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## MEGA MILLIONS JACKPOT NOW \$415,000,000

*It's the 8<sup>th</sup> largest Mega Millions jackpot on record!*  
***New Jersey Sells One \$1,000,000 and Two \$10,000 Tickets in Saturday's Drawing***

**TRENTON (Dec. 31, 2018)** – The Mega Millions jackpot is now on the record list as the eighth largest Mega Millions jackpots ever at \$415 million (\$248.8 million cash). “Join the crowds flocking to lottery retailers across New Jersey and get your tickets for tomorrow’s Mega Millions drawing, the first of the new year,” said James Carey, New Jersey Lottery acting executive director. “You’ll have a chance for this sky high jackpot and you just might become a ‘Mega Millionaire’ in 2019!”

James Carey, New Jersey Lottery acting executive director, announced that there was **one second-tier prizewinning ticket** sold for the Friday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> drawing that matched five of the five white balls drawn winning the **\$1,000,000** prize. That ticket was purchased at **Wrightstown Wine & Liquor, 403 East Main St., Wrightstown in Burlington County**. If that ticket had been purchased with the Megaplier option, the prize would be multiplied to \$2,000,000.

Two tickets were also sold that matched four of the five white balls and the Gold Mega Ball drawn winning the \$10,000 third-tier prize. Those tickets were purchased at the following locations:

- **Bergen County: Broad Avenue Mini Market, 790 Broad Ave., Ridgefield; and**
- **Ocean County: Brick Convenience Store II, 438 Mantoloking Rd., Brick.**

The **winning numbers** for the **Friday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>** drawing were: **09, 10, 25, 37 and 38**. The **Gold Mega Ball** was **21**, and the **Megaplier Multiplier** was **02**.

In addition, 54 other players matched four of the five white balls drawn making each ticket worth \$500. Three of those tickets were purchased with the Megaplier option, multiplying the prize to \$1,000. Moreover, 64,164 other New Jersey players took home \$247,118 in prizes ranging from \$2 to \$400, according to Carey.

**The next drawing will be held Tuesday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 pm.** All New Jersey Lottery Mega Millions tickets must be purchased before 10:45 pm to participate in the drawing. Mega Millions tickets cost just two dollars; by adding the Megaplier option for an extra dollar per play, players can increase their non-jackpot winnings up to five times. Mega Millions tickets are sold in 46 participating jurisdictions. Drawings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays.

View all New Jersey Lottery game winning numbers and drawings for the Pick-3, Pick-4, Jersey Cash 5, Pick-6, CASH4LIFE and 5 Card Cash games on the Lottery website ([www.NJLottery.com](http://www.NJLottery.com)) or on the official Lottery Facebook Page. Evening draws, with the exception of CASH4LIFE and 5 Card Cash, can be seen on WPIX-TV (PIX11) in New York and WPHL-TV (PHL17) in Philadelphia. Powerball and Mega Millions drawings can be seen on WABC-TV or WTXF stations.

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