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Mega Millions Fast Facts for the Friday, December 20 Drawing

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Drawing Fast Facts

12/20/2024

Estimated Annuity Jackpot
\$825 Million

Estimated Cash Value
\$382.2 Million

Stats from the last Mega Millions drawing on December 17, 2024:

Total Prizes
1,602,721 winning tickets
Second-Tier Prizes
5 second-tier winners (<i>California – 2, Louisiana – 1, North Carolina – 1, Oklahoma – 1</i>)
1 of the 5 winners included the 4x Megaplier for \$4 million (<i>North Carolina</i>)
Third-Tier Prizes
55 third-tier winners of at least \$10,000
17 of the 55 winners included the 4x Megaplier for \$40,000

28 drawings since the last jackpot was hit
September 13 – December 17, 2024

Total Prizes
Nearly 19.4 million winning tickets across all nine prize tiers
Second-Tier Prizes
51 second-tier winning tickets of at least \$1 million
Third-Tier Prizes
488 third-tier winning tickets of at least \$10,000

The last Mega Millions jackpot was won at \$810 million (\$409.3 million cash value) on September 10, 2024. The sole winning ticket was sold in Texas.

Did You Know?

- If won Friday, the \$825 million jackpot would be the largest Mega Millions prize ever won in December and the seventh largest in the game’s history.
- Thirteen Mega Millions jackpots have been won during December since the game began in 2002. Three were won in the days after Christmas, while the other 10 were won before Christmas.

NOTE: Prizes in California are paid on a pari-mutuel basis and differ from fixed prize amounts.

Jackpot Rankings

Mega Millions Top 10 Jackpots

RANKING	Jackpot Amount	Date Won	State
#1	\$1.602 billion	8/8/2023	Florida
#2	\$1.537 billion	10/23/2018	South Carolina
#3	\$1.348 billion	1/13/2023	Maine
#4	\$1.337 billion	7/29/2022	Illinois
#5	\$1.128 billion	3/26/2024	New Jersey
#6	\$1.050 billion	1/22/2021	Michigan
#7	\$825 million	???	???
#8	\$810 million	9/10/2024	Texas
#9	\$656 million	3/30/2012	Illinois, Kansas, Maryland
#10	\$648 million	12/17/2013	California, Georgia

- Mega Millions is the only lottery game that has produced six jackpots greater than \$1 billion. All were won in different states – South Carolina was the first in 2018, followed by Michigan in 2021, Illinois in 2022, Maine in January 2023, Florida in August 2023 and New Jersey in March 2024.
- The largest iLottery jackpot win in U.S. history was for the \$552 million Mega Millions jackpot on June 4, 2024, with one winning ticket sold in Illinois via the lottery’s mobile app.
- The Mega Millions jackpot was hit 10 times in 2023 and three times so far in 2024.
- [Click here](#) for a list of all Mega Millions jackpots won since the game began.

Top 10 U.S. Lottery Jackpots

RANKING	Jackpot Amount	Date Won	State	Game
#1	\$2.040 billion	11/7/2022	California	Powerball
#2	\$1.765 billion	10/11/2023	California	Powerball
#3	\$1.602 billion	8/8/2023	Florida	Mega Millions
#4	\$1.586 billion	1/13/2016	California, Florida, Tennessee	Powerball
#5	\$1.537 billion	10/23/2018	South Carolina	Mega Millions
#6	\$1.348 billion	1/13/2023	Maine	Mega Millions
#7	\$1.337 billion	7/29/2022	Illinois	Mega Millions
#8	\$1.326 billion	4/26/2024	Oregon	Powerball
#9	\$1.128 billion	3/26/2024	New Jersey	Mega Millions
#10	\$1.080 billion	7/19/2023	California	Powerball

General Information

Game Facts

- **Where to Buy:** Mega Millions tickets are sold in 47 jurisdictions: 45 states; Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- **Ticket Price:** Tickets are \$2; The Megaplier option is an additional \$1. Prizes on all Megaplier tickets are multiplied, except for the jackpot.
- **Drawing Time:** Drawings are conducted at 11 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesdays and Fridays in Atlanta, GA.
- **Starting Jackpot:** The starting jackpot for the next drawing after a jackpot-winning Mega Millions ticket is sold is currently \$20 million but can vary depending on game sales and interest rates. There is no fixed minimum jackpot roll increase, which also is dependent on game sales and interest rates.
- **Game Odds:** Overall chances of winning any prize: 1 in 24. Odds of winning the jackpot: 1 in 303 million.
- **How to Play:** Players select five numbers from 1 to 70 and one Mega Ball number from 1 to 25. There are [nine prize tiers](#), ranging from \$2 to the jackpot.
- **Annuity:** A jackpot winner who opts for the annuity receives one immediate payment and annual payments that increase by 5% per year for 29 years.
- **Estimated Values:** Estimated annuity and cash values are announced prior to drawing dates and are based on projected sales. Differences between the estimates and final amounts may occur if a substantial percentage of sales happen on the drawing date. The cash value is the amount of cash in the jackpot pool. If a winner chooses the annuity, the cash value is used to buy bonds that fund the annual payments.

Game History

- **Game Name:** Mega Millions originally launched as “The Big Game,” with its first drawing on Sept. 6, 1996. Its name was changed to Mega Millions in 2002.
- **First Drawing:** The first Mega Millions drawing was held on May 17, 2002, and produced a \$28 million jackpot winner from Illinois.

Who Benefits

- **Beneficiaries:** Lottery profits support a wide variety of good causes and are allocated differently in each jurisdiction.

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