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You're more likely to experience many things — like sainthood — than to win the Powerball jackpot

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Store manager Mailyn Castro counted out 170 Powerball tickets for a customer at Tedeschi Food Market in Dorchester on Friday.

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The odds of winning the Powerball jackpot are a staggering 1 in 292 million.

That's about the same as flipping a coin and getting the same result (heads or tails) 28 times in a row, according to the Associated Press.

Here's of list of things that probably won't happen to you, but are still more likely than winning Powerball's grand prize:

- The odds of dating a supermodel are about 1 in 88,000, according to Gregory Baer, author of "<u>Life:</u> <u>The Odds</u>."
- The odds that the person you're dating is a millionaire, 1 in 216, Baer wrote in the book.

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- The chances you'll achieve sainthood, one in 20 million, according to Baer.
- The likelihood of having conjoined twins is about 1 in 200,000, according to the <u>University of Maryland Medical Center</u>.
- The odds of being struck by lighting in your lifetime provided you live for about 80 years are 1 in 12,000, according to the <u>National Weather Service</u>.
- The odds of an amateur golfer hitting a hole in one on a par 3 hole are 1 in 12,500, according to the <u>National Hole in One Association</u>, which has tracked data through the hole-in-one insurance and

prize insurance plans it offers.

- The odds of two amateurs in the same foursome sinking a hole in one on the same par 3 hole are 1 in 26 million, according to the association.
- The odds of being dealt a royal flush in poker are 1 in 649,740, according to a <u>mathematician at Central Washington University</u>.

You're also more likely to suffer some sort of unusual death. There's quite a long list of strange ways to perish that are more likely than winning the Powerball jackpot. Here are a few:

- The odds of being killed by an asteroid impact? 1 in 74,817,414, according to <u>The Economist</u> magazine.
- The likelihood of being killed in a shark attack is 1 in 8 million, according to a <u>researcher at Tulane</u> <u>University</u>.
- Death via legal execution? 1 in 127,717, according to the National Safety Council.

Thankfully, you're more likely to win the Powerball jackpot than to be hit by a piece of satellite debris that falls from space. The odds of such an unfortunate event are about 1 in 21 trillion, according to NASA.

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