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### *How High Is Mega Millions® Now? Higher!*

#### *Jackpot Rolls Right Past \$500 Million*

**SACRAMENTO** – For the first time since the *Mega Millions* game improved with [better odds and automatic prize multipliers](#), the jackpot has rolled to more than **half a billion dollars**. With no winner in the Tuesday night drawing, the jackpot has grown to an estimated \$520 million. One lucky ticket sold in California did match five numbers and is now worth more than \$1.5 million.

Last night's winning numbers were 4, 8, 27, 37, 63, and 14. The big winning ticket in California came from Village Wine & Spirits at 1449 S. Victoria Avenue in Ventura. It was sold with a 2x multiplier and matched five numbers, missing only the Mega Ball.

This is the fourth time since the new *Mega Millions* enhancements took effect this past spring that someone in California has won a million bucks or more in the second-place spot. The others to earn big bucks were:

- May 9 - [a ticket worth \\$2.2 million](#) was sold by the Chevron at 12345 Ramona Avenue in Chino.
- August 8 – [a ticket worth a stunning \\$4.6 million+](#) was sold by Spirits World Liquor on Burbank Boulevard in Tarzana.
- September 9 – [a ticket worth \\$2.26 million](#) was sold by Miss Q's Convenience at 838 Washington Street in San Francisco.

*Mega Millions* is \$5 to play, and from every ticket sold in California, approximately two dollars goes to the state's public schools. Raising supplemental funding for public education is the sole mission of the California Lottery. Anyone can see how much money has been given to schools in California by county or by school district at [www.calottery.com/whobenefits](http://www.calottery.com/whobenefits).

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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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