

Mega Millions Jackpot Soars To \$1.35 Billion

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CHICAGO - A life-changing amount of cash is up for grabs for Illinois Lottery players this weekend.

The Mega Millions jackpot for tonight's drawing has soared to a sweltering \$1.35 billion, and the Powerball jackpot is now worth an estimated \$404 million for Saturday night's drawing - a combined top prize pool of over \$1.75 billion.

If a player wins Friday night's massive grand prize, it would be the second-largest Mega Millions jackpot in U.S. history.

Just six months ago, a \$1.34 billion Mega Millions jackpot was won with a single ticket purchased at the Speedway gas station in Des Plaines, Illinois. This was the fifth-largest lottery prize in U.S. history and the largest prize ever won 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 is played every Tuesday and Friday night, with the next draw taking place on Friday, January 13 at 10:00 p.m. (CT). Powerball is played every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, with the next draw taking place on Saturday, January 14 at 9.59 p.m. (CT).