



Wisconsin Lottery

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\$667 Million *Mega Millions* Jackpot for Tonight

Mega Millions, Powerball jackpots now a combined \$1.012 billion

The *Mega Millions* jackpot jumps to a record \$667 million for tonight. The *Mega Millions* jackpot has been climbing since late July, and today it has reached a new all-time high. Meanwhile, the *Powerball* jackpot for Wednesday's drawing has rolled to \$345 million, which comes to an estimated \$199 million cash payout.

Lottery players have a chance to win a *Mega Millions* jackpot of \$667 million in tonight's drawing, which comes to an estimated \$380 million cash payout. This is the largest in the game's history and third-largest in U.S. lottery jackpot history.

"You can feel the excitement grow for the *Mega Millions* jackpot, just as the jackpot has grown to a new record high! Our retailers and our players are gearing up for a big draw tonight," said Cindy Polzin, Wisconsin Lottery Director. "I encourage all of our players to have fun, but certainly encourage you to also play responsibly."

Tickets for *Mega Millions* must be purchased by 9 p.m. to be included in the Tuesday, October 16 drawing:

- Each ticket costs \$2 per play
- Choose five different numbers 1 to 70 and one Mega Ball number 1 to 25
- Sign your ticket and check it as soon as possible to avoid missing out on any prize you may have won

Ticket for *Powerball* must be purchased by 9 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17 to be included in the drawing:

- Each ticket costs \$2 per play
- Choose five different numbers 1 and 69 and one Powerball number 1 and 26

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 \$4.3 billion in property tax relief for Wisconsin homeowners
- More than \$8.2 billion in prizes for players
- \$920 million in commissions for Wisconsin businesses



The odds of winning the Mega Millions jackpot are approximately 1:302.6 million.

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