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Powerball Jackpot Surpasses Half-Billion Dollar Mark *Wednesday draw features \$550 million top prize*

MADISON, Wis. – Wednesday night's **Powerball** drawing features the eighth-largest jackpot in its history. At \$550 million, the draw could produce the first winner of 2019.

The jackpot has climbed steadily since it was last won Dec. 26 in New York state. Wednesday's drawing will be the 24th since the jackpot's last hit. The current \$550 million figure is the highest **Powerball** jackpot 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 Wausau resident won \$50,000 in the most recent draw on March 16.

HOW TO PLAY

- Plays cost \$2 each
- Players must purchase tickets by 9 p.m. Wednesday 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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