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Fast Facts

About Louisiana Lottery

- The Louisiana Lottery Corporation was created by the 1990 Louisiana Legislature and approved by a statewide vote.
- The Lottery is overseen by various members from the governor's office, the state legislature, the state attorney general's office, a nine-member Board of Directors appointed by the governor and the corporation's president.
- The Lottery is the only form of gaming in Louisiana which is "state-owned", although it functions as a corporation.
- There are 116 budgeted positions in its downtown Baton Rouge headquarters, distribution center, and regional offices in New Orleans, Lafayette, Alexandria, Shreveport and Monroe.
- The Louisiana Lottery is one of the most efficient and fiscally responsible lotteries in the nation. The Lottery is entirely self-funded, retaining only about 5% of revenue to operate its headquarters, regional sales offices, ticket technology, drawings, advertising, staffing, and vendor fees.
- Sales since inception through fiscal year 2025 exceeded \$14 billion. Total fiscal year 2025 sales reached just over \$581 million.

Impact on State of Louisiana

Since its inception in 1991, the Louisiana Lottery has transferred nearly \$4.9 billion to the state treasury (as of December 2025).

- Effective July 1, 2004, the Louisiana Constitution requires that Lottery proceeds be dedicated to the state's Minimum Foundation Program (MFP), which funds K–12 public education. This dedication stems from a 2003 constitutional amendment approved by voters 64% to 36%.
- Today, the Lottery contributes at least 25% of its revenue to the state treasury to support K–12 education through the MFP.

The Louisiana Lottery prides itself on being a good corporate citizen promoting responsible gaming. A portion of Lottery proceeds is dedicated by law to the Louisiana Department of Health's Office of Behavioral Health, with an annual contribution of \$500,000.

The Lottery is more than games—it's a partner to Louisiana communities. In FY25, we:

- Continued sponsorships of cultural events and festivals that celebrate Louisiana.
- Strengthened retailer relationships with training and tools to help stores succeed.
- Continued our partnerships with iconic Louisiana brands and institutions—from the New Orleans Saints to universities and colleges statewide. Beyond these large collaborations, we proudly supported local organizations that strengthen communities and give back to the people of Louisiana.

Impact on Louisiana Businesses

The Lottery strengthens Louisiana businesses, from local retailers to statewide vendors.

- More than 2,900 licensed retailers statewide earn commissions, incentives, and bonuses from Lottery product sales.
- In FY2025, retailers earned \$32.9M in compensation, reinvesting those dollars back into business in Louisiana. This includes bonuses for top prizes for Jackpot games.
- Since inception, Louisiana retailers have earned over \$777M from Lottery sales.
- Vendor partnerships extend the Lottery's economic footprint across the state.

Impact on Players

The Lottery consistently delivers strong results for our players and for Louisiana.

- \$340.4M was awarded to prize winners in FY25 and players have won over \$7B since the Louisiana Lottery's inception.

Under the Lottery's statute, all prize payment records are open records, meaning that the public has a right to request the information.

- Depending upon the amount won and public or media interest in the win, winners may NOT be able to remain anonymous.
- The statute also allows the Lottery to use winners' names and city of residence for publicity purposes such as news releases.
- The Lottery's regular practice is not to use winner information in paid advertising or product promotion without the winner's willingness to participate.

More information on Prize Payment can be found on the Lottery's website: [Claim a Prize | Louisiana Lottery Corporation](#).

Where Does the Money Go?

FY2025 Results

\$181.5 Million to State Treasury

(\$4.9 billion in total)

In FY25, the Lottery dedicated \$181.5 million to Louisiana's Minimum Foundation Program through the state treasury, **supporting K-12 public education across the state**. Over the Lottery's history, billions have been invested in Louisiana's future through this critical funding source.



\$340.4 Million to Prize Winners

(\$7 billion in total)

Big wins happen right here at home in Louisiana. In fact, more than half of Lottery sales are reserved for prize expenses for a total of \$340.4 million in FY2025. Players have won more than \$7 billion in prizes since the Lottery's inception.



\$32.9 Million to Lottery Retailers

(\$777 million in total)

The Lottery strengthens Louisiana businesses, from local retailers to statewide vendors. More than 2,900 licensed retailers earn compensation on the sale of Lottery products from commissions, incentives for cashing winning tickets, and bonuses for selling jackpot and million-dollar winning tickets.

