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## Second-Largest Mega Millions Jackpot Set for Friday the 13th

MADISON, Wis. – While many consider Friday the 13th an unlucky day, it has been rewarding for some Mega Millions players over the years, with six previous jackpots won on such a day. There's a chance for another this Friday, January 13, with an estimated jackpot of \$1.35 billion (\$707.9 million cash). If won, it would be the second-largest jackpot in Mega Millions history.

"What an exciting way to start 2023. Last week we had a \$15.1 million Megabucks jackpot hit in Luck, Wisconsin and now this week the second largest Mega Millions jackpot could be won on Friday the 13th," said Wisconsin Lottery Director Cindy Polzin.

Mega Millions jackpots won on Friday the 13th include:

- Two players in Michigan and Rhode Island split a \$42 million jackpot on Friday the 13th in October 2017
- A player from Ohio won \$202 million on Friday the 13th in November 2015
- A player from New York won \$26 million on Friday the 13th in March 2009
- Three 'Friday the 13th' winners in Michigan, who claimed \$66 million in June 2014, \$27 million in May 2011, and \$57 million in June 2008

A Wisconsin Lottery player has not won a Mega Millions jackpot on Friday the 13th but some players have won sizable Mega Millions prizes in recent years. On November 13, 2020, a player from Abbotsford matched 4 of 5 numbers plus the Mega Ball to win \$10,000 and on April 13, 2018, a player from Omro matched 5 of 5 numbers to win \$1,000,000.

In the latest drawing on January 10, 2023, six Wisconsin tickets matched four balls plus the Mega Ball to win \$10,000. Three of those winning tickets are worth \$30,000 each because they included the optional Megaplier, which for the Tuesday drawing was 3X. The winning tickets were sold at:

- Walmart SuperCenter, 800 W. 10th St., Ladysmith (\$10,000)
- Kwik Trip, 2006 N. Spring St., Beaver Dam (\$10,000)
- River Country Co-Op Edgar C Store, 127588 Opportunity Lane, Edgar (\$10,000)
- Kwik Trip, 1280 E. Paradise Dr., West Bend (\$30,000)
- Nekoosa Piggly Wiggly, 1025 Market St., Nekoosa (\$30,000)
- Metro Mart, 2160 Silvernail Rd., Pewaukee (\$30,000)

Across the country, in the 25 Mega Millions drawings since the last jackpot was hit (October 18 draw through January 10), there have been:

- 68 winning tickets of at least \$1 million (13 of 68 with the Megaplier)
- 920 winning tickets of at least \$10,000 (157 of 920 with the Megaplier)

Mega Millions tickets are \$2 per play. Tickets are sold in 45 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Mega Millions drawings are Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 p.m. Tickets must be purchased before 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday to be included in that day's drawing. The odds of winning a Mega Millions jackpot are 1 in 302,575,350. The odds of winning \$1,000,000 are 1 in 12,607,307 while the odds of winning \$10,000 are 1 in 931,002. For an additional \$1 per play, players have the opportunity to add a "Megaplier" that can multiply non-jackpot prizes up to five times.

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