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# Three Lucky Instant Games Winner Stories 

Instant Games Players Received More Than \$103.6 Million in Prizes in August

TRENTON (Sept. 22, 2017) - Kenneth W. of Monroe Township in Middlesex County loves to play Pick 4 and Jersey Cash 5 with his favorite numbers. Occasionally, he will pick up a Mega Millions or Powerball ticket, but recently, he decided to try his luck on a few Instant Games. The $\$ 1,000,000$ Spectacular game caught his
 attention while at the Battleground Deli, 203 Freehold Rd. (Route 522), Manalapan in Monmouth County and it looked like it might be a lucky game. He purchased a few game cards and brought them home to his family. They scratched the first two with no success. His wife said that the third ticket would be the last one that they would play for the day. It turned out to be the last one that they needed because it was a $\$ 1,000,000$ jackpot prizewinner.

After they processed what was revealed on their kitchen table, the family rejoiced at the big win. Kenneth plans to use the money for a family vacation and invest the balance for the family's future benefit.

Terrance Owens of Somerville in Somerset County is a Pick-3 and Pick-4 player with a previous $\$ 2,700$ win from a few years back. While at the Lucky Spot Convenience Store, 100 N. Gaston Ave. in Somerville, he decided to play the $\$ 500,000$ Riches game. His first ticket was not a winner, but he felt like playing just one more. Wise choice as it turned out to be the $\$ 500,000$ jackpot prizewinner. He immediately went home to tell his wife. Terrance doesn't have any big plans for his prize yet, but mentioned setting some aside to help his grandchildren with their college funds.

Elchonon Klughaupt of Lakewood in Ocean County is a Crossword Instant Games fan. Each week, he plays a few cards. While at the Rite Liquors, 605 E. County Line Rd. in Lakewood, he purchased some of the Mega Crossword tickets and began scratching the latex.

As he scratched the final game card, he became excited as more and more words revealed themselves on the Mega Crossword game board, increasing the prize bit by bit. As he reached eight words and revealed a $\$ 500$ prize, he almost stopped scratching, thinking that there was no way he could be luckier than that. The game had more to offer and, as he continued scratching, he had revealed a total of 11 words winning the $\$ 500,000$ jackpot prize. Elchonon will use his prize to get ahead of his current bills and set up some investments for the future with long-lasting returns.
"Congratulations to all of the New Jersey Lottery Instant Games winners," said Carole Hedinger, New Jersey Lottery executive director." The chart below lists all of the Instant Games top-prizes won, of $\$ 10,000$ and above, for the month. In total, New Jersey Lottery players won more than $\$ 103.6$ million in Instant Games prize winnings.


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