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## Powerball Jackpot Skyrockets To \$1 Billion for Tonight's Drawing

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LITTLE ROCK – The Powerball® jackpot continues to elude players and has grown to \$1 billion for tonight's drawing. It is still the game's second largest prize ever behind the world-record \$1.586 billion jackpot in 2016.

In Saturday night's drawing there were 17,464 winning Powerball tickets sold in Arkansas totaling \$155,705 with 9,038 winners who multiplied their winnings by purchasing the \$1 Power Play<sup>®</sup>.

This is only the second time in Powerball's 30-year history that the advertised jackpot has reached \$1 billion. The estimated cash value for tonight's jackpot is \$497.3 million.

Eric Hagler, Arkansas Scholarship Lottery executive director, said players have the same odds in every drawing regardless of the jackpot amount or how many tickets are sold for a particular drawing.

"A player's selection method does not affect the probability of matching the winning numbers drawn," Hagler said. "There are more winners from Quick Picks because most purchases are by Quick Pick."

Hagler also reminded players that Powerball, like all lottery games, is supposed to be fun. The game was designed to deliver big jackpots as a fun and entertaining product for adults. A person must be 18 years of age to play.

Life-changing jackpots produce more than just lottery winners. Proceeds from draw game sales in Arkansas drive more money for scholarships. Since 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has raised more than \$1.2 billion in scholarship proceeds and awarded more than 675,000 scholarships.

For more information on game odds and how to play, visit MyArkansasLottery.com.

## **About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery**

More than 92 cents of every dollar of ASL revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions and other expenses in Arkansas. Since 2009, the lottery has raised more than \$1.2 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 675,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$4 billion in prizes to players, about \$360 million in retailer commissions and provided more than \$158 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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