



Winning Powerball numbers announced

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A customer showed his Powerball tickets in Hialeah, Fla., on Monday.

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After a spectacular and very rich build-up, the Powerball lottery numbers were picked late Wednesday night, and it appeared at least one winning ticket had been sold for the record \$1.6 billion jackpot.

The winning numbers were 4, 8, 19, 27, and 34, with a Powerball of 10.

Late Wednesday night, California's lottery commission said a winning ticket had been sold in that state. Winning tickets were also sold in Florida and Tennessee. The winners' identities remained unknown early Thursday morning.

The Powerball jackpot had eclipsed the world record on Monday when it hit an estimated \$1.4 billion. It swelled to an eye-popping \$1.5 billion Tuesday.

Wednesday's drawing was the 20th in this Powerball cycle. Since Nov. 4, it has gone 19 drawings without a winner.



Two \$1m Powerball winners in Mass.

The winning tickets were sold in Charlestown and East Bridgewater.

The odds of winning Powerball jackpot

In a conference call with reporters Wednesday afternoon, Gary Grief, chairman of the Powerball game group and the executive director of the Texas lottery system, said he expected it would take several hours Wednesday night to determine whether anyone won.

The lottery forecasted that it would probably sell \$3.1 billion in tickets nationwide for this Powerball cycle.

“We’ve never seen excitement like this before,” Grief said.

Separately, the Five Only Nominee Trust of Quincy, represented by David Spillane, claimed a \$1 million Powerball prize Tuesday from the Jan. 6 drawing.

The winning ticket, purchased at an Express Mart in Plymouth, was only one number away from claiming the top jackpot. The store will get a \$10,000 bonus for selling the ticket.



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