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Colorado and Lottery Win Big when Powerball and Mega Millions Jackpots Roll to more than \$1.7 billion

Pueblo, CO – Reaching a record \$1.736 billion in combined jackpots before Mega Millions was won Friday, Jan. 22, the lengthy run of the Powerball and Mega Millions jackpots have resulted in big wins for the Colorado Lottery, businesses, players and the beneficiaries that support the outdoors and schools.

From the time the dueling jackpots reached about \$400 million each at the beginning of the month until both jackpots were hit in the past week, each national game had six drawings. During that run from Jan. 2 - 22 when Mega Millions was won, the Colorado Lottery sold \$33,624,612 in Powerball and Mega Millions tickets alone, a more than 526% increase from the same time frame last year.

Of the thousands of tickets sold, big winners ranged from \$10,000 - \$1 million. Here is a list of the Lottery's big winners during this historic dueling jackpot run.

Powerball Big Winners

<i>Draw Date</i>	<i>Amount Won</i>	<i>Retailer Sold</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>
1/20/2021	\$150,000	Walmart	21475 E. Quincy Ave.	Aurora
1/20/2021	\$150,000	Broadway Wine & Spirits	207 Broadway	Sterling
1/16/2021	\$50,000	A-B Petroleum	715 S. Main St.	Breckenridge
1/13/2021	\$1,000,000	7-Eleven	19390 E. Quincy Ave.	Aurora
1/13/2021	\$50,000	Winner's Corner	550 E Abriendo	Pueblo
1/9/2021	\$100,000	King Soopers 7	25701 E. Smoky Hill Rd.	Aurora
1/9/2021	\$50,000	Safeway	1425 S Murray Blvd.	Colorado Springs
1/6/2021	\$50,000	Stinker Store	2160 S. Havana St.	Aurora

Mega Millions Big Winners

<i>Draw Date</i>	<i>Amount Won</i>	<i>Retailer sold</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>City</i>
1/22/2021	\$20,000	King Soopers	2910 S. Academy Blvd.	Colorado Springs
1/19/2021	\$20,000	Exxon	2651 E. 120th Ave.	Thornton
1/19/2021	\$10,000	Soaring V Fuels	14440 County Road 100	Nunn
1/15/2021	\$10,000	King Soopers	1545 S. Kipling St.	Lakewood
1/12/2021	\$20,000	Dove Creek Superette	455 HWY 491	Dove Creek
1/8/2021	\$10,000	Bobs Liquor	3519 N El Paso St.	Colorado Springs
1/5/2021	\$10,000	7-Eleven	4277 N. Taft Ave.	Loveland





“Large national jackpots are an incredible gift to the Lottery and its beneficiaries. When we reach the Great Outdoors Colorado proceeds cap early, as we did the last time we had a \$1 billion jackpot run, we are able to provide even more proceeds to Building Excellent Schools Today, which is the spillover beneficiary,” said Tom Seaver, director of the Colorado Lottery. “These historic bumps in sales means even more parks, recreation and conservation projects across the state receive critical funding in these times of historic use of the outdoors during the pandemic.”

When Colorado plays, the state’s outdoor spaces are the big winners. While the amount of every dollar spent that goes to Lottery beneficiaries averages \$.23 across all games, for national jackpot games \$.39 cents of every dollar spent goes back to Lottery proceeds partners.

That’s \$13,113,599 that will go back to Lottery beneficiaries. Of that, Great Outdoors Colorado receives 50% or \$6,556,800; Conservation Trust Fund gets 40%, \$1,311,340; and Colorado Parks & Wildlife receives 10%, \$5,245,440. The last time dueling jackpots reached over \$1.5 billion in 2018, the Lottery was able to reach its GOCO cap by May of that year.

Businesses win too. Colorado Lottery retailers, grocery and convenience stores and others make up the nearly 3,000 Lottery retailers. Retailers make a 6% selling commission on every ticket they sell and 1% commission on winning tickets of \$599 or less that they validate. Retailers received a boost of \$2,017,477 on Lottery ticket sales alone during the double jackpot run, a more than 700% combined increase over the same time period last year.

Large jackpots also excite people to play other Lottery games, and the Lottery’s total sales reflected that. Compared to last year, sales for this same time period were up more than 50%.

Before the \$731.1 million Powerball jackpot was won in Maryland on Jan. 20, and the Mega Millions jackpot was hit on Jan. 22, dueling jackpots of this size had not been achieved since 2018. For Powerball, this jackpot was the 4th history and 2nd largest for Mega Millions.

Colorado has not had a big Mega Millions winner since its inception, but it’s seen three Powerball jackpot winners. A Clifton player won \$133.2 million Sept. 16, 2017; \$90 million was won in Rifle Aug. 9, 2014; and a 2007 winning ticket sold in Westminster for \$20 million.

About Colorado Lottery

Since 1983, the Colorado Lottery has returned more than \$3.5 billion to outdoor projects and schools through Great Outdoors Colorado, the Conservation Trust Fund, Colorado Parks & Wildlife and Building Excellent Schools Today. Proceeds from sales of Colorado Lottery games – Scratch, Powerball, Mega Millions, Colorado Lotto+, Lucky for Life, Cash 5, and Pick 3 – enhance, protect, improve parks, trails, and open space in Colorado as well as contribute to the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) program. For more information, visit coloradolottery.com.

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