



# JACKPOT ALERT!

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## **LOTTO Jackpot Soars to \$1.008 Million for Tonight's Draw** *Washington County Woman Claims \$180,000 Natural State Jackpot*

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Climbing since October 2025, the LOTTO jackpot has surpassed the \$1 million threshold for tonight's drawing.

The LOTTO jackpot is \$1.008 million. Designed to offer in-state lottery players another chance to win big prizes, the Arkansas-exclusive draw game has had five jackpot winners since 2022. These include a Yell County resident who won \$5.123 million and a Sebastian County resident who won \$2.338 million.

LOTTO drawings are held every Wednesday and Saturday at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$2 per play, and ticket sales cut off at 8:59 p.m. on draw nights.

Once it is won, the jackpot will reset to \$250,000 and increase with each subsequent drawing.

One lucky Arkansas lottery player recently won big with Natural State Jackpot (NSJ), another Arkansas-exclusive draw game.

Brenda F. of Washington County won \$180,000 in the Feb. 25 NSJ drawing. She claimed her prize at the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) Claim Center on March 13.

The winning numbers were 1, 10, 26, 29 and 36.

Brenda plays lottery games a few times a month, usually ordering NSJ tickets via the [Jackpocket](#) mobile app for convenience. She ordered her ticket just a few hours before the Feb. 25 drawing, reusing an old set of winning numbers. Brenda was unsure where she originally got the numbers, but lucky for her, they were the key to winning that night's \$180,000 jackpot.

The morning after the drawing, she received an email about a win.

“At first, I thought it was going to be \$1,” Brenda said.

Curious, she decided to check her ticket and realized she had matched all five numbers needed to win the jackpot. Brenda, ecstatic, woke up her husband to announce her win.

Having occasionally won some smaller prizes, the \$180,000 jackpot was Brenda’s biggest prize yet.

“It still doesn’t feel real,” Brenda told lottery officials.

The lucky winner has considered buying a new home with her prize.

The jackpot for tonight’s NSJ drawing is \$100,000.

LOTTO and NSJ tickets are available for purchase at licensed Arkansas lottery retailers and through retailer apps from ASL’s Play on the Go partners. Visit the [Where To Play](#) page on the ASL website to learn more about the Play on the Go options.

For more information about lottery games and how to play, visit [MyArkansasLottery.com](#).

### **About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery**

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) creates winning people, winning futures, and winning moments. Since 2009, the ASL has sold over \$8 billion and returned more than \$1.5 billion for scholarships to benefit Arkansas students. More than 822,000 college scholarships distributed by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education have been awarded to Arkansans. As of Feb. 28, 2026, the lottery has awarded more than \$5.7 billion in prizes to players, more than \$476 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$425 million in state and federal tax revenue.

Follow the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery on [Facebook](#), [X](#), formerly known as Twitter, and [Instagram](#). Visit [MyArkansasLottery.com](#) for more information on scholarships, winners, games, odds, promotions – and to join The Club for free. To get help with problem gambling, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-522-4700.

### **About Jackpocket**

[Jackpocket](#) is on a mission to create a more convenient, fun, and responsible way to take part in the lottery. The first licensed third-party lottery courier app in the United States, Jackpocket provides an easy, secure way to order official state lottery tickets. Jackpocket is currently available in Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Washington D.C., and West Virginia, and is planning to expand to new jurisdictions. Digital scratch-off tickets are

available for customers to order using the app in Arizona, Colorado, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio and Oregon. Jackpocket is a subsidiary of DraftKings Inc. (Nasdaq: DKNG). Download the app on [iOS](#) and [Android](#) or participate via [desktop](#). Follow along on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).



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The image shows a woman with long dark hair, smiling broadly, holding up a white Arkansas Lotto ticket. The ticket has the 'LOTTO' logo at the top, followed by the numbers '04 09 18 26 27 30', the text '5 FOR 1 DRAW ONLY', and 'Total: \$2.00'. Below the numbers is a QR code. The background is a solid purple color. In the top right corner, there is a white outline of the state of Arkansas with the word 'LOTTO' inside it. The main text is in large, bold, white capital letters. At the bottom, there is a smaller line of white text providing a helpline number.

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