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Powerball® on a Roll: \$643 Million up for Grabs in Tonight's Draw

One of the Largest Jackpots in California Lottery History

SACRAMENTO – California Lottery players are holding their breath as tonight's [*Powerball*](#) jackpot is estimated at **\$643 million**, one of the biggest prizes in state history. The excitement has attracted both longtime players and occasional participants who play when jackpots reach staggering amounts. A win tonight would come in as the sixth largest *Powerball* jackpot in California history.

As we wait for tonight's draw, some Californians already have a reason to celebrate this summer. On March 26, a *Powerball* ticket purchased at Rocklin Mini Mart matched five number- missing only the Powerball - to win \$5,717,713. The California Lottery can now announce that **K. Plummer** was the lead claimant in a group of lucky winners for that prize. Rocklin Mini Mart received a bonus of more than \$28,000.

Bay Area Winning Streak

It's not just about the jackpots for California *Powerball* players. Two winning tickets were purchased, one in San Mateo, and the other in Pacifica, matching just 4 numbers and the Powerball in this past Saturday's draw, for prizes worth \$31,033 each. Two days earlier, for the August 14 draw, a single ticket with the same 4-number plus the Powerball match was sold in Oakland worth \$80,504.

Supporting California Schools

Jackpots like tonight's are particularly exciting because they help boost the California Lottery's mission to support public education. For every \$2 *Powerball* ticket sold in our state, about 80 cents goes directly to education funding.

[Since the last time the *Powerball* jackpot was won](#), more than \$44 million and counting has been raised for California public schools from *Powerball* alone. The Lottery maintains an



interactive map on its website for people to see how much money is allocated to their local county or school district.

First established in 1984, the California Lottery has generated more than \$46 billion for education, benefiting everything from [classroom supplies](#) and [new technology](#) to [athletic gear](#) and [workforce training](#).

Play Smart, Play Safe

The California Lottery encourages everyone to keep the fun in the game by playing responsibly. Here are a few important reminders:

- Set a budget and stick to it. Lottery games should be a form of entertainment, not a financial strategy.
- Watch out for scams. The Lottery will never call, text, or email claiming you've won a prize.
- Avoid "courier" services and online third parties. Tickets should only be purchased in person from authorized California Lottery retailers.
- Players must be 18 or older to purchase, play, or claim prizes.

More Information

Tonight's *Powerball* draw results, information about other jackpots, and details about how Lottery funds support California schools, can be found by visiting calottery.com.

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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](#). As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that ambling 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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