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## **Saturday's *Powerball* Jackpot Hits \$800 Million – Largest Jackpot in U.S. History Continues To Grow**

The *Powerball* jackpot continues to grow and now Lottery players have a chance to win \$800 million in Saturday night's drawing. The \$800 million *Powerball* jackpot comes to an estimated \$496 million cash payout. This is the largest *Powerball* jackpot in the game's history, as well as the largest jackpot of any lottery game in U.S. history. This week alone, nearly \$9.4 million worth of *Powerball* tickets have been sold in Wisconsin.

While the jackpot gets the most attention, there are other prizes to be won in *Powerball*. Prizes range from \$4 for matching just the *Powerball* to \$1 million for matching all five numbers (but not the *Powerball*). For an extra \$1 per play, you can choose Power Play to increase your non-jackpot winnings which will be multiplied by the drawing's Power Play number. For example, if your prize is \$50,000 and the Power Play number is 5, you win \$250,000 just by adding Power Play. The \$1 million prize automatically becomes \$2 million with Power Play.

Tickets must be purchased by 9:00 p.m. to be included in the Saturday, January 9 drawing:

- Each ticket costs \$2 per play
- Choose five different numbers 1-69 and one Powerball number 1-26
- Sign your ticket and check it as soon as possible to avoid missing out on any prize you may have won

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, \$766 million in commissions for Wisconsin businesses, and more than \$7.14 billion in prizes for players.



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

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