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Happy 30th Birthday, Powerball



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MADISON, Wis. – [Powerball](#) is celebrating its 30th birthday this week! Ticket sales began nationwide and in Wisconsin on April 19, 1992, for the game’s first drawing held on April 22, 1992. In addition to creating 1.7 billion prize winners over the past three decades, the game has generated more than \$27 billion to fund vital public services and programs across the country.

“For 30 years, *Powerball* has been America’s jackpot game,” said May Scheve Reardon, Powerball Product Group Chair and Missouri Lottery Executive Director. “We want to thank our players who have joined us on this journey and dreamed of winning *Powerball*.”

The *Powerball* game has produced some of the biggest wins in lottery history, including the world record \$1.586 billion jackpot set in January 2016. Other notable snapshots from the past 30 years include:

- Jackpot-winning tickets: 393
- \$2 million-winning tickets: 470
- \$1 million-winning tickets: 2,424
- Overall prize-winning tickets: 1.75 billion
- Total jackpot prizes paid: \$25 billion
- Total lower-tier cash prizes: \$25 billion

Wisconsin has had 19 total *Powerball* jackpot wins, ranking the Badger State fourth on the *Powerball* all-time jackpot list. On January 5, 2022, a couple from Oneida became the latest Wisconsin *Powerball* jackpot winners. They split a \$632.6 million jackpot with another winner from California.

In August 2021, *Powerball* launched a new Monday drawing, which expanded the weekly lineup of *Powerball* drawings to three nights a week: Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

Powerball tickets are \$2 per play. The odds of winning a Powerball Jackpot are 1 in 292,201,338. Tickets are sold in 45 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. More than half of all proceeds from the sale of a *Powerball* ticket remain in the jurisdiction where the ticket was sold. *Powerball* drawings are broadcast live every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:59 p.m. ET from the Florida Lottery draw studio in Tallahassee.

ABOUT THE WISCONSIN LOTTERY

The Wisconsin Lottery enriches communities statewide by giving back 93 percent of its revenue to winners, retailers, and Wisconsin homeowners. Since 1988, the Wisconsin Lottery has generated:

- More than \$17 billion in total revenue
- Over \$9.7 billion in prizes paid
- More than \$5.1 billion in funding for property tax credits to eligible Wisconsin homeowners

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