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## POWERBALL JACKPOT CONTINUES ROLL

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LITTLE ROCK— With the jackpot again rolling, the Powerball jackpot for Wednesday's drawing is an estimated annuitized \$422 million. Arkansas Scholarship Lottery officials have noted that this \$422 million top prize is in the top ten largest jackpots in history – and not just Powerball jackpot history. Powerball has been rolling since early May, following a \$429.6 million win in New Jersey – that's nearly three months without a top prize claim.

There's precedent for big Powerball winners in Arkansas, too: A \$50,000 winner in Hot Springs, \$100,000 and \$10,000 winners at Mountain Home, a \$50,000 winner in Greenwood, a \$10,000 winner in Gillham, a \$20,000 winner in Maumelle, a \$150,000 winner in Alma, and Lonoke's \$1,000,000 win. In fact, more than 9,000 Arkansas players have been Powerball winners since the state started Powerball sales on October 31, 2009. "We love when we have really large draw game jackpots like Powerball's current run – it means more players and more scholarship revenue," Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Director Bishop Woosley said.

Powerball began in April 1992 in 15 states with jackpots that started at a guaranteed \$2 million. Since then, Powerball has grown into one of the world's biggest and most recognizable lottery games, sold today by 47 lotteries across the nation, with players buying more than \$4 billion in Powerball tickets each year. The world record jackpot was set in January by a Powerball jackpot run that reached \$1.586 billion and hit in Tennessee, California and Florida.

## About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

More than 92 cents of every dollar of Arkansas Scholarship Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions and other expenses in Arkansas. Since Lottery sales started in 2009, the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has provided more than \$600 million for in-state college scholarships to Arkansas students, nearly \$2 billion in prizes for players and more than \$170 million in commissions for Lottery retailers.

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