

## Spotlight on Powerball®

From the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery  
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- **Big Jackpots:** Since the changes to Powerball® in January, 2012, players have seen some of the largest jackpots of all time. Of the ten really big Powerball® jackpots since the changes in 2012, *seven* have been recorded *since* the game change:
  1. \$590.5 Million, May 18, 2013, in Florida – record annuity jackpot for Powerball®.
  2. \$587.5 Million, November 28, 2012, by two tickets, sold in Missouri and Arizona – record all-time total cash for Powerball®.
  3. \$448.4 Million, August 7, 2013, drawing won by three tickets, two in New Jersey, one in Minnesota.
  4. \$399.4 Million, September 18, 2013, won in South Carolina.
  5. \$365 Million, February 18, 2006, in Nebraska.
  6. \$340 Million, October 19, 2005, in Oregon.
  7. \$338.3 Million, March 23, 2013, in New Jersey.
  8. \$337 Million, August 15, 2012, in Michigan.
  9. \$336.4 Million, February 11, 2012, in Rhode Island.
  10. \$314.9 Million, December 25, 2002, in West Virginia.
- **Current Jackpot:** \$131 Million (\$73.8 Million cash value).
- **The Odds:** Players have more prizes to win from matching just the Powerball® (1 in 55 odds) and even more chances to play for a Powerball® top prize (starting at \$40 Million). The odds of winning a jackpot prize remain the same whether the jackpot is \$40 Million or \$400 Million (1 in 175 million), but the odds of winning a prize in the game are just 1 in 31.8 (overall).
- **Prize Levels:** From matching just the Powerball® prize (\$4) all the way to a Match 5 prize of \$1 Million, thousands of players enjoy the winning experience twice a week. Arkansas players have won over \$25 million since the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery began selling tickets in October 2009, including Harold Bailey of Conway, who won the jackpot and took home over \$12 Million and Sherri Miller of DeQueen, who won \$2 Million. There have been six \$1 Million winners, eight \$200,000 winners – and at least 35 players have won \$40,000 each.
- **Exciting PowerPlay® Changes:** Sales began for the new PowerPlay® Option on January 19, 2014. Starting with the draw on January 22, 2014, the set prize PowerPlay® option returned to a random multiplier option using 2X, 3X, 4X and 5X, meaning non-jackpot prizes are multiplied by 2, 3, 4 or 5 times with PowerPlay®. The PowerPlay® option still costs \$1 extra per play. Under new game rules, a separate drawing is performed to select the PowerPlay® number – a 2, 3, 4 or 5 – for all prizes except the jackpot and the Match 5 prize. The Match 5 prize remains set at \$2 million if the PowerPlay® option is purchased.
- **Multi-Draws:** Along with the return to a random multiplier option, players can once again purchase up to 20 multi draws on a ticket.

Powerball® is a multi-state jackpot game. Drawings are held at 9:59 p.m. CST every Wednesday and Saturday. Five numbered balls are drawn from 1 to 59 and one numbered ball is drawn from 1 to 35. If all your numbers match those that are chosen, you win the jackpot, which starts at \$40 million and grows until someone wins. If other players also match all six numbers, the prize will be shared in equal amounts. Each Powerball® play is \$2. For an additional dollar, you can add the PowerPlay® option to increase non-jackpot winnings by as much as a million dollars.