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## **TEXAS LOTTERY BREAKS RECORD WITH \$1.2 BILLION CONTRIBUTION TO TEXAS EDUCATION**

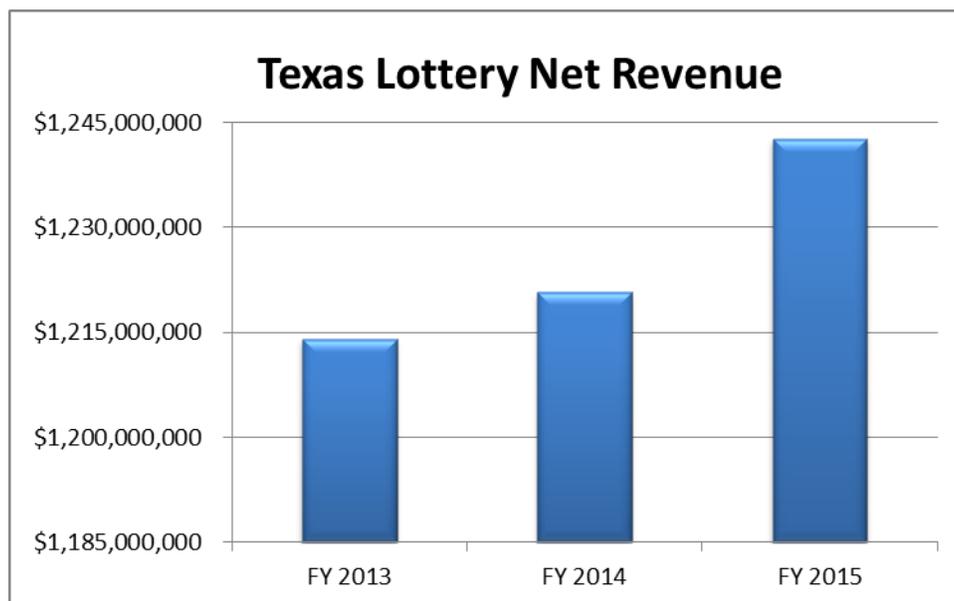
*Record sales also result in \$13.1 million for Texas veterans' programs*

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(AUSTIN) –The Texas Lottery ended fiscal year 2015 by making its largest contributions to Texas education and veterans' programs in the agency's 23-year history.

“This is the 12th consecutive year that the Texas Lottery generated more than \$1 billion in revenue for Texas,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. “With this revenue transfer, the Texas Lottery has now contributed more than \$18 billion to Texas public education and more than \$52 million to Texas veterans.”

With \$4.529 billion in gross sales, the Texas Lottery broke the sales record it set in the previous year, resulting in a contribution of \$1.242 billion to Texas, the single largest annual transfer of revenue to the state.



“This year’s revenue transfer included \$1.225 billion to the Foundation School Fund and \$13.1 million to the Fund for Veterans’ Assistance,” said Grief. “These are the single largest annual revenue transfers to both causes.”

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The Foundation School Fund, administered by the Texas Education Agency, funds the operational needs and special program services for Texas school districts including teacher salaries, utilities, equipment, bilingual education, special education, gifted and talented education, and career and technical education.

Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$52 million for programs benefitting Texas veterans. [The Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance](#) makes grants available to eligible charitable organizations, local government agencies, and Veterans Service Organizations that provide direct services to Texas veterans and their families. With 1.7 million veterans spread across the state, these programs provide financial assistance, transportation services, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder counseling and housing assistance.

The Texas Lottery once again saw strong sales across its entire scratch ticket game portfolio. Scratch ticket sales totaled more than \$3.48 billion, the highest scratch ticket sales in Texas Lottery history.

In addition to record-breaking sales, the Texas Lottery's careful spending kept administrative costs to just 4.45 percent of fiscal year 2015 sales. Texas Lottery players and retailers also had a great year. Players collected \$2.93 billion in prizes, the highest prize payment in Texas Lottery history. For the state's more than 17,000 Texas Lottery retailers that collect a five percent commission on every lottery sale, commissions amounted to \$226.6 million, the highest commission paid to retailers in Texas Lottery history.

"Ninety-six percent of Texas Lottery sales were returned to the state in the form of prizes, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to the Foundation School Fund, the Fund for Veterans' Assistance, and other state programs," said Grief.

"I am very pleased with the results for fiscal year 2015 and proud of the significant contributions made to Texas education and veterans," said J. Winston Krause, chairman of the Texas Lottery Commission.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$24 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$47 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$18 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues

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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 \$52 million for programs benefitting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball<sup>®</sup>, Mega Millions<sup>®</sup>, Lotto Texas<sup>®</sup>, All or Nothing<sup>™</sup>, Texas Two Step<sup>®</sup>, Pick 3<sup>™</sup>, Daily 4<sup>™</sup>, Cash Five<sup>®</sup> and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at [www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org).

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