In FY2025, retailers earned \$32.9M in compensation, reinvesting those dollars back into business in Louisiana.



\$30.4 Million to Lottery Operational Expenses

The Louisiana Lottery is **one of the most efficient and fiscally responsible lotteries in the nation**. Operating costs are just 5%. The Lottery is entirely self-funded, retaining only about 5% of revenue to operate headquarters, regional sales offices, ticket technology, drawings, advertising, staffing, and vendor fees.



Game Information

Louisiana - based Draw Games:

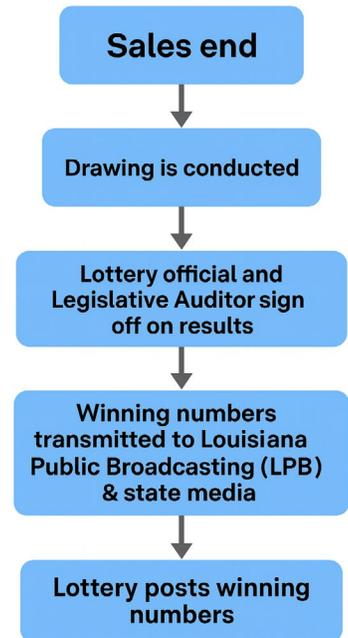
Drawings for Louisiana-based games (Lotto, Easy 5, Pick Games) are conducted at Lottery headquarters in downtown Baton Rouge and activity inside is recorded with video technology.

The drawing room is secured by alarms and motion detectors, and it requires a dual-key or password system from both a Lottery drawing official and a legislative auditor to access the equipment.

Each drawing is conducted using one of two secure automated drawing machines, with the drawing system utilizing several encryption algorithms to ensure randomness and security of the data. The machines are completely separate from the system that generates tickets, so the number of winners and where the winning tickets were sold are not known until after the drawing has occurred.

Louisiana-based drawings are held every evening, except Christmas Day and Easter Sunday, beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m., Central Standard Time, after it is confirmed that ticket sales have ceased and have been reconciled. The public is welcome to attend any drawing but must reserve a seat by contacting the Lottery during regular business hours.

The Lottery discontinued live drawings for its draw-style games in 1998 due to cost.



Multistate Draw Games:

Powerball drawings are conducted at 9:59 p.m. CST on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays by the Multi-State Lottery Association (MUSL) in Tallahassee, Florida. Mega Millions drawings are conducted Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 p.m. CST in Atlanta, Georgia.

A list of current Official Lottery Draw Show stations can be found on the Lottery's website: [Where to watch | Louisiana Lottery Corporation.](#)





Powerball began in April 1992, and the Louisiana Lottery began participating in the multistate game on March 5, 1995. The game offers a multimillion-dollar jackpot, which keeps growing until it is won. The game can offer such high jackpots because the prize pool is based on sales from the following 48 lotteries, including: Louisiana, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Vermont, U.S. Virgin Islands, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Key Changes

January 2012:

- Starting jackpot goes from \$20 million to \$40 million.
- Cost per play increased from \$1 to \$2.
- Match-5 prize became \$1 million.
- Power Play add-on option changed to give players the chance to increase non-jackpot prizes to a set amount, no longer dependent upon a multiplier.

January 2014:

- Power Play add-on option reverted to multiplier prizes for certain prize levels.

October 2015:

- Powerball changed to include more white-ball numbers and fewer Powerball numbers.
- Power Play add-on feature also added a 10x multiplier for drawings with jackpots of \$150 million or less.
- Match-4 + Powerball prize jumped from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Responding to decreased Powerball participation amid the COVID-19 pandemic, MUSL reduced minimum starting jackpots and minimum jackpot increases after each roll. Instead, starting jackpots and jackpot increases between drawings are based on estimated sales and interest rates with no minimums. Starting jackpots are averaging \$20 million.

August 2021:

- Powerball added a Monday drawing to its schedule.

November 7 2022:

- The largest-ever Powerball jackpot and largest U.S. lottery jackpot in history at \$2.04 billion, was won by a single ticket purchased in California.

Power Play offers the chance to increase any nonjackpot prize won, from \$8 for matching just the Powerball number to \$2 million for matching all five white ball numbers.

