



Wisconsin Lottery

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First Time Jackpots for *Powerball*, *Mega Millions* over \$300 Million

Hundreds of millions of dollars are up for grabs in two separate lotto games. This is the first time both Jackpots are over \$300M at the same time.

The *Mega Millions* jackpot for tonight's drawing is estimated at \$350 million with a cash payout of \$218 million. The *Powerball* jackpot for Wednesday night's drawing is estimated at \$307 million with a cash payout of \$193.2 million.

Since Wisconsin began offering *Mega Millions* in 2010, there was only one other time when both jackpots were over \$250M. This also happens to be the 7th largest *Mega Millions* jackpot in its history.

Retailers also benefit from Lottery sales. The Lottery pays retailers a 2% incentive for the sale of winning tickets with prizes \$600 or greater. There is a maximum \$100,000 payment on any winning ticket per draw. The retailer receives their 2% even if the winning ticket is not redeemed by the player.

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



The odds of winning the Powerball jackpot are approximately 1:292.2 million.



The odds of winning the Mega Millions jackpot are approximately 1:258.9 million.

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