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The \$1.25 Billion Powerball Jackpot is Making Spirits Bright

TOPEKA, KAN. – The most in-demand gift this holiday season doesn't need batteries, no assembly is required, and costs just \$2! Powerball fever has hit the Sunflower State as the jackpot for tonight's Powerball drawing has climbed to an incredible \$1.25 billion.

Tonight's jackpot ranks as the sixth largest in Powerball history and the game's second-biggest prize this year, behind only the \$1.787 billion jackpot won on September 6, 2025, in Missouri and Texas. Tonight will mark the 44th consecutive drawing in the jackpot run, which is a new game record for most consecutive drawings in a jackpot cycle.

If a player wins tonight's jackpot, they will have the choice between an annuitized prize estimated at \$1.25 billion or a lump sum payment estimated at \$572.1 million. Both prize options are before taxes. If the winner selects the annuity option, they will receive one immediate payment followed by 29 annual payments that increase by 5 percent each year.

Powerball tickets start at just \$2, with the option to add the Power Play Multiplier and/or add Double Play to your ticket for an additional \$1 each. Powerplay can multiply a non-jackpot win by up to 10X. Cutoff for entry is 8:59 p.m. on draw days.

Kansas Powerball tickets now have an option for an additional draw. The Double Play is a new Powerball feature that only 27 states currently offer that gives players another chance to match their Powerball numbers in a separate drawing with a top cash prize of \$10 million.

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