

Fact Sheet

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JACKPOT!

Jackpot facts and what happens when someone wins

In fiscal 2015/16, \$636 million was awarded to lottery winners in B.C. That's a lot of dough!

JACKPOT FACTS:

- The largest prizes ever won in B.C. were \$50 million Lotto Max jackpots in October 2010, March 2014 and April 2016.
- The largest jackpot ever offered in Canada was \$64 million for a Lotto 6/49 draw in October 2015. The winning ticket was purchased in Mississauga, Ontario.
- Previously, the Canadian lottery jackpot record was \$63.4 million for a Lotto 6/49 draw in April 2013. The prize was split among four winning tickets, three of which were purchased in B.C.

LARGEST ONLINE WIN IN CANADA:

- In August 2016, a Nanaimo resident won Canada's largest-ever lottery prize online via PlayNow.com, worth \$21 million on Lotto 6/49. The previous record was \$7.6 million won in 2010 on Lotto 6/49, coincidentally also purchased in Nanaimo.

LOTTO 6/49 FACTS:

- Lotto 6/49 launched on June 12, 1982.
- 69.5 per cent of Lotto 6/49 tickets are sold via Quick Pick.
- Odds of winning a Lotto 6/49 jackpot: 1:13,983,816.
- Guaranteed \$1 million Prize Draw winning tickets in B.C. since September 2013: 55

LOTTO MAX FACTS:

- Lotto Max launched on September 19, 2009.
- There have been three \$50 million Lotto Max jackpots won in B.C.
- Odds of winning a jackpot or \$1 million Maxmillion prize: 1:28,633,528.
- Maxmillion winners in B.C. to date: 116

DAILY GRAND FACTS:

- Daily Grand launched on October 18, 2016.
- The grand prize is \$1,000 a day for the life of the winner.
- The secondary prize is \$25,000 a year for life.
- A player from Mission won the secondary prize of \$25,000 a year for life in the very first Daily Grand draw on October 20, 2016.

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- To win the top prize, a player must match all five main numbers and the Grand number.
- Odds of winning the top prize are 1 in 13,348,188 per \$3 play.
- Odds of winning the second prize are 1 in 2,224,698 per \$3 play.

HAS A PRIZE BEEN CLAIMED YET?

- Winners have 52 weeks from the draw date printed on their ticket to claim their prize.
- Often winners are not aware they hold a winning ticket until days or weeks after a draw.
- Winners often talk to a financial advisor or take time to gain perspective while it sinks in before coming forward to claim their prize.

NEED MORE INFO?

- The exact location where a winning lottery ticket was purchased is only announced after the winner has come forward to claim their prize.
- The name of the lottery winner may be released only after we have verified the prize claim.
- Once a player leaves a BCLC office after claiming their prize, we do not give out their contact information for additional interviews.
- Overall, B.C. gets its fair share of winners. The percentage of lottery sales in B.C. is in line with the percentage of winners in B.C.

LOTTERY SALES VERSUS WINS 2016/17

Lotto 6/49: National Sales and Winners			LOTTO MAX: National Sales and Winners		
REGION	% OF TOTAL SALES	% OF TOTAL WINS	REGION	% OF TOTAL SALES	% OF TOTAL WINS
B.C.	11.71%	11.73%	B.C.	12.2%	12.0%
Western	17.03%	17.06%	Western	21.4%	21.4%
Ontario	41.77%	41.75%	Ontario	42.5%	42.6%
Quebec	22.82%	22.79%	Quebec	18.3%	18.2%
Atlantic	6.67%	6.67%	Atlantic	5.8%	5.8%

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