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Mega Millions Jackpot Increased to \$1.1 Billion

Wisconsin Lottery reminds players to play responsibly

MADISON, Wis. – Playing the Lottery is fun and the best way to keep it fun is by playing responsibly. This morning, the [Mega Millions](#) estimated jackpot increased to a historic, \$1.1 billion for the next drawing on Friday, July 29, 2022. While most adults can play Wisconsin Lottery games without issue, the Lottery wants people to play within their financial means and only for entertainment.

"Responsible play is at the heart of every part of our organization," said Cindy Polzin, Wisconsin Lottery Directory. "We know it's an exciting week and the nation is buzzing about the *Mega Millions* jackpot, but if you choose to participate, please play responsibly."

A winning ticket on Friday would be the second largest *Mega Millions* jackpot prize in the game's 20-year history. The largest *Mega Millions* jackpot was \$1.537 billion on October 23, 2018, for a ticket sold in South Carolina.

The Wisconsin Lottery wants to remind players:

- Only buy Lottery tickets from a licensed Lottery retailer. If someone offers a "winning ticket" for cash on any platform, don't do it. It is almost certainly a scam. Players can call the Lottery hotline at 1-608-266-7777 to verify what is and isn't a real Wisconsin Lottery communication.
- Sign the back of your ticket immediately after purchase. This is the most important thing to do to protect yourself from theft and to prove ticket ownership.
- Review your ticket before leaving the store to make sure you received what you wanted. Players are responsible for checking the accuracy of tickets. Contact the Wisconsin Lottery immediately if a ticket appears to be tampered with.
- If a player is concerned about their play and is looking for assistance, they can call 1-800-GAMBLE-5 or text 850-888-HOPE for help. The helpline is a 24-hour service that connects callers to information, counseling, and support.
- In addition to the jackpot, Mega Millions has seven other cash prizes so players should make sure to check their tickets after each drawing regardless of whether the jackpot is hit.

The last time a *Mega Millions* jackpot was won in Wisconsin was in 2020 when a Racine man won \$120 million from the September 15 drawing. The winning ticket was purchased at **Kwik Trip**, 4924 Spring St., in Mount Pleasant.

Mega Millions tickets are \$2 per play. Tickets are sold in 45 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. *Mega Millions* drawings are Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 p.m. Tickets must be purchased before 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday to be included in that day's drawing. The overall odds of winning a prize are 1 in 24 and the odds of winning the *Mega Millions* jackpot are 1 in 302,575,350.

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 \$17 billion in total revenue
- Over \$9.7 billion in prizes paid
- More than \$5.1 billion in funding for property tax credits to eligible Wisconsin homeowners

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