

\$1 Million Winning Lottery Ticket Sold in Aurora

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AURORA – A \$1 million winning scratch-off lottery ticket couldn't have come at a better time for an Illinois woman, who has requested to stay anonymous.

“I’m in my sixties,” explained the grateful winner. “This win came at a great time. I just retired last year – and this will help my retirement be that much more comfortable.”

The \$1 million winning scratch-off ticket was purchased at Thorntons at 2800 Ogden Ave. in Aurora.

The winning ticket is from Illinois Lottery's first-ever \$50 scratch-off, [\\$10 Million](#), which launched in December 2023.

"I usually stick to what I know - like the \$5-\$10 Instant Tickets," shared the winner. "But when one of my \$10 scratch-off tickets won \$100, I decided to try out this new \$50 scratch-off ticket. I couldn't believe I won \$1 million – I had to scan the ticket twice to make sure."

This is the fifth \$1 million prize winner on the \$10 Million Instant Ticket.

The game includes three \$10 million top prizes, 15 prizes of \$1 million, and the best odds to win \$500 on any scratch-off ticket currently available in Illinois.

For selling the winning ticket, Thorntons in Aurora will receive a bonus of one percent of the prize amount, or \$10,000.

So far this year, more than 19.5 million Illinois Lottery Instant Tickets have been sold, netting players over \$486 million in prizes.

The Illinois Lottery currently offers a range of Instant Ticket games priced from \$1 to \$50, available at approximately 7,000 retail locations across Illinois.

Playing the lottery should be a fun form of entertainment. Please remember to set a limit and stick to it. Be Smart, Play Smart®. Must be 18 or older to play. Game odds available at [IllinoisLottery.com](#).

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