



## Wisconsin Lottery

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# ***Mega Millions* Jackpot Increases to \$420 Million**

*Next Drawing is Tonight, October 5*

Lottery players have a chance to win a *Mega Millions* jackpot of \$420 million in tonight's drawing, which comes to an estimated \$237.1 million cash payout.

Tickets must be purchased by 9 p.m. to be included in the Friday, October 5 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

Multiply your winnings:

- For an extra \$1 per play, you can choose Megaplier to increase your non-jackpot winnings which will be multiplied by the drawing's Megaplier number.
- For example, if your prize is \$1 million and the Megaplier number is 5, you win \$5 million just by adding Megaplier.

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 \$4.3 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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