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Friday, the 13th A Lucky Day?

That number has been tied to big wins

TRENTON (Dec. 12, 2024) – This month, we have a day that is special to New Jersey residents: Friday the 13th!
Sure, the alignment of day and date isn't all that rare. It has happened about 1.72 times per year on average over the last couple millennia since the beginning of the Common Era.

However, ever since Jason Voorhees chased Kevin Bacon and fellow campers around Warren County's Blairstown, Hope and Hardwick in the 1980 slasher film "Friday the 13th," the date has always been top of mind in the Garden State. (Fun fact, the film's "Camp Crystal Lake" in reality is No-Be-Bo-Sco, long a destination for New Jersey's Scouting community).

For Lottery players, the day has also been notable. On a July, 2018, Friday the 13th, two New Jersey residents split a $1,675,204 jackpot. On Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, a Maine lottery player won a $1.348 billion Mega Million jackpot, the third largest in game history.

On this Friday the 13th, that luck could strike again as several drawings have big jackpots:

- **Mega Millions**, $670 million.
- **Jersey Cash 5,** $494,000.
- **Quick Draw Progressive,** $326,359 as of Thursday morning.
- While its drawing days are Tuesdays and Thursdays, the **Pick-6** game is notably high at $22.6 million.

The next time the auspicious day rolls around will be in June, 2025.

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