

# Fact Sheet

November 2018

## JACKPOT!

*Jackpot facts and what happens when someone wins*

BCLC awarded \$687 million to lottery winners in B.C. from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. 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 won in Canada was \$64 million for a Lotto 6/49 draw in October 2015. The winner purchased the ticket 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 B.C. resident won Canada's largest online lottery prize via PlayNow.com, a Lotto 6/49 win worth \$21 million. 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 ticket sales launched on June 3, 1982.
- 68 per cent of Lotto 6/49 tickets are sold via Quick Pick.
- Odds of winning a Lotto 6/49 jackpot: 1:13,983,816 per \$3 play.
- Two \$1 million Guaranteed Prize Draw winners are made per week, that's two new millionaires every week across Canada.
- \$1 million Guaranteed Prize Draw winning tickets in B.C from September 2013 to November 15, 2018: 71

### LOTTO MAX FACTS:

- Lotto Max ticket sales launched on September 19, 2009.
- \$50 million Lotto Max jackpots won in B.C. since Sept 2009 – November 2018: 3
- Odds of winning a jackpot or \$1 million Maxmillion prize: 1:28,633,528 per \$5 play.
- Maxmillion winners in B.C. up to November 15, 2018: 142

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## DAILY GRAND FACTS:

- Daily Grand ticket sales launched on October 18, 2016.
- A player from Prince George won B.C.'s first top grand prize of \$1,000 a day-for-life on the January 29, 2018 Daily Grand draw.
- Odds of winning the top prize are 1:13,348,188 per \$3 play.
- Number of secondary prize winners of \$25,000 a year-for-life from launch until November 15, 2018: 12

## 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.
- Tip: Download the Lotto! App and conveniently check your lottery ticket anytime.
- 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?

- BCLC announces the exact location where a winner purchased a winning lottery ticket only after the winner has come forward to claim his or her prize.
- BCLC verifies all prize claims prior to releasing details of a win.
- 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 SINCE LAUNCH\*

Lotto 6/49: National Sales and Winners			Lotto Max: National Sales and Winners			Daily Grand: National Sales and Winners		
Region	% of Total Sales	% of Total Wins	Region	% of Total Sales	% of Total Wins	Region	% of Total Sales	% of Total Wins
BC	11.66%	11.66%	BC	11.95%	11.95%	BC	12.12%	12.15%
Western	17.13%	17.13%	Western	21.51%	21.51%	Western	20.24%	20.22%
Ontario	42.14%	42.14%	Ontario	42.85%	42.86%	Ontario	31.30%	31.31%
Quebec	22.56%	22.55%	Quebec	17.93%	17.93%	Quebec	32.47%	32.45%
Atlantic	6.51%	6.51%	Atlantic	5.76%	5.76%	Atlantic	3.87%	3.87%

\*Lotto 6/49 stats since Sept 18, 2013 game enhancement launch

\*Lotto Max stats since Sept 19, 2009 launch

\*Daily Grand stats since Oct 18, 2016

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