



# Wisconsin Lottery

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# Mega Millions Rolls to \$382 Million for Friday Powerball Jackpot at \$307 for Tonight

Lottery players have two different opportunities to win jackpots worth more than \$300 million.

Since all U.S. lotteries began selling both Mega Millions and Powerball tickets, Tuesday night was the first time that both jackpots have offered over \$300 million. Since no one matched all six numbers in Tuesday night's Mega Millions drawing, players will have a second chance to win over \$300 million in tonight's Powerball drawing.

The *Powerball* jackpot for tonight's drawing is estimated at \$307 million with a cash payout of \$193.2 million. Tickets must be purchased by 9 PM to be included in tonight's drawing.

Since no one matched all six numbers in Tuesday night's \$346 million *Mega Millions* jackpot, Friday's estimated jackpot will be \$382 million with a cash payout of \$193.2 million.

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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