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JACKPOT ALERT

LOTTO TEXAS® JACKPOT NOW STANDS AS THE LARGEST ON THE CONTINENT; 2ND LARGEST IN THE WORLD

The estimated annuitized jackpot for the Feb. 8 drawing stands at \$39.5 million

AUSTIN – Texas Lottery® players have the exclusive opportunity today to play for North America's largest jackpot and the second-largest jackpot around the world! With an out-of-state player winning Monday night's Powerball® jackpot and no jackpot winners in Monday night's Lotto Texas® drawing, the jackpot for the Wednesday, Feb. 8 Lotto Texas drawing has rolled to an estimated \$39.5 million before tonight's Mega Millions® drawing, which is advertising a jackpot worth an estimated \$31 million. The Lotto Texas jackpot for Wednesday's drawing offers estimated cash value of \$23.9 million.

"It's a thrilling time for our players, as the Lotto Texas jackpot has emerged as the largest lottery prize available on the continent, which can only be won by a Texas Lottery player," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. "We're hopeful that at least one player wins the biggest jackpot the game has seen in more than two years and I'm looking forward to congratulating the first Lotto Texas jackpot winner of 2023. As anticipation continues to grow during this jackpot run, we want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win."

Wednesday's drawing will be the 62nd in the current Lotto Texas jackpot run since starting as an estimated annuitized \$5 million for the Sept. 19 drawing. This is the largest Lotto Texas jackpot up for grabs since the Sept. 30, 2020 drawing when it reached an estimated \$47 million, which was <u>claimed</u> by a <u>Seguin resident</u> who purchased the winning ticket at Pic N Pac 10 in Seguin.

In 2022, there were six Lotto Texas jackpot winners. The game's most recent jackpot winner was a <u>Katy resident that claimed a jackpot prize of \$19 million</u> for the drawing held on Sept. 17, 2022. 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.

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Lotto Texas is played by picking six numbers from one to 54 and offers multimillion-dollar jackpots. Drawings are held every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT. 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.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$36.2 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$79 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$30.3 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 \$202 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, LinkedIn, YouTube or at texaslottery.com. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

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