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Mega Millions[®] Game Change Means Bigger Average Jackpots, More Millionaires

Starting Jackpots Increase to a Mega \$40 Million

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LITTLE ROCK – Tonight’s Mega Millions[®] drawing is the last under the current version of the national draw game. Starting with Tuesday’s draw, the new and improved Mega Millions will include better odds at winning \$1 million -- and starting jackpots will more than double from \$15 million to \$40 million. *(See accompanying chart.)*

Additionally, the new Mega Millions[®] game will feature faster-growing jackpots with minimum \$5 million rolls. The ticket price will increase to \$2 per play, while the cost of the Megaplier[®] will remain at an additional \$1 per play.

Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Director Bishop Woosley said that lotteries are responding to consumers with these latest changes. “We have a demand for innovation to keep fresh, entertaining lottery games and to deliver the attention-grabbing jackpots,” Woosley said. “We’re excited to deliver the opportunity to create more millionaires and to raise additional proceeds for college scholarships for Arkansas students.”

Future game draws began to gradually decrease on Aug. 18; however, starting tomorrow, players can again purchase up to 20 multi-draws.

More about Mega Millions[®]

Mega Millions[®] was originally called The Big Game when it launched in 1996. The game is offered in 44 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington D.C. Mega Millions drawings are held Tuesdays and Fridays in Atlanta.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

More than 92 cents of every dollar of Lottery revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions and other expenses in the state. Since the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery began in 2009, the Lottery has provided more than \$705 million for nearly 270,000 scholarships to Arkansas students to 51 colleges, universities and technical schools in the state. It has provided more than \$2.3 billion in prizes to players, and more than \$202 million in commissions to Lottery retailers.

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GAME IMPROVEMENT CHART

ORIGINAL MEGA MILLIONS

	Odds of Winning	Prize Value
MATCH 5 + 1 ●●●●●●	1 in 258,890,850	JACKPOT (\$15m)
MATCH 5 + 0 ●●●●●	1 in 18,492,204	\$1,000,000
MATCH 4 + 1 ●●●●●	1 in 739,688	\$5,000
MATCH 4 + 0 ●●●●	1 in 52,835	\$500
MATCH 3 + 1 ●●●●	1 in 10,720	\$50
MATCH 3 + 0 ●●●	1 in 766	\$5
MATCH 2 + 1 ●●	1 in 473	\$5
MATCH 1 + 1 ●	1 in 56	\$2
MATCH 0 + 1	1 in 21	\$1

NEW MEGA MILLIONS

	Odds of Winning	Prize Value	BENEFIT
MATCH 5 + 1 ●●●●●●	1 in 302,575,350	JACKPOT (\$40m)	← BIGGER
MATCH 5 + 0 ●●●●●	1 in 12,607,306	\$1,000,000	← EASIER
MATCH 4 + 1 ●●●●●	1 in 931,001	\$10,000	← DOUBLED
MATCH 4 + 0 ●●●●	1 in 38,792	\$500	← EASIER
MATCH 3 + 1 ●●●●	1 in 14,547	\$200	← BIGGER
MATCH 3 + 0 ●●●	1 in 606	\$10	← DOUBLED
MATCH 2 + 1 ●●	1 in 693	\$10	← DOUBLED
MATCH 1 + 1 ●	1 in 89	\$4	← DOUBLED
MATCH 0 + 1	1 in 37	\$2	← DOUBLED