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Powerball Jackpot is 4th-Largest in U.S. History Frenzy continues across Wisconsin ahead of Wednesday's \$750 Million draw

MADISON, Wis. – Wednesday's **Powerball** jackpot is \$750 million, the fourth-largest in U.S. lottery history, entering its next drawing. Yet to be won in 2019 after rolling for a 25th-consecutive time on Saturday, the three-quarters of a billion jackpot is at its highest point in 19 months and ranks as the third-largest in **Powerball** history.

"Excitement is sweeping across the state and the nation with the rise of the Powerball jackpot," said Wisconsin Lottery Director **Cindy Polzin**. "The \$750 million figure is staggering and historically, we're talking about one of the largest jackpot amounts ever seen in the United States. As sales continue to rise in Wisconsin, our residents benefit from additional funds for prize payouts, property tax credits, and retail compensation."

Wisconsin recorded over \$1.9 million in **Powerball** sales on Saturday's draw date alone, its highest single-day performance since New Year's Day 2018. Across the state, there were 17,583 **Powerball** transactions per hour, or just under five per second, figures that are more than seven times an average day's total. During Saturday's 5-8 p.m. sales peak, there were over 39,000 **Powerball** transactions per hour, just under 11 per second, statewide.

"A jackpot of this magnitude brings out a lot of people," added Polzin. "We want to remind all players to enjoy the fun, but to play responsibly and within your means."

Last won on Dec. 26 in New York state, the current **Powerball** jackpot surpassed last fall's frenzy by nearly \$100 million.

TOP 5 ALL-TIME U.S. LOTTERY JACKPOTS

Rk	Amount	Game	Draw Date	Winning State(s)
1.	\$1.586 Billion	Powerball	Jan. 13, 2016	California, Florida, Tennessee
2.	\$1.537 Billion	Mega Millions	Oct. 23, 2018	South Carolina
3.	\$ 758.7 Million	Powerball	Aug. 23, 2017	Massachusetts
4.	\$ 750 Million	Powerball	March 27, 2019	???
5.	\$ 687.8 Million	Powerball	Oct. 27, 2018	Iowa, New York

Wisconsin has 16 jackpot wins since **Powerball's** inception in 1988. The state's most recent jackpot winner came nearly two years ago to the day when a Milwaukee resident won \$156.2 million on March 22, 2017.

Powerball also features prizes ranging from \$4 to \$1 million. Each of the past four drawings dating back to March 13 have included prizes won on tickets sold in Wisconsin. Saturday's \$2 million prize win was the most recent and largest of that span and came on a ticket purchased in Racine.

HOW TO PLAY

- Plays cost \$2 each
- Players must purchase tickets by 9 p.m. Wednesday to be included in that night's drawing
- Choose five numbers between 1 and 69 and one **Powerball** number between 1 and 26
- 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 1:292.2 million.

ABOUT THE WISCONSIN LOTTERY

The Wisconsin Lottery enriches communities statewide by giving back 93 percent of its revenue to winners, retailers, and Wisconsin homeowners. Of each dollar spent on the Wisconsin Lottery, 57 cents goes back to prizes, 30 cents to property tax credits, seven cents to operations and six cents to retailers. Since 1988, the Wisconsin Lottery generated:

- More than \$14.5 billion in total revenue
- Over \$8.2 billion in prizes paid
- More than \$4.3 billion in funding for property tax credits to eligible Wisconsin homeowners

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