# ICYMI - New Jersey Lottery Just Created Another Millionaire! Million Dollar Replay Winners Announced 


#### Abstract

TRENTON (April 29, 2022) - New Jersey Lottery's Million Dollar Replay Grand Prize Drawing was held today at Caesars Atlantic City Hotel and Casino, where more than $\$ 1,500,000$ in prizes were awarded to our lucky players. Today's top prize winner was Ronald Demura of Lawrenceville in Mercer County. The winner stood up in shock as his name was called out as New Jersey Lottery's newest millionaire. Fourteen other Lottery players also received prizes ranging from $\$ 10,000$ to $\$ 100,000$ as part of the Grand Prize Drawing.


Throughout 2021, New Jersey Lottery players from all over the state submitted their non-winning instant tickets online for a second chance to win big prizes. Each quarter, 100 names were selected and awarded a $\$ 250$ prize, as well as entry into today's Grand Prize Drawing. An additional 19 raffle prizes were awarded to Million Dollar Replay finalists in attendance at the event today: seven \$1,000 drawings, seven $\$ 300$ Scratch-Offs drawings, and five gift basket drawings (containing $\$ 200$ in Scratch-Offs plus Lottery swag). In addition to these drawings, there were 16 prizes drawn for the livestream sweepstakes open to the public, including one gift basket and $15 \$ 200$ Scratch-Off prizes. Guests also enjoyed the photo booth and prize wheels that provided many other opportunities to win.

New Jersey Lottery Executive Director James Carey, who assisted in the drawing, said, "I am thrilled to hold our 11th annual Million Dollar Replay. After last year's event was virtual due to the pandemic, we are excited to be back in-person. Being able to add the excitement of minting a new millionaire makes it even better."

Master of Ceremonies Steve Trevelise of NJ101.5 entertained the audience with jokes and witty banter throughout the event by interacting with the guests and prizewinners. Host Lauren Berman, conducted the drawing for the semi-finalists with the help of Lottery staff. The entire drawing process was completed under the observation of Mercadien, P.C. Certified Public Accountants.

The excitement of winning was already in the air when after Host Lauren Berman directed attention to the Big Spin wheel located next to the stage. The Big Spin game is New Jersey Lottery's revolutionary new Scratch-Off that allows players the opportunity to extend their play beyond the paper ticket to online for a chance to spin a large mechanical wheel to win up to $\$ 300,000$. Two players won an opportunity to spin the wheel. Both contestants won $\$ 50,000$ each. For information on The Big Spin Scratch-Off ticket and jackpot, visit our website at: https://www.njlottery.com/en-us/scratchoffs/01728.html.

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## Grand Prize Winner Story:

Ronald Demura is a regular Lottery player, who plays consistently at the same two retailers near his home. He came to the Million Dollar Replay hoping to win something and was in shock when his name was called to win the million dollar prize. His wife and the rest of the room cheered as he began walking toward the winners' table. Saying that he was ecstatic is an understatement. Ronald has been retired for a few years, enjoying life with his family. Now he will get to pay off his house and, hopefully, his wife can join him in retirement.

| Prize | Name | City/State |
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| $\$ 1,000,000$ | Ronald Demura | Lawrenceville |
| $\$ 100,000$ | Christopher Croux | Hamilton |
| $\$ 100,000$ | Thach Hieu | Camden |
| $\$ 50,000$ | Rick Bunnell | Rockaway |
| $\$ 50,000$ | Kevin Lindholm | Woodbridge |
| $\$ 50,000$ | Richard San Andres | Freehold |
| $\$ \mathbf{2 5 , 0 0 0}$ | Daniel Desanto | Iselin |
| $\$ 25,000$ | Mike Seminara | Ledgewood |
| $\$ \mathbf{2 5 , 0 0 0}$ | Patrick Sweeney | Rahway |
| $\$ 25,000$ | James Welshman | Bayville |
| $\$ 10,000$ | Andrea Giedosh | Pitman |
| $\$ 10,000$ | Dwayne Anglero | Cream Ridge |
| $\$ 10,000$ | Kenneth Oliver | Roselle |
| $\$ 10,000$ | Michelle Sperber | Beachwood |
| $\$ 10,000$ | Linda Handel | Clifton |

Event video: https://livestream.com/newjerseylotto/mdr2022grandprizedrawing