Fast Facts

- The advertised jackpot is expressed as a graduated annuity payable in 30 installments that increase each year.
- Winners also have the option of taking a lump-sum cash payment equivalent to the jackpot prize pool.
- All set prizes and Power Play prizes may become pari-mutuel if claims exceed available prize funds.

Louisiana Powerball Stats

- Amount of jackpot wins: 17
- Largest jackpot win: \$191.1 million in October 2017
- Amount of wins of \$1 million or more: over 90
- Powerball accounted for nearly \$49.1 million in sales during fiscal year 2025.

Retailers receive a bonus for selling a winning Powerball jackpot ticket equal to 1% of Louisiana's contribution to the jackpot's cash value or \$25,000, whichever is greater.



LOUISIANA LOTTERY POWERBALL JACKPOT WINNERS



Date Won	Advertised Jackpot	Name of Winner	City of Residence
3/24/2018	\$55.9 million	The Moose Family Trust	Lafayette, LA
10/25/2017	\$191.1 million	292 Family Partnership	Lafayette, LA
5/25/2013	\$50 million	The Williams Trust (split with two other winning tickets sold in DE and FL)	New Orleans, LA
7/31/2010	\$85.7 million	H & N Family Partnership	Baton Rouge, LA
5/31/2008	\$34.1 million	Emilia Delgado	Kenner, LA
1/16/2008	\$97 million	Carl Hunter	Metairie, LA
9/29/2007	\$15 million	William Heid, Jr.	Chauvin, LA
9/30/2006	\$15 million	Jane Comepeaux Jabert	Cut Off, LA
2/12/2005	\$41 million	The Duchess Trust	Baton Rouge, LA
2/22/2003	\$21 million	Cello Investments, LLC (split with ticket sold in MI)	Belle Chase, LA
3/27/2002	\$48 million	Jerry Berggren & Cathy DeMuyneck	Kenner, LA
12/27/2000	\$16.5 million	Tommy Lee Adams (split with ticket sold in DE)	Jacksonville, NC
8/18/1999	\$32 million	James M. Hambrick	Lufkin, TX
8/30/1997	\$25 million	Lemuel R. Boyer, Jr.	Ridgeland, MS
7/17/1996	\$24 million	Glawson Family Partnership	Lafayette, LA
2/28/1996	\$21 million	JPHL, LLC	Metairie, LA
2/14/1996	\$35 million	Mascaro, et al, A Louisiana Partnership	New Orleans, LA



The multistate-jackpot game Mega Millions began in 1996 as The Big Game, changing its name in 2002. Louisiana Lottery began participating in the multistate game on Nov. 16, 2011. The prize pool is based on sales from 47 lotteries, including: Louisiana, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Key Changes

October 2017:

- Raised starting jackpot to \$40 million.
- Better odds to win the \$1 million match-5 prize and higher secondary prizes.
- Ticket price raised from \$1 to \$2.

April 2025

- Ticket price raised to \$5.
- Starting jackpot jumps to \$50 million.
- Megaplier automatically applied to all tickets.
- 10x Megaplier added and break-even prizes are cut.

Louisiana Mega Millions Stats

- In fiscal year 2025, Mega Millions sales reached just over \$39 million.
- Eighteen (18) Mega Millions tickets winning \$1 million or more have been sold in Louisiana since the Lottery joined the game.

MEGAPLIER

Megaplier offers players a chance to multiply any nonjackpot prize won by the Megaplier number (2, 3, 4, 5 or 10) randomly selected from a weighted field at the time of the Mega Millions drawing.

Fast Facts

- The advertised jackpot is expressed as an annuity payable in 30 graduated annual installments.
- Winners have the option of taking a lump-sum cash payment equivalent to the jackpot prize pool.
- Jackpot prizes are pari-mutuel and are divided equally among all jackpot-winning tickets.
- Certain Mega Millions prizes may become pari-mutuel if claims exceed available prize funds.
- As of December 2025, Mega Millions holds the record for the fifth-largest jackpot in North American history at \$1.602 billion, won on August 8, 2023 by a single ticket sold in Florida.

Lotto

Lotto was the Louisiana Lottery's first in-state draw-style game. It was introduced in January 22, 1992, and the first drawing was conducted nine days later.

Key Changes

June 1995:

- Jackpot prize pay outs changed from annuity payments over the course of 20 years to a lump-sum cash payment, and jackpots consistently exceeded \$2 million.

December 1996:

- A second weekly drawing was added, and the starting jackpot prize was reduced from \$500,000 to \$250,000.

