



Mega Millions Fast Facts for the Friday, October 17 Drawing

Drawing Fast Facts

10/17/2025

Estimated Annuity Jackpot
\$625 Million

Estimated Cash Value
\$288.8 Million

Stats from the last Mega Millions drawing on
October 14, 2025:

Total Prizes
401,467 winning tickets
Second-Tier Prizes
2 second-tier winners with the 2x multiplier (<i>Arizona & Texas</i>)
Third-Tier Prizes
15 third-tier winners of at least \$20,000
8 at \$20,000 (<i>Arizona, California, Georgia, Idaho, New Jersey, New York – 2, & Ohio</i>)
4 at \$30,000 (<i>Arizona, Michigan, New York & Texas</i>)
2 at \$40,000 (<i>Connecticut & Pennsylvania</i>)
1 at \$50,000 (<i>Massachusetts</i>)

31 drawings since the last jackpot was hit
July 1 – October 14, 2025

Total Prizes
More than 8.6 million winning tickets across all nine prize tiers
Second-Tier Prizes
15 multi-million second-tier winning tickets
7 won at \$2 million
6 won at \$3 million
1 won at \$4 million
1 won at \$5 million
Third-Tier Prizes
198 third-tier winning tickets, ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000

The last Mega Millions jackpot was won at \$348 million (\$155.5 million cash value) on June 27, 2025.
The sole winning ticket was sold in Virginia.

Did You Know?

- Friday's jackpot is the largest Mega Millions jackpot since December 2024 and the 11th largest in the game's history.
- This run is now less than \$25 million away from breaking into the top 10 Mega Millions jackpots of all time. The #10 spot belongs to a \$648 million jackpot split by two tickets sold in California and Georgia back in 2013.

NOTE: Prizes in California are paid on a pari-mutuel basis and differ from fixed prize amounts.

Jackpot Rankings

Mega Millions Top 10 Jackpots

RANKING	Jackpot Amount	Date Won	State
#1	\$1.602 billion	8/8/2023	Florida
#2	\$1.537 billion	10/23/2018	South Carolina
#3	\$1.348 billion	1/13/2023	Maine
#4	\$1.337 billion	7/29/2022	Illinois
#5	\$1.269 billion	12/27/2024	California
#6	\$1.128 billion	3/26/2024	New Jersey
#7	\$1.050 billion	1/22/2021	Michigan
#8	\$810 million	9/10/2024	Texas
#9	\$656 million	3/30/2012	Illinois, Kansas, Maryland
#10	\$648 million	12/17/2013	California, Georgia

- Mega Millions is the only lottery game that has produced seven jackpots greater than \$1 billion. All were won in different states – South Carolina was the first in 2018, followed by Michigan in 2021, Illinois in 2022, Maine in January 2023, Florida in August 2023, New Jersey in March 2024 and California in December 2024.
- The largest iLottery jackpot win in U.S. history was for the \$552 million Mega Millions jackpot on June 4, 2024, with one winning ticket sold in Illinois via the lottery's mobile app.
- The Mega Millions jackpot was hit 10 times in 2023, four times in 2024 and four times so far in 2025.
- [Click here](#) for a list of all Mega Millions jackpots won since the game began.

Top 10 U.S. Lottery Jackpots

RANKING	Jackpot Amount	Date Won	State	Game
#1	\$2.040 billion	11/7/2022	California	Powerball
#2	\$1.787 billion	09/06/2025	Missouri, Texas	Powerball
#3	\$1.765 billion	10/11/2023	California	Powerball
#4	\$1.602 billion	8/8/2023	Florida	Mega Millions
#5	\$1.586 billion	1/13/2016	California, Florida, Tennessee	Powerball
#6	\$1.537 billion	10/23/2018	South Carolina	Mega Millions
#7	\$1.348 billion	1/13/2023	Maine	Mega Millions
#8	\$1.337 billion	7/29/2022	Illinois	Mega Millions
#9	\$1.326 billion	4/6/2024	Oregon	Powerball
#10	\$1.269 billion	12/27/2024	California	Mega Millions

General Information

Game Facts

- **Where to Buy:** Mega Millions tickets are sold in 47 jurisdictions: 45 states; Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- **Ticket Price:** Tickets are \$5 and include a randomly assigned multiplier, multiplying the base prizes (non-jackpot) levels by 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X, or 10X.
- **Drawing Time:** Drawings are conducted at 11 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesdays and Fridays in Atlanta, GA.
- **Starting Jackpot:** The starting jackpot for the next drawing after a jackpot-winning Mega Millions ticket is sold is currently \$50 million. There is no fixed minimum jackpot roll increase, which is dependent on game sales and interest rates.
- **Game Odds:** Overall chances of winning any prize: 1 in 24. Odds of winning the jackpot: 1 in 290 million.
- **How to Play:** Players select five numbers from 1 to 70 and one Mega Ball number from 1 to 24. There are [nine prize tiers](#), ranging from \$10 to the jackpot.
- **Annuity:** A jackpot winner who opts for the annuity receives one immediate payment and annual payments that increase by 5% per year for 29 years.
- **Estimated Values:** Estimated annuity and cash values are announced prior to drawing dates and are based on projected sales. Differences between the estimates and final amounts may occur if a substantial percentage of sales happen on the drawing date. The cash value is the amount of cash in the jackpot pool. If a winner chooses the annuity, the cash value is used to buy bonds that fund the annual payments.

Game History

- **Game Name:** Mega Millions originally launched as “The Big Game,” with its first drawing on Sept. 6, 1996. Its name was changed to Mega Millions in 2002.
- **First Drawing:** The first Mega Millions drawing was held on May 17, 2002, and produced a \$28 million jackpot winner from Illinois.
- **Price Point Change:** In April 2025, Mega Millions increased its ticket price for the first time since 2017, from \$2 to \$5. The change brought bigger starting jackpots and significantly larger prizes across all non-jackpot prize tiers.

Who Benefits

- **Beneficiaries:** Lottery profits support a wide variety of good causes and are allocated differently in each jurisdiction.

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