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Powerball Jackpot Soars to \$300 Million

Next Drawing is Saturday, December 23

Just in time for the holiday rush – the *Powerball* jackpot for the Saturday, December 23 drawing is an estimated \$300 million; \$191.1 million cash payout.

This is the fourth time that the *Powerball* jackpot has reached the \$300 million mark in 2017.

The most recent *Powerball* jackpot win was in Louisiana on October 25. The \$191.1 million jackpot was won by a three member family partnership.

Powerball tickets must be purchased by 9 p.m. to be included in the Saturday, December 23 drawing:

- Each ticket costs \$2 per play
- Choose five different numbers from 1 to 69 and one *Powerball* number from 1 to 26
- Sign your ticket and check it as soon as possible to avoid missing out on any prize you may have won

While the jackpot gets the most attention, there are other prizes to be won in *Powerball*. Prizes range from \$4 for matching just the *Powerball* to \$1 million for matching all five numbers (but not the *Powerball*). For an extra \$1 per play, you can choose Power Play to increase your non-jackpot winnings which will be multiplied by the drawing's Power Play number. For example, if your prize is \$50,000 and the Power Play number is 5, you win \$250,000 just by adding Power Play. The \$1 million prize automatically becomes \$2 million with Power Play.

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, \$877 million in commissions for Wisconsin businesses, and more than \$7.8 billion in prizes for players.



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

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