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# **Wednesday Powerball Jackpot Hits \$1.4 BILLION**

*Wisconsin Powerball Sales: More Than \$21 Million Worth of Tickets Sold Last Week*

The *Powerball* jackpot has hit an all-time high at \$1.4 billion for Wednesday night's drawing, or an estimated \$868 million cash payout. While this is the largest jackpot in U.S. history, weekly *Powerball* sales in Wisconsin also set a new record. Last week's *Powerball* sales in Wisconsin were \$21,709,943. This closes in on the prior weekly *Powerball* sales record of \$22.3 million for the week of August 25, 2001, when the *Powerball* jackpot was \$295 million.

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 \$3.87 billion in property tax relief for Wisconsin homeowners
- More than \$7.14 billion in prizes for players
- \$766 million in commissions for Wisconsin businesses

Tickets must be purchased by 9:00 p.m. to be included in the Wednesday, January 13 drawing. Each ticket costs \$2 per play. You choose five different numbers 1-69 and one Powerball number 1-26. Be sure to sign your ticket and check it as soon as possible to avoid missing out on any prize you may have won.



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

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