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# ***As Mega Millions® Goes Higher, Powerball® Races to Catch Up – Both Games Offer Multiple Ways to Win Big***

*Tonight, Mega Millions Draws for an Estimated \$547 Million*

**SACRAMENTO** – Last night saw no jackpot win for the [Powerball](#) drawing. Without any four or five number matches either, the prize pools for matching four numbers plus the Powerball and matching five numbers without the Powerball will both grow for this Wednesday's draw, along with the jackpot, now an estimated \$223 million.

## ***Next Up: Mega Millions!***

Tonight, the reimagined and enhanced [Mega Millions](#) draws for an estimated \$547 million – the biggest prize since the game rules got an upgrade this past April. Since the change, the new game has already paid off big for several winners. The winning list includes [four millionaires who matched five numbers](#), missing just the Mega Ball, and 46 lucky ticket holders whose tickets matched four numbers *and* the gold Mega ball. The four-number plus Mega Ball prizes have ranged from \$11,367 to a stunning \$107,080 win just last month.

*Powerball* drawings are held every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 7:59 p.m. *Mega Millions* drawings are every Tuesday and Friday at 8:00 p.m. California Lottery games are only available from one of the over 23,000 local authorized retailers. To find the nearest place to buy, players can visit [calottery.com/where-to-play](https://calottery.com/where-to-play). App-based and online Lottery game resellers are not legal in California.

## ***Since 1985, When You Play, Schools Win***

Created 40 years ago by the voters in California with the sole purpose of raising extra money for public education, the California Lottery has raised over \$48 billion for California public schools in the state. Schools use these funds to [support athletics](#), [career technical education](#), and [after-school programs](#), just to name a few. The



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official California Lottery maintains an interactive map and the latest quarterly financial reports at [calottery.com/who-benefits](http://calottery.com/who-benefits), where anyone can visit.

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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 \$48 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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