



**FACTS**  
**EST. \$548 MILLION**  
*Oct. 12, 2018, draw*

***JACKPOT INFO***

1. The estimated Mega Millions jackpot for Friday, Oct. 12, is \$548 million. Players can choose to receive the jackpot in 30 graduated payments over 29 years or in one cash payment. Jackpot winners have 60 days from the winning draw date to choose cash or annuity payment. After 60 days, unclaimed jackpot prizes can only be claimed with the annuity payment.
2. If the winner chooses the single cash payment, he or she will receive roughly half of the advertised amount in one lump sum. Friday's cash option would bring a single player approximately \$309.2 million in one payment, before taxes.
3. The Missouri Lottery withholds 24 percent federal and 4 percent state taxes for a total of 28 percent.
4. The Friday night draw will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> drawing since the jackpot was last hit on July 24, for \$543 million.
5. This is the third-largest jackpot ever offered in the game.
6. The top 10 highest Mega Millions jackpots won are:
  - **\$656 million** – on March 30, 2012 – three tickets sold in Kansas, Illinois and Maryland.
  - **\$648 million** – on Dec. 17, 2013 – two tickets sold in California and Georgia.
  - **\$543 million** – on July 24, 2018 – one ticket sold in California.
  - **\$536.3 million** – on July 8, 2016 – one ticket sold in Indiana.
  - **\$533 million** – on March 30, 2018 – one ticket sold in New Jersey.
  - **\$451 million** – on Jan. 5, 2018 – one ticket sold in Florida.

- **\$414 million** – on March 18, 2014 – two tickets sold in Florida and Maryland
  - **\$393 million** – on Aug. 11, 2017 – one ticket sold in Illinois.
  - **\$390 million** – on March 6, 2007 – two tickets sold in Georgia and New Jersey.
  - **\$380 million** – on Jan. 4, 2011 – two tickets sold in Idaho and Washington.
  - **\$336 million** – on Aug. 28, 2009 – two tickets sold in California and New York.
7. The top 10 jackpots won in Missouri are (all are from the Powerball game):
- Cindy and Mark Hill, Dearborn, \$293.7 million, Nov. 28, 2012
  - Christopher Shaw, Marshall, \$258.5 million, April 21, 2010
  - The Wilson family, St. Louis, \$254 million, Jan. 24, 2007
  - Lucky 13 State Workers, Florissant, \$224.2 million, April 12, 2006
  - Marilyn Boldon, Dallas, Texas, \$202.6 million, Nov. 8, 2014
  - Bill and Claudia Walkenbach, Hermann, \$130.6 million, July 9, 2003
  - John and Susan Brands, St. Charles, \$96.5 million, March 22, 2014
  - Kevin Carlson, Kansas City, \$71.5 million, Dec. 25, 2013
  - Tom and Cathy Rea, St. Louis, \$70 million, July 4, 2015
  - Jerry Sue Huellewig, St. Charles, \$69 million, Nov. 25, 1995
8. The three highest lottery jackpots awarded nationwide were:
- **\$1.58 billion** Powerball jackpot won on Jan. 13, 2016, with three tickets (\$528.6 million each) sold in Chino Hills, Calif., Melbourne Beach, Florida, and Munford, Tennessee.
  - **\$758.7 million** Powerball jackpot won on Aug. 23, 2017, with one ticket sold in Chicopee, Massachusetts and claimed by Mavis Wanczyk of Chicopee, Massachusetts.
  - **\$656 million** Mega Millions jackpot won on March 30, 2012, with three tickets (\$218.6 million each) sold in Ottawa, Kan., Red Bud, Ill., and Milford Mill, Md.

### ***WINNER INFO***

1. One player in Missouri has won a Mega Millions jackpot: Raul Ahumada of Noel won \$25 million on July 31, 2015.
2. Nine players have won the \$1 million Match 5 prize since the second-level prize increased from \$250,000 to an automatic \$1 million on Oct. 19, 2013.

3. Prior to Oct. 19, 2013, 31 players won a \$250,000 prize or more from the time the game went on sale in Missouri on Jan. 31, 2010.

***SALES INFO***

1. An average week of Missouri Mega Millions sales (for the last 52 weeks) is approximately \$1 million.
2. Missouri sold approximately \$1.9 million in Mega Millions tickets during the past week (Sept. 30 – Oct. 6).

***GENERAL MEGA MILLIONS INFO***

1. There are nine ways to win a prize in Mega Millions:

<b>MATCH:</b>	<b>WIN:</b>	<b>CHANCES OF WINNING:</b>
5 of 5 + MB	JACKPOT	1 in 302,575,350
5 of 5 (no MB)	\$1 million	1 in 12,607,306
4 of 5 + MB	\$10,000	1 in 931,001
4 of 5 (no MB)	\$500	1 in 38,792
3 of 5 + MB	\$200	1 in 14,547
3 of 5 (no MB)	\$10	1 in 606
2 of 5 + MB	\$10	1 in 693
1 of 5 + MB	\$4	1 in 89
0 of 5 + MB	\$2	1 in 37

Overall chances are 1 in 24.

2. The drawing is at 10 p.m. Central Time. Players can buy tickets in Missouri up to 8:59 p.m. Friday night. The drawing is held at WSB-TV in Atlanta.
3. Approximately 4,800 terminals in Missouri sell Mega Millions tickets.
4. The multi-state Mega Millions game started on May 15, 2002, with nine members, and Missouri joined on Jan. 31, 2010. The game underwent some enhancements in October 2017, which included a larger starting jackpot, faster-growing jackpots, and better odds for the \$1 million prize.

5. There are currently 46 members in Mega Millions – 44 state lotteries, the D.C. Lottery and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lottery. The members are: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, D.C., Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

### ***HOW TO PLAY***

- Pick five numbers between 1 and 70. Then pick one additional number between 1 and 25 as the Mega Ball<sup>®</sup> number.
- Players can win nine ways on Mega Millions, ranging from the jackpot down to \$2.
- If your Mega Ball<sup>®</sup> number matches the Mega Ball<sup>®</sup> number drawn, you win a prize. Without the Mega Ball<sup>®</sup> number, you have to match at least three of the other five numbers to win a prize.
- The overall chances of winning a prize in Mega Millions are 1 in 24.
- Mega Millions players can also multiply their non-jackpot winnings up to five times using the Megaplier<sup>®</sup> feature. For \$1 extra, players can win two, three, four or five times the regular set prize amount. For example, players who choose the Megaplier<sup>®</sup> feature and match all five white-ball numbers will win from \$2 million to \$5 million, depending on the Megaplier<sup>®</sup> number drawn. See the [Mega Millions](#) page of the Lottery's website for more details.
- Approximately 85 percent of Mega Millions players use Quick Pick to select their numbers during an average period.

### ***TIPS***

- Play early to avoid long lines. The terminals will shut down at 8:59 p.m. Friday, and no one will be able to buy tickets after that time.
- Play within your means. It only takes one ticket to win.
- When you buy a ticket, sign it immediately and keep it in a safe place. Like money, it is a bearer instrument.
- Be sure to check your ticket closely. Even if you don't win the jackpot, you may have won one of the eight other prizes in the game.