



Wisconsin Lottery

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Mega Millions Jackpot Increases to \$450 Million

Next Drawing is Tonight, January 5

Lottery players have a chance to win a *Mega Millions* jackpot of \$450 million in tonight's drawing, which comes to an estimated \$281.2 million cash payout.

"It might be cold outside, but the *Mega Millions* jackpot sure is hot," noted Wisconsin Lottery Director Cindy Polzin. "At almost half a billion dollars, we're definitely seeing lots of excitement out there! If you are going to play *Mega Millions*, we certainly encourage you to have fun, but please play responsibly."

Tickets must be purchased by 9 p.m. to be included in the Tuesday, January 02 drawing:

- Each ticket costs \$2 per play
- Choose five different numbers 1 to 70 and one Mega Ball number 1 to 25
- Sign your ticket and check it as soon as possible to avoid missing out on any prize you may have won

Multiply your winnings:

- For an extra \$1 per play, you can choose Megaplier to increase your non-jackpot winnings which will be multiplied by the drawing's Megaplier number.
- For example, if your prize is \$1 million and the Megaplier number is 5, you win \$5 million just by adding Megaplier.

Players can also play for Just the Jackpot:

- Each ticket costs \$3 and players receive two plays with a chance to win the **JACKPOT ONLY**
- Just the jackpot plays are **NOT ELIGIBLE TO WIN ANY OTHER PRIZES** in the Mega Millions drawing
- Just the Jackpot plays are quick pick only (no playslips)

The mission of Wisconsin Lottery is to provide property tax relief to Wisconsin homeowners. Since the sale of the first lottery ticket in September 1988, the Lottery has generated:

- More than \$4.1 billion in property tax relief for Wisconsin homeowners
- More than \$7.8 billion in prizes for players
- \$877 million in commissions for Wisconsin businesses



The odds of winning the Mega Millions jackpot are approximately 1:302.6 million.

The odds of winning the Mega Millions Just the Jackpot, jackpot are approximately 1:151.3 million.

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

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