



Mega Millions jackpot rolls to \$248 million

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CHICAGO — Mega Millions interest throughout the region and Illinois will be rising to high levels for the Friday drawing as the jackpot has swelled to \$248 million.

The Mega Millions jackpot has been rolling since it was last won on Saturday, April 28.

The winning numbers from the Tuesday, July 18, drawing were – 08 - 12 - 23 - 51 - 73 – and the *Mega Ball* number was 06. While there was no jackpot winner in Tuesday night's drawing, Illinois players won more than 64,400 prizes, ranging from \$4 to \$5,000.

Illinois residents, 18 and older, can purchase Mega Millions and all of the Illinois Lottery's draw-based game tickets by using the Illinois Lottery's mobile app. The free

app (the first of its kind in the United States) is available for download on iOS and Android *devices* and offers any Illinois adult the chance to purchase lottery tickets on their smartphone. Players can also purchase their tickets online at illinoislottery.com and at nearly 8,000 retailers statewide.

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- Current jackpot is \$248 million (cash option of \$153 million)
- Jackpots start at \$15 million
- Overall odds of winning the jackpot 1:258,890,850
- Drawings are at 9:59 PM (CT) every Tuesday and Friday