



Wisconsin Lottery

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Wednesday's Powerball Jackpot Climbs to \$430 Million

Cash Option \$273.4 Million

The Powerball jackpot is up to an estimated \$430 million for Wednesday's drawing – making it the 9th largest Powerball jackpot up for grabs in game history.

This is the third time in 2017 that an advertised Powerball jackpot has gone above the \$400 million mark.

- February 22, 2017 - \$435.3 million won in Indiana
- June 10, 2017 - \$447.8 million won in California
- August 16, 2017 – estimated \$430 million (TBD)

The next *Powerball* drawing will be, Wednesday, August 16. The estimated jackpot is \$430 million (\$273.4 million cash).

"While rolling jackpots are definitely exciting for players, let's not forget that Wisconsin homeowners are also winners in the form of property tax relief," said Wisconsin Lottery Director Cindy Polzin. "Regardless of the jackpot size, players should have fun, but remember to play responsibly."

How to Play

Tickets must be purchased by 9 p.m. on Wednesday and Saturday to be included in the drawing:

- Each ticket costs \$2 per play
- Choose five different numbers 1 to 69 and one *Powerball* number 1 to 26
- Sign your ticket and check it as soon as possible to avoid missing out on any prize you may have won

While the jackpot gets the most attention, there are other prizes to be won in *Powerball*. Prizes range from \$4 for matching just the *Powerball* to \$1 million for matching all five numbers (but not the *Powerball*).

For an extra \$1 per play, you can choose Power Play to increase your non-jackpot winnings which will be multiplied by the drawing's Power Play number. For example, if your prize is \$50,000 and the Power Play number is 5, you win \$250,000 just by adding Power Play. The \$1 million prize automatically becomes \$2 million with Power Play.

The mission of Wisconsin Lottery is to provide property tax relief to Wisconsin homeowners. Since the sale of the first lottery ticket in September 1988, the Lottery has generated:

- More than \$4.03 billion in property tax relief for Wisconsin homeowners
- More than \$8.36 billion in prizes for players
- \$918 million in commissions for Wisconsin businesses



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The odds of winning the jackpot are 1:292,201,338.

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