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Weekend Powerball® Lurking Just Outside The Top 10

Will This Be The First Scary Season Jackpot Win In Decades?

SACRAMENTO – As ghosts, goblins, and superheroes prepare to take to the streets this Halloween weekend, lottery players will have an extra reason to be on the lookout. An estimated **$760 million *Powerball* jackpot** is up for grabs Saturday night, while ***Mega Millions*®** stands at an estimated **$463 million** heading into tonight's drawing.

Saturday's *Powerball* drawing marks the first Halloween drawing in six years and features the second-largest jackpot offered in 2026. At $760 million, the prize is also just shy of the 10 largest *Powerball* jackpots ever won. The last time a *Powerball* jackpot win fell on Halloween was October 31, 1998. That $46 million prize was split between Rhode Island and Wisconsin players.

Know The Draw Times

Tonight's Mega Millions draw will take place at **8 p.m. PT.** Mega Millions draws on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. Draw entry closes at 7:45 p.m. on the day of the drawing. The *Powerball* drawing takes place at **7:59 p.m. PT on Saturday, Oct. 31**. *Powerball* draws take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:59 p.m. ***Powerball draw entry closes at 7 p.m. on the day of the drawing.***

Every Play Supports Public Education

Since the last time their jackpots were claimed, the **26 drawings for MM** and the **33 drawings for PB** have collectively raised more than **$77 million** and counting for CA public schools. That money supports innovative programs across the state, tailored to each facility's needs. From everyday supply needs to career-focused programs, educators use California Lottery funds every day to meet their students' instructional needs.

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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.