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Mega Millions Jackpot Reaches \$1 Billion for Tonight

Powerball Jackpot at \$470 Million for Saturday

The *Mega Millions* jackpot reaches \$1 billion for tonight with a cash payout of \$565.6 million. Meanwhile, the *Powerball* jackpot for Saturday's drawing has rolled to \$470 million with a cash payout of \$268.6 million. Tickets for both games must be purchased by 9 p.m. on the night of the drawing.

"Wow! One billion dollars," said Cindy Polzin, Wisconsin Lottery Director. "Our players and retailers love when the jackpots roll and with \$1 billion up for grabs in tonight's jackpot alone, and nearly a half billion in the *Powerball* jackpot on Saturday, the excitement is off the charts! If you're going to play, I encourage you to have fun, but please play responsibly."

Retailers also benefit from Lottery sales. The Lottery pays retailers a 2% incentive for the sale of winning tickets with prizes \$600 or greater. There is a maximum \$100,000 payment on any winning ticket per draw. The retailer receives their 2% even if the winning ticket is not redeemed by the player.

The mission of Wisconsin Lottery is to provide property tax relief to Wisconsin homeowners. Since the sale of the first lottery ticket in September 1988, the Lottery has generated:

- More than \$4.3 billion in property tax relief for Wisconsin homeowners
- More than \$8.2 billion in prizes for players
- \$920 million in commissions for Wisconsin businesses



The odds of winning the Powerball jackpot are approximately 1:292.2 million.



The odds of winning the Mega Millions jackpot are approximately 1:302.6 million.

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