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## **SOARING JACKPOTS POWER THE TEXAS LOTTERY TO A HISTORIC SALES WEEK**

**For the week ending Jan. 16, the Texas Lottery netted more than  
\$215 million in sales across its entire portfolio, setting a new all-time record**

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(AUSTIN) – Dueling Mega Millions® and Powerball® jackpots, along with robust scratch ticket sales, led the Texas Lottery to attain more than \$215 million in total sales in a single week for the first time in its history. From Jan. 10-16, 2021, weekly sales totaled \$215,331,576, eclipsing the former record amount of \$213,962,991 that was attained exactly five years earlier for the week ending Jan. 16, 2016. Last week's historic sales figure marked an increase of \$88,090,935, or 69.2%, from the same period last fiscal year.

“Just one week after celebrating a new record week of scratch ticket sales, we are thrilled to announce yet another record-breaking accomplishment, this time for sales across our entire game portfolio,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. “Week after week, the Texas Lottery continues to outpace our annual records for both lottery sales and revenue contributions to public education and veterans in Texas. I could not be prouder of the hard work and contributions by our staff, vendors and retailers in achieving this success.”

Fueled by the largest simultaneous national jackpots since Oct. 2018, draw sales for the week ending Jan. 16 totaled \$87,788,743, a 266.8% increase over the same week last year. Mega Millions sales in Texas accounted for \$34,387,900 during the week of Jan. 10-16, an 80.8% increase over the week ending Jan. 9, while statewide Powerball sales accounted for \$28,049,666, a 63.5% increase over the week prior.

A week after achieving a [new scratch ticket sales record](#), sales for scratch tickets remained strong with \$127,542,833 for the week – the third best week in Texas Lottery history. Through the first 20 weeks of the 2021 fiscal year, the Texas Lottery has already generated more than \$2.2 billion in scratch ticket sales and remains in position to shatter its previous annual scratch ticket sales record of \$5.556 billion that was achieved in FY 2020.

The Texas Lottery set a new record with \$6.704 billion in total sales during the last fiscal year, which resulted in a record total contribution of \$1.684 billion for public education and veterans' services in Texas. The Texas Lottery has generated more than \$1 billion in revenue for the state of Texas in each of the last 17 consecutive fiscal years.

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Texas Lottery's Top 10 Sales Weeks of All-Time		
Rank	Week-Ending	Total Sales
1	Jan. 16, 2021	\$215,331,576
2	Jan. 16, 2016	\$213,962,991
3	Jan. 9, 2016	\$204,426,019
4	Oct. 27, 2018	\$196,094,045
5	Oct. 20, 2018	\$194,197,227
6	Jan. 9, 2021	\$190,979,794
7	Jan. 2, 2021	\$165,650,683
8	June 6, 2020	\$155,805,758
9	May 16, 2020	\$150,435,199
10	Dec. 26, 2020	\$150,110,434

#### About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$32 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$67 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$26.2 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 \$148 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](http://www.txlottery.org). PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

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