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Scratchers® Winner Celebrates a Lucky Year

Extraordinary Luck! Winner Secures Third Win in Just Over a Year

SACRAMENTO – It was another routine pit stop at his local gas station when **Carlos Guzman** decided to grab a California Lottery ticket, like he had done countless times before. A regular player since his twenties, Guzman had seen a few modest wins of \$1,000 and \$2,500 in just over a year. But little did he know, this time would be different.

This time, Carlos hit the game's top prize. He was the lucky winner with a [100x Scratchers](#) ticket, a life-changing \$5 million dollar win.

"At first, I couldn't believe it," Guzman recalled "After about five minutes, I got chills all over my body. That's when I called my family."

With the help of his win, Guzman has been able to pay off his home, providing a new sense of security for his family. He also took a moment to acknowledge the California Lottery's broader mission. He's thankful to the Lottery for helping fund schools and providing resources that allow others to have opportunities he didn't.

Guzman's win is a reminder of how every ticket purchased from a [California Lottery retailer](#) is not just a little play in someone's day, but also provides supplemental support for the growth and development of public education statewide.



California Lottery 100X Scratchers®

Southern California is on a Winning Streak!

Carlos Guzman isn't the only one celebrating a big win – **Mariana Nunez** won a \$5 million prize playing a 2024 Scratchers game! Her lucky ticket was purchased at the Friendly Liquor convenience store on 1261 E. Florence Avenue in Los Angeles.



Every Ticket is a Chance to Give Back

While these life changing wins are exciting, they're also a part of something meaningful. Every ticket sold helps support California's public schools, providing extra money to everything from [classroom materials](#) and [new technology](#) to [career training programs](#).

To learn more about how the California Lottery supports students from kindergarten through college, visit calottery.com/who-benefits.

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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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