



**National Mega Millions Fast Facts  
Monday, December 31, 2018**

- **Estimated annuity jackpot for the Tuesday, January 1 drawing is \$425 million.**
  - **8th-largest jackpot** in the game's history.
  - Estimated cash value is \$254.6 million.
  - If there is no jackpot winner on January 1, the estimated jackpot for Friday, January 4 will be:
    - **\$488 million annuity** -- 7th-largest in the game's history
    - **\$292.3 million cash value**
  - All estimates are before taxes.
  - Estimates based on projected sales -- exact amounts not available until after the drawing.
  - Typically, about 70% of sales occur on the drawing days, making it difficult to forecast exact figures.
  
- The last *Mega Millions* jackpot hit on October 23 was just shy of a world record at \$1.537 billion (cash option \$877.8 million). It was, however, the world's largest lottery jackpot awarded on a single ticket.
  - Winning ticket was sold at KC Mart in Simpsonville, S.C.
  - Winner has *not* yet claimed -- deadline is six months from the drawing date.
  - World-record Powerball jackpot in January 2016 was \$1.586 billion, but was split among winners in California, Florida and Tennessee.
  
- Each of the 46 states and jurisdictions that sells *Mega Millions* contributes to the jackpot pool proportionally, based on its sales.
  - If a jackpot goes unclaimed, these contributions are returned.
  - Each state/jurisdiction uses those funds according to its laws/regulations pertaining to unclaimed lottery prizes.
  
- In the 19 drawings during the current roll (October 26 draw through December 28 draw), there have been:
  - **27** second-tier winning tickets of at least \$1 million\* (10 of the 27 with the Megaplier).
  - **326** third-tier winning tickets of at least \$10,000\* (56 of the 326 with the Megaplier).
  - **12,549,134** total winning tickets across all nine prize tiers.

*\* Prizes in California paid on a pari-mutuel basis and differ from fixed prize amounts.*
  
- The December 28 drawing produced 1,211,753 winning tickets, including:
  - **6** second-tier:
    - One each in California, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.
    - Washington had a 2X Megaplier winner for \$2 million.
  - **36** third-tier (7 of the 36 with the Megaplier)

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**Mega Millions Top-10 Jackpots**

1.	\$1.537 billion	10/23/2018	South Carolina
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
<b>8.</b>	<b>\$425 million</b>	<b>1/1/2019</b>	<b>???</b>
9.	\$414 million	3/18/2014	Florida, Maryland
10.	\$393 million	8/11/2017	Illinois

**Top-10 Lottery Jackpots**

1.	\$1.586 billion	1/13/2016	California, Florida, Tennessee	<i>(Powerball)</i>
2.	\$1.537 billion	10/23/2018	South Carolina	<i>(Mega Millions)</i>
3.	\$758.7 million	8/23/2017	Massachusetts	<i>(Powerball)</i>
4.	\$687.8 million	10/27/2018	Iowa, New York	<i>(Powerball)</i>
5.	\$656 million	3/30/2012	Kansas, Illinois, Maryland	<i>(Mega Millions)</i>
6.	\$648 million	12/17/2013	California, Georgia	<i>(Mega Millions)</i>
7.	\$590.5 million	5/18/2013	Florida	<i>(Powerball)</i>
8.	\$587.5 million	11/28/2012	Arizona, Missouri	<i>(Powerball)</i>
9.	\$564.1 million	2/11/2015	N. Carolina, Puerto Rico, Texas	<i>(Powerball)</i>
10.	\$559.7 million	1/6/2018	New Hampshire	<i>(Powerball)</i>

**The Mega Millions jackpot was hit five times 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
- October 23, 2018      \$1.537 billion      South Carolina

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- [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.