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*****JACKPOT ALERT*****

\$44 MILLION LOTTO TEXAS® JACKPOT UP FOR GRABS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Sales for the largest jackpot in North America increased by more than 13% over the last week

(AUSTIN) – As the Lotto Texas® jackpot continues to grow, so too does excitement among Texas Lottery® players. With an **estimated annuitized \$44 million jackpot** set for the [Wednesday, Sept. 23 Lotto Texas drawing](#), the Texas Lottery has seen higher sales for the game. For the week ending Sept. 19, Lotto Texas generated \$5.4 million in ticket sales, a 13.3% increase from the previous week. The jackpot for Texas' original draw game remains the [largest lottery prize to play for in North America and the third-largest in the world](#).

"Lotto Texas sales have been strong during recent weeks, which means more revenue for the state of Texas," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "Jackpots this large generate a lot of excitement, so I want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win. I hope to congratulate the biggest Lotto Texas jackpot winner in over a decade after Wednesday night's drawing."

The advertised \$44 million Lotto Texas jackpot for Wednesday night is the largest since a \$97 million jackpot winning ticket for the May 29, 2010 drawing was sold at 7-Eleven Convenience Store #21972, located at 8902 Garland Road, in Dallas, and was claimed by The Bilmar Trust. The last time the game had a jackpot winner of more than \$30 million was for the May 16, 2018 drawing when an advertised \$30.25 million prize was claimed by a Houston resident, who purchased the winning ticket at MJ's All Season Food Store in Houston.

The largest Lotto Texas jackpot in game history was an advertised \$145 million prize for the June 19, 2004 drawing, which was sold in El Paso and claimed by VOM Enterprises, Ltd.

So far in 2020, there has only been one Lotto Texas jackpot winner, a Laredo resident that claimed a jackpot prize of \$17.5 million for the drawing held on Jan. 15, 2020.

Lotto Texas is played by picking six numbers from one to 54 and offers multimillion-dollar jackpots. Drawings are held every Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT. Ticket sales for the next Lotto Texas drawing will close at 10:02 p.m. CT on Wednesday. For \$1 more per play, a player can select the Extra! add-on feature for a chance to win up to \$10,000 more on non-jackpot prizes.

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About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$31 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$66 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$25.7 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$142 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball®, Mega Millions®, Lotto Texas®, All or Nothing™, Texas Two Step®, Pick 3™, Daily 4™, Cash Five® and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

Editors/News Directors, note: An image of the Lotto Texas logo is attached in JPEG format. A list of the FY 2020 top-selling Texas Lottery® retailers for the Lotto Texas draw game is attached.

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