take the lump sum payment – is \$265.4 million. If no one wins, the jackpot will roll to an estimated \$607 million for Friday's draw.

The *Mega Millions* jackpot was hit ten times in 2023 and has yet to be hit so far in 2024.

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$43.8 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, [retailer commissions and bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). The California Lottery is also committed to promoting [responsible gaming](#). Anyone who shows [signs of a gambling problem](#), or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the California Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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