

Mega Millions Jackpot Swells To \$640 Million

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CHICAGO – If you're dreaming of striking it rich - the Mega Millions jackpot for tonight's drawing has swelled to a staggering \$640 million.

The Mega Millions jackpot has soared past \$600 million just five other times in its 20-year history.

If a player wins tonight's massive grand prize, it would be the second-highest Mega Millions jackpot of 2022 and the sixth largest in the game's history.

Earlier this year, a staggering \$1.34 billion Mega Millions Jackpot was won in Illinois. Two people with one winning ticket in Des Plaines claimed the largest lottery prize ever in Illinois, and the third largest lottery prize in U.S. history.

You could be next! 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 login to the Illinois Lottery website or app and purchase a ticket online.

And If you have the good fortune to win a life-altering amount of money, the Lottery has three key pieces of advice on what to do next:

1. Sign the back of the winning ticket and keep it somewhere safe
2. Seek professional financial and legal advice
3. Call the Lottery Player Hotline on 1-800-252-1775 to arrange a private appointment to claim the prize

Mega Millions is played every Tuesday and Friday night with the next draw taking place tonight, December 30 at 10 p.m.

About the Illinois Lottery:

Founded in 1974, the Illinois Lottery has contributed over \$24 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. For more information, visit [illinoisLottery.com](https://www.illinoislottery.com).