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California Schools Are Already Winning Powerball®

Bigger Jackpots Mean More Money for Public Education

SACRAMENTO – Tonight's *Powerball* draw is a big one, and it's not just about the excitement of winning. Updated just this morning, the estimated top prize comes in as the 6th largest *Powerball* jackpot in history, **\$850 million**. The estimated cash value of tonight's jackpot is \$383.7 million.

Making millionaires still comes in second as a point of excitement for the California Lottery. The mission of the Lottery, [since its inception 40 years ago this October](#), is to raise extra money for California public schools, and in this regard – big jackpots are big wins for that mission.

So far, from the past 37 draws since the last time the *Powerball* jackpot was won on May 31, more than 68 million *Powerball* tickets have been sold in California, raising over **\$57 million for public education in the state**.

Current Top Ten Powerball Jackpots

1. \$2.04 billion – Nov. 7, 2022 – CA
2. \$1.765 billion – Oct. 11, 2023 - CA
3. \$1.586 billion – Jan. 13, 2016 – CA, FL, TN
4. \$1.326 billion – April 6, 2024 - OR
5. \$1.08 billion – July 19, 2023 – CA
6. **\$850 million (estimated) – Aug. 27, 2025**
7. \$842.4 million – January 1, 2024 – MI
8. \$768.4 million – March 27, 2019 – WI
9. \$758.7 million – Aug. 23, 2017 – MA
10. \$754.6 million – Feb. 6, 2023 - WA

You Play, Schools Win – Every Time

For the past 25 years, the California Lottery has contributed at



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least \$1 billion in supplemental to California public schools each and every year. Some years, that figure has been more than \$2 billion. An incredible 95% of the revenue from the sale of Lottery games returns to California communities in the form of prize payments, retailer compensation, and funding for education. California Lottery funds support programs providing [career technical education](#), [music](#), [dance](#), [athletics](#), and [more](#).

Play It Safe, Play Responsibly

The California Lottery has been [certified by the World Lottery Association at the highest level for its commitment to responsible gaming](#). It has maintained this certification for a decade. Players are reminded to [play responsibly](#) and that help is available from several sources if you or someone you know is experiencing a gambling problem.

- Resources for Recovery
[California Problem Gambling Helpline](#)
1-800-GAMBLER (1-800-426-2537)
- Text "SUPPORT" to 53342 to get more information about problem gambling behavior. Normal text messaging rates apply.
- [Gambler's Anonymous, International Service Office](#)
1-855-222-5542 (1-855-2-Call-GA)

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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 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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