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## **Arkansas Lottery Sales Set New Record**

Strong Results Help Increase Scholarship Net Proceeds

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LITTLE ROCK – January sales for the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery set a new monthly record with \$62,935,697, which means increased net proceeds for scholarships.

During the first seven months of Fiscal Year 2021, more than \$57.6 million has been raised for scholarships, with \$10.9 million of that occurring in January, which is the third highest in lottery history. Since 2009, the lottery has helped fund more than 600,000 scholarships with more than \$1 billion in net proceeds.

"We are on track to reach or exceed our FY21 net proceeds goal of \$78.2 million," said ASL Director J. Eric Hagler. "Under the leadership of Governor Hutchinson and the Department of Finance and Administration and along with our staff, we have worked hard to continue to operate as lean as possible and have been maximizing every opportunity to enhance proceeds responsibly, which is our mission."

Last month instant (scratch-off) ticket sales were \$42,637,196 – the second highest monthly sales in Arkansas Lottery history. Cash 3 sales in January were also the second highest monthly total of \$976,581.

Sales for Cash 4 and Fast Play games recorded in January were the highest for one month in Arkansas history at \$553,234 and \$2,059,297, respectively.

Since 2009, the lottery has awarded more than \$3.5 billion in prizes to players, about \$302 million in commissions to retailers and more than \$141 million in state and federal tax revenue.

To read the entire financial report presented to the Arkansas Legislative Council Lottery Oversight Subcommittee today, visit MyArkansasLottery.com and click on "January 2021 Monthly Disclosure Reports" under "LOC Reports." <u>Link to Reports Page Here</u>

## 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 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 600,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$3.5 billion in prizes to players, about \$302 million in retailer commissions and provided more than \$141 million in state and federal tax revenue.

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