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Powerball Jackpot Climbs to 8th-Highest All-Time *Saturday's draw could produce first winner of 2019*

MADISON, Wis. – Just shy of a half-billion dollars, the current **Powerball** jackpot is the eighth-highest in history. At \$495 million, Saturday's draw could produce the first winner of 2019.

The jackpot is up 16 percent over the previous Saturday and nearly 10 percent since Wednesday's draw. Saturday marks the 23rd drawing since the last **Powerball** jackpot win (\$294 million in New York state) on Dec. 26. The \$495 million figure is the highest in seven months when October's frenzy reached \$687.8 million.

Wisconsin has 16 jackpot wins since **Powerball's** 1988 inception. The state's most recent jackpot winner was a Milwaukee resident in 2017.

Powerball also features prizes ranging from \$4 to \$1 million. A pair of \$50,000 Wisconsin wins came from the most recent draw on March 13.

HOW TO PLAY

- Plays cost \$2 each
- Players must purchase tickets by 9 p.m. Saturday to be included in that night's drawing
- Choose five numbers between 1 and 69 and one **Powerball** number between 1 and 26
- Sign your ticket and check it as soon as possible to avoid missing out on any prize you may have won

The odds of winning the **Powerball** jackpot are 1:292.2 million.

ABOUT THE WISCONSIN LOTTERY

The Wisconsin Lottery enriches communities statewide by giving back 93 percent of its revenue to winners, retailers, and Wisconsin homeowners. Of each dollar spent on the Wisconsin Lottery, 57 cents goes back to prizes, 30 cents to property tax credits, seven cents to operations and six cents to retailers. Since 1988, the Wisconsin Lottery generated:

- More than \$14.5 billion in total revenue
- Over \$8.2 billion in prizes paid
- More than \$4.3 billion in funding for property tax credits to eligible Wisconsin homeowners

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