



Mega Millions Jackpot Now \$1,025,000,000 - Only Fourth U.S. Jackpot To Reach Over \$1 Billion

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CHICAGO - The Mega Millions jackpot is now an incredible \$1.025 billion for the next drawing on Friday night.

While the jackpot rolled in last night's Mega Millions drawing, an Illinois Lottery player woke up this morning as a millionaire after matching all five numbers.

The \$1 million winning ticket was bought at JM Food Shop at 11200 N IL Route 47, Huntley, IL 60142.

The Illinois Lottery encourages all winners to write their name on the back of their ticket and make an appointment at a claim center to claim their prize. For more information on how to claim a lottery prize, visit [Illinois.Lottery/winning](https://www.illinoislottery.com/winning)

Only three jackpots over \$1 billion have ever been won in the U.S.

- A \$1.586 billion Powerball jackpot was won by three tickets bought in California, Florida, and Tennessee in 2016
- A \$1.537 billion Mega Millions jackpot was won by a ticket bought in South Carolina in 2018
- A \$1.05 billion Mega Millions jackpot was won by a ticket in Michigan in 2021.

The next Mega Millions drawing is this Friday night, July 29 at 10 p.m (CT).

Mega Millions tickets are \$2 each, and players can add the Megaplier for an additional \$1 for the chance to multiply non-jackpot prizes.

The Illinois Lottery encourages all of its players to play responsibly. Play for fun, not for funds; and set a budget and stick to it. For more information on how to play lottery games responsibly, please visit [IllinoisLottery.com](https://www.illinoislottery.com)