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JACKPOT!

Jackpot facts and what happens when someone wins

BCLC awarded more than \$1.1 billion in prizes to lottery players in B.C. in 2025. Jackpot results, including the municipalities where winning jackpot tickets were sold, are available here: playnow.com/lottery

HAS A PRIZE BEEN CLAIMED YET?

- Winners have 52 weeks from the draw date printed on their ticket to claim their prize.
- Every winner is different when it comes to the time they take to claim a prize – some may claim a prize within days, whereas others will hold onto a winning ticket for weeks or even months.
- Winners often talk to a financial advisor or take time to gain perspective while their win sinks in before coming forward to claim their prize.

JACKPOT FACTS:

- The largest prize ever won in B.C. was an \$80-million Lotto Max jackpot prize from the May 9, 2025, draw. The ticket was purchased in Surrey.

LARGEST ONLINE WIN:

- The record for the largest online lottery prize in B.C. is \$58 million, won in March 2024 by a Richmond resident who purchased the winning Lotto 6/49 ticket on PlayNow.com.

LOTTO 6/49 FACTS:

- Lotto 6/49 ticket sales launched on June 3, 1982.
- The most recent game change launched on September 14, 2022, introducing two jackpots on every draw: the Classic Jackpot of \$5 million and Gold Ball jackpot that starts at \$10 million and can grow to more than \$60 million.
- Two Gold Ball Draw winners are made per week – that's at least two new millionaires every week across Canada.
- The largest Lotto 6/49 prize claimed in B.C. was \$58 million from a draw in March 2024.
- Odds of winning a Lotto 6/49 Classic jackpot: 1 in 13,983,816 per \$3 play.
- Odds of winning the Lotto 6/49 Gold Ball draw: 1 in the number of tickets sold.
- 60 per cent of Lotto 6/49 tickets are sold via Quick Pick.



LOTTO MAX FACTS:

- Lotto Max is Canada’s biggest lottery game and launched in September 2009.
- There have been six Lotto Max jackpots more than \$50 million claimed in B.C. since September 2009.
- The most recent game change launched on April 11, 2026, introducing an increased jackpot cap that can grow as high as \$90 million and new \$100,000 MAXPLUS prizes.
- Odds of winning the jackpot, a Maxmillions prize of \$1 million or a \$100,000 MAXPLUS prize are 1 in 33,446,140 per \$6 play.
- 70 per cent of Lotto Max tickets are sold via Quick Pick.

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.
- A group of 24 colleagues from a Burnaby workplace won the grand prize from the April 10, 2023, Daily Grand draw. This is the second time the Daily Grand top prize was won in B.C.
- Odds of winning the top prize are 1 in 13,348,188 per \$3 play.
- 59 per cent of Daily Grand tickets are sold via Quick Pick.

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 their 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.

CANADIAN 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	12.3%	12.4%	BC	12.8%	12.7%	BC	14.4%	14.4%
Western	15.6%	16.2%	Western	20.1%	20.2%	Western	18.9%	18.9%
Ontario	40.0%	40.9%	Ontario	43.3%	43.3%	Ontario	31.9%	31.9%
Quebec	26.0%	24.5%	Quebec	18.3%	18.3%	Quebec	29.7%	29.7%
Atlantic	6.1%	6.1%	Atlantic	5.5%	5.5%	Atlantic	5.0%	5.0%

*Lotto 6/49 stats since September 18, 2013 game enhancement *Lotto Max stats since September 19, 2009 launch *Daily Grand stats since October 18, 2016 launch

