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Mega Millions® to get MEGA enhancements in April 2025

Bigger jackpots, better odds, built-in multiplier to increase prizes at every level – just a few of the benefits of new game coming next spring

SACRAMENTO – *Mega Millions*, the lottery game that has produced a record six jackpot wins exceeding \$1 billion, is getting ready for a mega overhaul with plans to be bigger and better than ever when the new and improved game launches in April 2025. Among the enhancements, players will benefit from:

- Improved odds to win the jackpot
- Bigger jackpots more frequently
- Larger starting jackpots
- Faster growing jackpots
- A built-in multiplier on every play, automatically improving every non-jackpot win by 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X or 10X – up to \$10 million for matching the five white balls
- No breakeven prizes, meaning when a player wins, they'll always win more than the cost of the ticket

When the new and improved game launches next April, tickets will cost \$5 per play. This is only the game's second price adjustment since the first ticket was sold more than 20 years ago and the first change since the current game matrix was adopted in 2017.

Mega Millions is played in more than 40 states, including California, and each jurisdiction adopts new games according to its own regulatory timelines. The California Lottery's ability to participate is pending formal approval by the California Lottery Commission at an upcoming public meeting.

"We think this is a winning proposition for both our players and our mission to raise supplemental funding for public education," said California Lottery Director Harjinder K. Shergill Chima. "With bigger jackpots that grow even faster, and better odds for players, we expect better sales for *Mega Millions*, and in turn, more money for schools."



Since *Mega Millions* launched in 2002, it has produced six winners of billion-dollar jackpots. Since the last change in 2017 more than 1300 players have become millionaires, an average of 3 millionaires per week.

Mega Millions is a national game with tickets sold in 45 states, Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Drawings are conducted at 8 p.m. Pacific Time on Tuesdays and Fridays in Atlanta, Georgia. Lottery profits support a wide variety of good causes and are allocated differently in each jurisdiction.

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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 \$46 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. 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 CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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