



**National Mega Millions Fast Facts
for the Tuesday, October 23, 2018 Drawing**

- Estimated annuity jackpot for Tuesday, October 23 is **a world-record \$1.6 billion.**
- A jackpot winner on October 23 will have a choice of annuity payments or the cash option:
 - Annuity: one immediate payment and annual graduated payments for 29 years
 - Cash option: **\$913.7 million** (before taxes)
- If there is **no** jackpot winner in the October 23 drawing, the jackpot for Friday, October 26 will roll to an estimated annuity value of **\$2 billion**, with an estimated **cash value of \$1.142 billion.**
- The October 19 drawing produced **12,446,690** winning tickets.
 - **15** second-tier winners of at least \$1 million
 - 4 in New York
 - 2 each in Illinois, Texas and Virginia
 - 1 each in California, Florida, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey
 - One of the Texas winners had 2x Megaplier for a \$2 million prize
 - California winner won \$3.4 million, as California pays prizes on a pari-mutuel basis
 - **289** third-tier winners of at least \$10,000 (35 of the 289 with Megaplier for \$20,000)
- The last *Mega Millions* jackpot hit was \$543 million won by an 11-member office pool in Santa Clara County, Calif., in the July 24, 2018 drawing.

In the 25 drawings since then (July 27 draw through October 19 draw), there have been:

 - **49** second-tier winning tickets of at least \$1 million* (5 of the 49 with the Megaplier)
 - **813** third-tier winning tickets of at least \$10,000* (107 of the 813 with the Megaplier)
 - **34,485,170** total winning tickets across all nine (9) prize tiers

** Prizes in California paid on a pari-mutuel basis and differ from fixed prize amounts*
- **Jackpot Fever:** The current Powerball jackpot is also climbing and is now at \$620 million (the 3rd largest in Powerball history and 6th largest in lottery history) for the Oct. 24, 2018 drawing.

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Mega Millions Top-10 Jackpots

1.	\$1.6 billion	10/23/2018	???
2.	\$656 million	3/30/2012	Kansas, Illinois, Maryland
3.	\$648 million	12/17/2013	California, Georgia
4.	\$543 million	7/24/2018	California
5.	\$536 million	7/8/2016	Indiana
6.	\$533 million	3/30/2018	New Jersey
7.	\$451 million	1/5/2018	Florida
8.	\$414 million	3/18/2014	Florida, Maryland
9.	\$393 million	8/11/2017	Illinois
10.	\$390 million	3/6/2007	Georgia, New Jersey

Top-10 Lottery Jackpots

1.	\$1.6 billion	10/23/2018	???	(Mega Millions)
2.	\$1.586 billion	1/13/2016	California, Florida, Tennessee	(Powerball)
3.	\$758.7 million	8/23/2017	Massachusetts	(Powerball)
4.	\$656 million	3/30/2012	Kansas, Illinois, Maryland	(Mega Millions)
5.	\$648 million	12/17/2013	California, Georgia	(Mega Millions)
6.	\$620 million	10/24/18	???	(Powerball)
7.	\$590.5 million	5/18/2013	Florida	(Powerball)
8.	\$587.5 million	11/28/2012	Arizona, Missouri	(Powerball)
9.	\$564.1 million	2/11/2015	N. Carolina, Puerto Rico, Texas	(Powerball)
10.	\$559.7 million	1/6/2018	New Hampshire	(Powerball)

The Mega Millions jackpot was hit six (6) times in 2017 and four (4) times so far in 2018:

- January 5, 2018 \$451 million Florida
- March 30, 2018 \$533 million New Jersey
- May 4, 2018 \$142 million Ohio
- July 24, 2018 \$543 million California

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- The largest *Mega Millions* jackpot was \$656 million on March 30, 2012, with winning tickets purchased in Illinois, Kansas and Maryland. [Click here](#) for a list of all *Mega Millions* jackpots won since the game began.
- *Mega Millions* is played in 46 jurisdictions: 44 states; Washington, D.C., and U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Tickets are \$2; The Megaplier option is an additional \$1. Prizes on all Megaplier tickets are multiplied, except for the jackpot.
- Drawings are conducted at 11 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesdays and Fridays in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Starting jackpot is \$40 million; Minimum increase of \$5 million per draw until the jackpot is won.
- The “Just the Jackpot” wager type costs \$3 and gives players two Quick Pick entries for a chance to win the jackpot only. Just the Jackpot is not available in all jurisdictions.
- 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.
- *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.
- The first *Mega Millions* drawing was held on May 17, 2002, and produced a \$28 million jackpot winner from Illinois.
- Beneficiaries: Lottery profits support a wide variety of good causes and are allocated differently in each jurisdiction.