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## Powerball to Launch Third Weekly Drawing on Monday Nights

WISCONSIN LOTTERY

Larger, faster-growing jackpots expected with more cash prizes awarded annually

**MADISON, Wis.** – Wisconsin <u>Powerball</u> Lottery players will soon get a chance to start the week in a winning way with a third weekly drawing being added to the lotto game starting Monday, August 23, 2021.

Beginning August 23, 2021, *Powerball* drawings will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 9:59 p.m. All other elements of *Powerball* will remain the same, including the prize structure, gameplay, odds, and the price of the ticket. Players may purchase *Powerball* tickets for the first Monday draw starting Sunday, August 22, 2021.

"We're excited to offer our players more chances to play for larger and faster-growing jackpots by adding a third weekly drawing to *Powerball*," said Director of the Wisconsin Lottery, Cindy Polzin. "According to the *Powerball* Product Group, we expect to see more cash prizes and higher jackpots awarded each year."

A popular lotto game throughout the United States, all 48 U.S. lotteries will sell tickets for the *Powerball* drawing on Monday nights. Since its Wisconsin debut in 1992, *Powerball* has brought many big wins to Wisconsin Lottery players. In fact, 18 *Powerball* jackpots have been won in the Badger state, most recently a record-setting \$768.4 million in March of 2019.

Wisconsin is tied for fourth with Pennsylvania and Kentucky on the all-time *Powerball* jackpot list of most frequently winning states. In 2021 alone, *Powerball* winning tickets for prizes of \$2,000,000, \$1,000,000 (twice), \$150,000 and, \$50,000 (21) have already been sold.

The *Powerball* jackpot is currently \$274 million and the next drawing is Wednesday, August 18, 2021. *Powerball* tickets are \$2 each with the option to add the Power Play for an additional \$1. Tickets must be purchased no later than 9:00 p.m. on the day of each drawing. The odds of winning *Powerball* are:

Match	Win	Odds	
5 of 5 + Powerball	Jackpot*	1:292,201,338	
5 of 5	\$1,000,000	1:11,688,054	
4 of 5 + Powerball	\$50,000	1:913,130	
4 of 5	\$100	1:36,526	
3 of 5 + Powerball	\$100	1:14,495	
3 of 5	\$7	1:580	
2 of 5 + Powerball	\$7	1:702	
1 of 5 + Powerball	\$4	1:92	
0 of 5 + Powerball	\$4	1:39	
Power Play Multiplier Level	Odds when at or below the Major Jackpot Level		Odds when above the Major Jackpot Level
10 times prize won	1:43		N/A
5 times prize won	1:22		1:21
4 times prize won	1:15		1:14
3 times prize won	1:3.4		1:3.3
2 times prize won	1:1.8		1:1.75

Draw results can be found on the Wisconsin Lottery website wilottery.com/games/powerball.

\*Prize money allocated to the jackpot shall be equally divided by the number of plays correctly matching all six numbers.

## ABOUT THE WISCONSIN LOTTERY

The Wisconsin Lottery enriches communities statewide by giving back 93 percent of its revenue to winners, retailers, and Wisconsin homeowners. Since 1988, the Wisconsin Lottery has generated:

- More than \$16.1 billion in total revenue
- Over \$9.1 billion in prizes paid
- More than \$4.8 billion in funding for property tax credits to eligible Wisconsin homeowners

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