

Mega Millions And Powerball Jackpots Approach Combined \$1 Billion

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CHICAGO - Illinois Lottery players have two chances to become a mega-millionaire this weekend as the multi-state lottery games, Mega Millions and Powerball, approach a combined jackpot of \$1 billion.

The Mega Millions jackpot for tonight's drawing now stands at \$494 million- the second-largest jackpot of 2022, while the Powerball jackpot for Saturday night's drawing is an estimated \$454 million - the game's largest since April 2022.

Just two months ago, a \$1.34 billion Mega Millions jackpot, which marked the third largest lottery prize in U.S. history, was won with a single ticket purchased at the Speedway gas station in Des Plaines.

In addition to the historic billion-dollar jackpot, four other Illinois residents have won prizes of \$1 million or more with Mega Millions and five players have won prizes of \$1 million or more with Powerball so far this year.

In total, Mega Millions and Powerball players have purchased over 4.5 million winning tickets and won nearly \$1.38 billion in prizes in 2022 in Illinois.

With over 7,000 Illinois Lottery retailers across the State, lottery players can conveniently pick up a ticket at their local store - or they can log in to the Illinois Lottery website or app and purchase a ticket online.

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

The next Mega Millions drawing is tonight, October 14, and the next Powerball drawing is Saturday, October 15 at 9:59 p.m. (CT).

The Illinois Lottery reminds all players that lottery games are not for kids - never give a lottery ticket to a minor. For more information on how to play lottery games responsibly, please visit [IllinoisLottery.com](https://www.illinoislottery.com).