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## Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> 'Lucky' for Lottery Players

**MADISON**, Wis. – Is Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> an unlucky day? **Mega Millions** players throughout the country may not agree.

In the past 13 years, seven different *Mega Millions* jackpots have been won around the country on - you guessed it - Friday the 13th. This includes:

- Two lucky players in Michigan and Rhode Island splitting a \$42 million jackpot on Friday the 13th in October 2017
- A player from Ohio winning \$200 million on Friday the 13th in November 2015
- A player from New York winning \$22 million on Friday the 13th in March 2009
- Three 'Friday the 13th' winners in Michigan, who claimed: \$66 million in June 2014, \$27 million in May 2011, and \$57 million in June 2008

A Wisconsin Lottery player has not won a *Mega Millions* jackpot on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> but there is another chance this Friday with an estimated *Mega Millions* jackpot of \$225 million. Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> has produced some sizable Wisconsin *Mega Millions* winners during the last four years. On November 13, 2020 a player from Abbotsford matched 4 of 5 numbers plus the Mega Ball to win \$10,000. On April 13, 2018 a player from Omro matched 5 of 5 numbers to win \$1,000,000. With seven other prize options ranging from \$2 to \$1 million, players don't have to hit the jackpot to win on *Mega Millions*!

## QUICK MEGA MILLIONS FACTS

- Current jackpot is \$225 million; cash option of \$161.2 million
- Jackpots start at \$20 million
- The odds of winning the jackpot are 1:302,575,350

Drawings are Tuesday and Friday at 10 p.m. Tickets must be purchased before 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday to be included in that day's drawing.

## ABOUT THE WISCONSIN LOTTERY

The Wisconsin Lottery enriches communities statewide by giving back 93 percent of its revenue to winners, retailers, and Wisconsin homeowners. Since 1988, the Wisconsin Lottery has generated:

- More than \$16.1 billion in total revenue
- Over \$9.1 billion in prizes paid
- More than \$4.8 billion in funding for property tax credits to eligible Wisconsin homeowners

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