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California Scratchers® Winners Celebrate Big Wins Across the State



Image of John Green's winning Scratchers ticket

SACRAMENTO – There's a new wave of California Lottery wins across the state as seven lucky Scratchers players struck it big, collectively winning \$15 million in prizes from various games. **John Green** is taking home the largest prize of this bunch, winning a whopping \$5,000,000 with a *California State Riches* Scratchers purchased at ARCO on Winchester Road in Temecula.

Four players spelled their way to millions, playing one of the California Lottery's most popular Scratchers games, *Instant Prize Crossword*.

Monica Mazariegos is celebrating a \$2,000,000 win after playing the *Instant Prize Crossword* she got at Code 66 Smoke Shop in Fullerton.

Mamikon Zakaryan also joined the multimillionaire club with a \$2,000,000 win from an *Instant Prize Crossword* Scratchers bought at Dales Jr. Liquors in Hollywood.

Jose Lopez also won \$2,000,000 with *Instant Prize Crossword*. His ticket came from T Mart in Castroville.

Foad Ishak completes the list of new \$2,000,000 *Instant Prize Crossword* winners. That ticket came from Copper Lamp Liquor in Monrovia.



Meanwhile, **Aurelio Chayrez** claimed a \$1,000,000 prize with an *Ice Cool Scratchers* from the Chevron on South Tracy Boulevard in Tracy.

Rounding out this incredible run of luck, **Salvador Zarate** claimed a \$1,000,000 prize with a \$1 *Million Ultimate Cash!* Scratchers game, which came from the Quick Stop in Freedom.

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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. 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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