



Largest-ever Mega Millions Jackpot up for grabs in Friday's draw

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CHICAGO — Players have the chance to win an estimated \$970 million jackpot in Friday's [Mega Millions](#) drawing. It is the largest jackpot in the game's history and the second-largest jackpot in U.S. lottery history.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's *Mega Millions* drawing were 3, 45, 49, 61 and 69, and the *Mega Ball* number was 9. While there was no jackpot winner in Friday night's drawing, Illinois players won more than 198,700 prizes, ranging from \$2 to \$10,000.

Friday's estimated Mega Millions jackpot combined with Saturday's estimated Powerball jackpot of \$430 million brings the jackpot total of the two national games to \$1.4 billion – the second-largest combined figure ever. The top spot on that list occurred during the roll that culminated with the record-setting Powerball jackpot in January 2016 (\$1.586 billion).

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.

Mega Millions Top-10 Jackpots

1.	\$970 million	10/18/2018	???
2.	\$656 million	3/30/2012	Kansas, Illinois, Maryland
3.	\$648 million	12/17/2013	California, Georgia
4.	\$543 million	7/24/2018	California
5.	\$536 million	7/8/2016	Indiana
6.	\$533 million	3/30/2018	New Jersey
7.	\$451 million	1/5/2018	Florida
8.	\$414 million	3/18/2014	Florida, Maryland
9.	\$393 million	8/11/2017	Illinois
10.	\$390 million	3/6/2007	Georgia, New Jersey

U.S. Lottery Top-10 Jackpots

1.	\$1.586 billion	1/13/2016	California, Florida, Tennessee	(Powerball)
2.	\$970 million	10/18/2018	???	(Mega Millions)
3.	\$758.7 million	8/23/2017	Massachusetts	(Powerball)
4.	\$656 million	3/30/2012	Kansas, Illinois, Maryland	(Mega Millions)
5.	\$648 million	12/17/2013	California, Georgia	(Mega Millions)
6.	\$590.5 million	5/18/2013	Florida	(Powerball)
7.	\$587.5 million	11/28/2012	Arizona, Missouri	(Powerball)
8.	\$564.1 million	2/11/2015	N. Carolina, Puerto Rico, Texas	(Powerball)
9.	\$559.7 million	1/6/2018	New Hampshire	(Powerball)
10.	\$543 million	7/24/2018	California	(Mega Millions)

QUICK [MEGA MILLIONS](#) FACTS

- Current jackpot is \$970 million; cash option of \$548.6 million

- Jackpots start at \$40 million
- Overall odds of winning the jackpot 1:302,575,350
- Drawings are at 10 p.m. (CT) every Tuesday and Friday
- Ticket sales end at 9:45 p.m. (CT) before the drawing

About the Illinois Lottery:

Founded in 1974, the Illinois Lottery has contributed over \$20 billion (since 1985) to the state's Common School Fund to assist K-12 public schools, as well as hundreds of millions of dollars to the Capital Projects Fund and to special causes like Illinois Veterans services, the fight against breast cancer, MS research, Special Olympics and assistance for people living with HIV/AIDS. In addition to playing in-store, the Illinois Lottery offers online and mobile play for all draw-based Illinois Lottery games at illinoislottery.com. Players must be at least 18 years old.