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POWERBALL \$1.6 BILLION JACKPOT A WORLD RECORD

BISMARCK — At an estimated 1.6 billion dollars, the Powerball Jackpot is poised to be the largest national jackpot in history on November 5. If a player wins Saturday's \$1.6 billion Powerball jackpot annuity, it will be the largest national jackpot in history, ahead of the January 2016 world record \$1.586 billion Powerball jackpot and the \$1.537 billion Mega Millions® jackpot in October 2018. The cash option for Saturday's jackpot would be an estimated \$782.4 million.

Powerball tickets are sold in North Dakota and 44 other states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The advertised Powerball jackpot is based on ticket sales and annuity interest rates and grows until someone wins. Saturday's drawing will be the fortieth Powerball drawing since the jackpot was last won on August 3, 2022, in Pennsylvania.

Sales of lottery tickets in North Dakota are brisk according to Lance Gaebe, Director of the State's lottery operations. While no one won the jackpot on Wednesday, Gaebe said the Powerball draw that night had over 15,500 North Dakota winners collecting more than \$155,000 in prizes, including a \$50,000 winner in Parshall. On Monday, a Bismarck player collected \$50,000 on a ticket with only one number different from the Powerball jackpot combination.

"We are in exciting times with this jackpot. Players are visiting licensed lottery retailers, the North Dakota Lottery Players Club mobile app, and the North Dakota Lottery website to purchase their chances to win." said Gaebe.

Powerball tickets cost \$2 per play, and for \$1 more per play, players may add the Power Play option to increase non-jackpot prizes. Players must purchase Powerball tickets by 8:58 p.m. (CT) Saturday night to be eligible to win.

For more information on Powerball or other lottery games, visit [LOTTERY.ND.GOV](https://www.nd.gov/lottery).

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