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California Man's Lucky Streak Ends in Scratchers® Win

Big Rewards, Small Moments of Play

SACRAMENTO – **Juan Silva Zarate** is living proof that a little play can make your day. After a string of wins, Zarate's play made more than his day with an [Instant Prize Crossword Scratchers](#) game and a \$2 million win.

When asked if he'd ever won before, Zarate said "*he ganado mucho,*" a nod to the lucky streak that led to this final, unforgettable win. Over the last year leading up to his big win, incredibly, Zarate had four \$1,000 Scratchers wins to his credit already. He purchased his final winning Scratchers game at the Chevron on 24350 Hesperian Boulevard in Hayward. When asked what he plans to do with the prize, he humbly shared that he will use a portion for investing and the rest to pay off his family's home.

Zarate's win is not only a personal victory – it's also a reminder of California Lottery's broader mission. Every time Californians play [Scratchers](#), [Super Lotto Plus](#), [Fantasy 5](#), or any other Lottery games offered in the state, a portion of that play goes directly to supporting public schools.

A little play turned into a big day for one lucky player – and for the classrooms across California.

Riverside Prize Joins the Winning Wave

Juan Zarate wasn't a lone winner. **Joseph Austin** claimed a \$1 million dollar prize with a [LOTERIA™ Grande Scratchers](#) game bought at the Allsups Convenience Store



on 1703 Main Street in Riverside, right on the corner of Main Street and Strong.

Supporting Students, One Ticket at a Time

While big wins like these make headlines, every ticket sold fuels something even bigger. Proceeds from the California Lottery support public schools statewide, helping to fund [classroom materials](#), [state-of-the-art technology](#), and [career technical 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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