April 1998:

- \$3 prize level added for matching three of six numbers and lowered the odds of other prize levels, reducing the overall odds of winning any prize from 1 in 655 to 1 in 30.

August 2020:

- Two ball numbers added to the matrix.
- Minimum starting jackpot raised from \$250,000 to \$500,000 to be able to offer players more jackpots worth \$1 million or more throughout the year.

February 2025:

- Match-4 and match-5 prizes convert from pari-mutuel to fixed prize amounts.



FAST FACTS

Lotto

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Jackpot-Winning Tickets Sold

2025: Jackpot hit 2 times by 2 winning tickets!



Largest Single-Winner Jackpot (Annuity)

\$21.2 Million | September 26, 1992

Claimed by *The Robert H. LeBas Family Partnership of Church Point*



Largest Multi-Winner Jackpot (Annuities)

\$31 Million | January 9, 1993

Split between *Kimberly D. Hall* of Bon Wier, Texas & *Roland and Marion LeBeouf Family Partnership of Houma* (\$15.5 million each)



Largest Single-Winner Jackpot (Lump Sum)

\$15.6 Million | June 1, 1996

Claimed by *Timothy M. Smith of Marrero*



Retailer Bonus

Retailers earn **1%** of the jackpot value!



Easy 5 was launched in 1995 and then relaunched September 16, 2007, with a starting pari-mutuel cash jackpot of \$50,000. The first drawing occurred on September 19.

The odds of winning the jackpot are 1 in 435,897 and overall odds of winning any prize are 1 in 8.



Pick 3 was launched on August 31, 1992, followed by Pick 4 on March 1, 1999 and finally Pick 5 on August 12, 2021.

How to Play, Odds & Prize Structure

Cost: \$.50, \$1, (& \$5 for Pick 3 only) per play

- Pick 3 “How to Play/Win”: [Pick 3 | Louisiana Lottery Corporation](#)
 - Odds of winning: [Game Directive | Pick 3](#) (page 9)
- Pick 4 “How to Play/Win”: [Pick 4 | Louisiana Lottery Corporation](#)
 - Odds of winning: [Game Directive | Pick 4](#) (page 9)
- Pick 5 “How to Play/Win”: [Pick 5 | Louisiana Lottery Corporation](#)
 - Odds of winning: [Game Directive | Pick 5](#) (page 9)

Pick 3 top prize - \$500

Pick 4 top prize - \$5,000

Pick 5 top prize - \$50,000

Unlike jackpot games, daily pick games pay out an established prize regardless of how many tickets are winners. To adequately fund these fixed prizes, the Lottery establishes a prize liability limit on these games and restricts sales of tickets for such drawings if the liability limit would be exceeded by the drawing of any particular numbers. This is why some numbers may occasionally “sell out” and cannot be purchased.

SCRATCH OFFS

Scratch-offs are the Lottery's most popular form of game. They come in the \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$10, and \$20 price points.

How to Play, Odds & Prize Structure

Scratch-off playstyle, odds, and prize structure vary depending on several different factors.

To learn more about play style and prize structure, visit [Scratch-off | Louisiana Lottery Corporation](#).

Scratch-off odds vary depending upon the prize pool and prize structure of the game. Factors that impact game odds include how many individual prizes are in each of the prize levels, the total number of tickets printed for the game, and the payout percentages for the game, which all vary by ticket price. Odds are determined by taking the total number of tickets in a game and dividing it by the total number of prizes in that game.

Winning tickets are randomly distributed throughout the game to ensure the game's integrity.

Fast PLAY

Fast Play was launched June 2021 and is a quick and easy instant game that gives players a chance to win prizes immediately without picking numbers, completing playslips, scratching tickets or waiting for draw results. Fast Play tickets come in the \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, and \$10 price points.

How to Play, Odds & Prize Structure

Fast Play playstyle, odds, and prize structure vary depending on several different factors.

To learn more about play style and prize structure, visit the [Fast Play | Louisiana Lottery Corporation](#).

Fast Play odds vary depending upon the prize pool and prize structure of the game. Factors that impact game odds include how many individual prizes are in each of the prize levels, the total number of tickets in a pool and the payout percentages for the game, which all vary by ticket price. Odds are determined by taking the total number of tickets in a prize pool and dividing it by the total number of prizes in that game.

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