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

TONIGHT'S LOTTO TEXAS® JACKPOT NOW SECOND-LARGEST IN NORTH AMERICA

Texas Lottery® players have chance to play for two of world's largest jackpot prizes Wednesday

(AUSTIN) – Anticipation for the [Wednesday, Sept. 16 Lotto Texas® jackpot drawing](#) has grown, as the current estimated annuitized prize of \$41.25 million rose overnight to the [second-largest lottery prize up for grabs in North America and fourth-largest in the world](#). With Wednesday night's Powerball® jackpot set at an estimated annuitized \$94 million, Texas Lottery® players will have a shot at playing for two of the world's largest jackpot prizes this evening.

“Tonight, our players have the rare opportunity to win both of the largest jackpots in North America on the same night,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. “Our players’ excitement for the Lotto Texas jackpot run this year has been especially fun to watch, and I look forward to congratulating the biggest jackpot winner the game has seen in more than a decade. As growing jackpots tend to generate more excitement, we want to remind our players to play responsibly. It only takes one ticket to win.”

Wednesday night's advertised \$41.25 million Lotto Texas jackpot 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. Since launching in 1992, the Lotto Texas jackpot has awarded \$6.48 billion in prizes.

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.

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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 Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT. For \$1 more per play, a player can select the Extra! add-on feature and for a chance to win up to \$10,000 more on non-jackpot prizes.

Since joining the Powerball game in 2010, Texas has had two jackpot winners. In May 2013, Paul McDowell from Bells won a \$40 million jackpot prize, and in February 2015, TL Management Trust, Andrew Weber, Trustee of Austin, claimed a share of the \$564.1 million jackpot prize with two other out-of-state winners. Already in 2020, five Texas Lottery® players have won second-tier prizes of \$1 million or higher, including a \$2 million prize for the [drawing held on May 13](#), which is yet to be claimed.

Powerball jackpots start at \$20 million and roll until the jackpot is won. Players win the jackpot by matching five numbers from a field of 69 numbers and one Powerball number from a field of 26 numbers. Drawings are broadcasted in Texas each Wednesday and Saturday at 10:12 p.m. CT.

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.

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