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## **Powerball Jackpot Hits “Rare Air” at \$440,000,000**

***It’s the 9<sup>th</sup> largest Powerball Jackpot on record!***

***New Jersey Sells One \$1,000,000 and One \$50,000 Ticket in Saturday’s Drawing***

**TRENTON (Jan. 2, 2018)** – The Powerball Jackpot is now on the record list for top ten largest Powerball jackpots ever at \$440,000,000. “Join the crowds flocking to lottery retailers across New Jersey and get your tickets for tonight’s Mega Millions \$343 million and Wednesday’s \$440 million Powerball drawings,” said John M. White, New Jersey Lottery acting executive director. “You’ll have two chances for these sky high jackpots and you just might start out the year as a ‘Mega Millionaire’ in 2018.”

In the Saturday, Dec. 30 Powerball drawing, there was one New Jersey Lottery ticket sold that matched the 5 white balls drawn to win the \$1,000,000 second-prize. If that ticket had been purchased with the Power Play Multiplier option, it would have doubled the prize to \$2,000,000. The winning ticket was purchased in Monmouth County at Wawa #917, 2432 Highway #35, Manasquan.

The winning numbers for the Saturday, Dec. 30 drawing were: 28, 36, 41, 51 and 58. The Red Power Ball number was 24. The Multiplier number was 02. The Powerball jackpot rolls to \$440,000,000 for the next drawing to be held Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 10:59 pm.

In addition, one New Jersey Lottery ticket was sold that matched the 4 white balls and the Powerball drawn, winning the \$50,000 third prize. If that ticket had been purchased with Power Play, it would have multiplied the prize to \$100,000. The ticket was purchased in Middlesex County at Garden Food Store, 355 Applegarth Rd., Monroe Township.

In addition to the second and third-tier prizewinning tickets sold, there were 99,194 New Jersey players who took home an estimated \$479,404 in prizes ranging from \$4 to \$200, according to Lottery Acting Executive Director John M. White.

“Congratulations to all of the lottery players who purchased winning tickets and to the retailers that sold them,” said White. “I’d like to remind players to purchase their Powerball tickets with a winning attitude and add Power Play to the ticket purchase. Power Play doubles the second prize from one million dollars to two million dollars and multiplies all of the seven lower prize sets available in the game by the number drawn that evening. The jackpot prize is not multiplied.”

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. Midday and 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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