



## Wisconsin Lottery

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# Powerball Jackpot Increases to \$700 Million

*Tickets Must be Purchased by 9 PM Tonight to be Included in the Drawing*

The *Powerball* jackpot continues to grow and now Lottery players have a chance to win \$700 million in Wednesday night's drawing. The \$700 million *Powerball* jackpot comes to an estimated \$443.3 million cash payout. If awarded, it will be the 2nd largest jackpot both in *Powerball* game history and among lottery jackpots in North America.

"To give an idea of how big that is, tonight's jackpot is high enough to buy everyone in Wisconsin 173 brats (but they have to supply their own buns and kraut)," said Wisconsin Lottery Director Cindy Polzin.

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.

#### How to play:

- 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

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 \$4.03 billion in property tax relief for Wisconsin homeowners
- More than \$8.36 billion in prizes for players
- \$918 million in commissions for Wisconsin businesses



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

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