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Powerball Jackpot Now Second-Largest in U.S History

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – The Powerball[®] jackpot is estimated at \$1.73 billion for tonight's drawing. Final ticket sales will determine whether the Powerball jackpot exceeds its estimate at the time of the drawing tonight.

"This is a huge night for Arkansas Powerball players," said Eric Hagler, Arkansas Scholarship Lottery executive director. "With every ticket purchased, the jackpot grows larger, and so are the funds being raised for Arkansas college students."

Jackpot winners may choose to receive their prize as an annuity, paid in 30 graduated payments over 29 years, or a lump sum payment estimated at \$756.6 million. Both prize options are before taxes.

The prize ranks as the second-largest Powerball jackpot and U.S. lottery jackpot, only behind the world record \$2.04 billion Powerball jackpot won in California on Nov. 7, 2022.

Tonight's drawing will be the 36th in the jackpot run and the first time in Powerball history that back-to-back jackpot cycles have generated billion-dollar grand prizes. The Powerball jackpot was previously won in California on July 19, when a ticket matched all five white balls and the red Powerball to win a prize worth \$1.08 billion.

Powerball tickets are \$2 per play and can be purchased at any lottery retailer or on the Jackpocket app. A player can also add Power Play[®], which multiplies any non-jackpot prizes won with an additional \$1. Both winning and non-winning tickets are eligible to enter in The Club for Points for Prizes[®].

For more information on game odds and how to play, visit MyArkansasLottery.com.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

More than 92 cents of every dollar of ASL revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions, and other expenses in Arkansas. Since 2009, the lottery has raised more than \$1.3 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 720,000 college scholarships have been awarded

to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$4.7 billion in prizes to players, about \$395 million in retailer commissions, and provided more than \$169 million in state and federal tax revenue.

Follow the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. Visit <u>MyArkansasLottery.com</u> for more information on scholarships, winners, games, odds, promotions – and to join The Club for free. To hear winning numbers, call the Winning Numbers Hotline at 501-682-IWON (4966). To get help with problem gambling, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-522-4700.

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