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Mega Millions Jackpot Now Fifth Largest Ever

TRENTON (Dec. 27, 2024) – The Mega Millions jackpot now stands at $1.22 billion heading into tonight's drawing. The cash value is $549.7 million.

The Mega Millions jackpot has only been hit just three times in 2024, the fewest wins in any single year since the game began in 2002. After tonight, there is only one more drawing for 2024—on New Year's Eve. The previous year, 2023, saw the most jackpots at 10, the most in a single year since the game's matrix was overhauled in 2013.

The current jackpot is the seventh billion dollar jackpot and the fifth largest in game history. The $1.128 billion March jackpot in New Jersey that was recently claimed is the next largest.

The largest Mega Millions jackpots in game history are:

- $1.602 billion: Aug. 8, 2023, 1 winning ticket in Florida.
- $1.537 billion: Oct. 23, 2018, 1 winning ticket in South Carolina.
- $1.348 billion: Jan. 13, 2023, 1 winning ticket in Maine.
- $1.337 billion: July 29, 2022. 1 winning ticket in Illinois.
- **$1.22 billion: Current Jackpot.**
- **$1.128 billion: 3/26/2024, 1 winning ticket in New Jersey.**
- $1.050 billion: 1/22/2021, 1 winning ticket in Michigan.
- $810 million: Sept. 10, 2024, 1 winning ticket in Texas.
- $656 million: March 30, 2012, 3 winning tickets in Illinois, Kansas and Maryland.
- $648 million: Dec. 17, 2013, 2 winning tickets in California and Georgia.

The next drawing is 11 p.m. tonight, Dec. 27. All New Jersey Lottery Mega Millions tickets must be purchased before 10:45 p.m. to participate in the drawing. Mega Millions tickets cost 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 47 participating U.S. jurisdictions. Drawings are held Tuesdays and Fridays.

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