



# Over Half a Billion in Lottery Prizes Up for Grabs

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CHICAGO - If you're looking to win big this weekend, then Illinois Lottery players should pick up Mega Millions and Powerball tickets as both jackpots are rolling, with a combined jackpot of over a half-billion dollars to play for.

As the jackpots grow, so does the excitement. The next Mega Millions drawing is this Friday night, with a jackpot of \$288 million on offer. Following the debut of Powerball's additional weekly draw on Monday night, the top prize is still on the table with a \$322 million jackpot up for grabs for Saturday night's draw.

2021 has been a big year for Mega Millions and Powerball players across Illinois. To date this year, one player hit the \$56 million jackpot on June 8th after purchasing their winning ticket at a Citgo gas station in Crestwood and two Mega Millions players in Illinois have won prizes of \$1 million and

Powerball players have also claimed a lot of cash this year, with seven in-state players winning \$1 million prizes and 28 players claiming \$50,000 prizes. In total, Mega Millions and Powerball players have claimed over 4 million winning tickets and won over \$83.5 million in prizes so far this year.

Mega Millions and Powerball tickets are \$2 each, and players can add the Megaplier or the Power Play for an additional \$1 for the chance to multiply non-jackpot prizes. The next Mega Millions drawing is on Friday, August 27, at 10 P.M. CT. and the next Powerball drawing is Saturday, August 28, at 9:59 p.m. CT. It's never been easier for residents 18 and over to play as Illinois Lottery draw-based game tickets can be purchased online, in-store, and on the Illinois Lottery app. Visit [IllinoisLottery.com](https://www.illinoislottery.com) for more information.

### ***About the Illinois Lottery:***

*Founded in 1974, the Illinois Lottery has contributed over \$21 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, police memorials 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](https://www.illinoislottery.com). Players must be at least 18 years old.*