



# JACKPOT ALERT!

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## **Powerball Jackpot Soars to \$700 Million; LOTTO Game Still Looking for First Jackpot Winner**

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LITTLE ROCK – The Powerball® jackpot has reached an estimated \$700 million with a cash option of \$375.7 million for Saturday night's drawing. If won, it will be the sixth largest Powerball grand prize ever won.

The Powerball jackpot rolled after no ticket matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night – white balls 31, 43, 58, 59 and 66 with red Powerball 9. The Power Play® multiplier was 2X.

Arkansas's newest game – LOTTO – also continues to grow and still looking for its first jackpot winner. The winning numbers in Wednesday's drawing were 2, 10, 25, 28, 29 and 34 with a Bonus Number of 3. The jackpot for Saturday's LOTTO drawing is \$1.443 million.

"There have been several huge lottery jackpots in the past several months so the excitement and anticipation of becoming a millionaire continues," said Eric Hagler, Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) executive director. "I would like to remind players that Powerball – like all lottery games - was designed to be a fun and relatively inexpensive form of entertainment. Please, know the odds and play within your limits. It only takes one ticket to win."

Hagler said the ASL's popular 5-Buck Bundle promotion is going on through February, which gives players three chances at three separate jackpots. For just \$5, a player gets a \$3 Powerball ticket with Power Play, a \$2 LOTTO ticket and a free Natural State Jackpot ticket.

Hagler reminds players to check their tickets for one of the nine ways to win. Despite there being no jackpot-winning ticket, 4,179 winning tickets were sold in Arkansas for Wednesday's Powerball drawing with \$28,594 in prizes won.

There were 2,347 players in Arkansas who multiplied their winnings with Power Play in Wednesday's drawing. Arkansas lottery players won \$135,299 in Powerball prizes this past week.

Saturday's drawing will be the 33rd Powerball drawing since a jackpot of \$92.9 million was won on Nov. 19, 2022. The largest Powerball jackpot ever won was for \$2.040 billion on Nov. 7, 2022.

Powerball tickets are \$2 per play. Tickets are sold in 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. More than half of all proceeds from the sale of a Powerball ticket remain in the jurisdiction where the ticket was sold.

Jackpot winners may choose to receive their prize as an annuity, paid in 30 graduated payments over 29 years, or a lump sum payment. Both advertised prize options are prior to federal and jurisdictional taxes. The overall odds of winning a prize are 1 in 24.9. The odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 292.2 million. For more information on game odds and how to play, visit [MyArkansasLottery.com](http://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 \$369 million in retailer commissions and provided more than \$160 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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