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### ***Tonight's \$1.09 Billion Powerball® Jackpot Among Top Ten Highest Jackpots on Record***

**SACRAMENTO** – With an estimated \$1.09 billion jackpot up for grabs in tonight's *Powerball* drawing, this marks the second consecutive week California Lottery players have had a shot at a billion bucks. Last week, however, it was a player in another state who won \$1.128 billion in the *Mega Millions*® drawing. Will it happen in the Golden State tonight?

Tonight's prize ranks as the fourth-largest [Powerball jackpot](#) and ninth-largest U.S. lottery jackpot, placing it just one ranking below that big win in New Jersey last Tuesday.

#### **Record U.S. Lottery Jackpots**

	<b>Jackpot</b>	<b>Draw Date</b>	<b>Game</b>	<b>Winning State(s)</b>
<b>1.</b>	\$2.040 billion	Nov. 7, 2022	Powerball	CA
<b>2.</b>	\$1.765 billion	Oct. 11, 2023	Powerball	CA
<b>3.</b>	\$1.602 billion	Aug. 8, 2023	Mega Millions	FL
<b>4.</b>	\$1.586 billion	Jan. 13, 2016	Powerball	CA, FL, TN
<b>5.</b>	\$1.537 billion	Oct. 23, 2018	Mega Millions	SC
<b>6.</b>	\$1.348 billion	Jan. 13, 2023	Mega Millions	ME
<b>7.</b>	\$1.337 billion	July 29, 2022	Mega Millions	IL
<b>8.</b>	\$1.128 billion	March 26, 2024	Mega Millions	NJ
<b>9.</b>	<b>\$1.09 billion</b>	<b>April 3, 2024</b>	<b>Powerball</b>	<b>???</b>
<b>10.</b>	\$1.08 billion	July 19, 2023	Powerball	MI

Tonight's jackpot has been growing for more than three months now, and in that time, California Lottery estimates it's been able to raise an **additional approximately \$80 million for public education** just from *Powerball* sales alone. Raising additional, supplemental funding for public schools is the [sole mission of the California Lottery](#).

If one person wins tonight's top prize, they'll have the choice of taking the final jackpot total in 30 annual payments, or they can take the lump sum cash value, which is currently estimated to be \$527.3 million.



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Tonight's [Powerball](#) drawing happens at 7:59pm PT, and anyone hoping to win tonight has to buy their tickets by 7pm at one of the more than [23,000 California Lottery retail partner locations](#).

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$43.8 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, [retailer commissions and bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). As jackpots rise, the California Lottery would like to remind players that gambling should be fun. Borrowing money to play, spending above a person's budget, or using money intended for other purposes can ultimately lead to significant problems for players and their families. If a player recognizes that they have a gambling problem or if someone knows of someone who may have a problem, the Lottery recommends calling the California Problem Gambling Help Line at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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