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Powerball Jackpot at \$625 Million, 4th-highest in History *Saturday night draw could produce first winner of 2019*

MADISON, Wis. – At \$625 million, the current **Powerball** jackpot is fourth-largest in history. Saturday’s drawing could produce the first winner of 2019.

“With yet another roll of Powerball, the jackpot is reaching historic levels,” said Wisconsin Lottery Director **Cindy Polzin**. “Now fourth-largest, this run is starting to feel similar to the frenzy that we saw last fall. We want our players to be enthusiastic about the jackpot, yet still play responsibly.”

Each of the top four all-time highest jackpots surpassed the \$600 million mark and came in successive years. The all-time record \$1.586 Billion was won in 2016 across three states (California, Florida, and Tennessee).

The current **Powerball** jackpot has rolled 24 times to reach its highest level in seven months since October’s run reached \$687.8 million, third-most all-time.

TOP 5 ALL-TIME POWERBALL JACKPOTS

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| 1. | \$1.586 | Billion | | Jan. 13, 2016 | | California, Florida, Tennessee |
| 2. | \$ 758.7 | Million | | Aug. 23, 2017 | | Massachusetts |
| 3. | \$ 687.8 | Million | | Oct. 27, 2018 | | Iowa, New York |
| 4. | \$ 625 | Million | | March 23, 2019 | | ??? |
| 5. | \$ 590.5 | Million | | May 18, 2013 | | Florida |

Wisconsin has 16 jackpot wins since **Powerball’s** inception in 1988. The state’s most recent jackpot winner came exactly two years ago when a Milwaukee resident won \$156.2 million on March 22, 2017.

Powerball also features prizes ranging from \$4 to \$1 million. Wisconsin residents have won \$50,000 prizes in each of the past three drawings dating back to March 13.

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

For more about the Wisconsin Lottery, visit **wilottery.com**. The Wisconsin Lottery is on social media via Facebook and YouTube (**wilottery**) and Twitter and Instagram (**@wilottery**).

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