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## JACKPOT!

*Jackpot facts and what happens when someone wins*

BCLC awarded more than \$902 million in prizes to lottery players in B.C. in 2023. Jackpot results, including the municipalities where winning jackpot tickets were sold, are available here:

[playnow.com/lottery](https://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 a \$70 million Lotto Max jackpot prize from the September 28, 2021, draw. The ticket was purchased in Burnaby.

### 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: 1:13,983,816 per \$3 play.
- Odds of winning the Lotto 6/49 Gold Ball draw: 1 in the number of tickets sold.
- In 2023, there were 11.9 million Lotto 6/49 winners in B.C.
- 53 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 five Lotto Max jackpots more than \$50 million won in B.C. since September 2009.
- Odds of winning the jackpot or a Maxmillions prize of \$1 million are 1 in 33,294,800 per \$5 play.

- In 2023, there were 9.3 million Lotto Max winners in B.C.
- 60 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 1:13,348,188 per \$3 play.
- In 2023, there were 1.3 million Daily Grand winners in B.C.
- 64 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	12.2%	12.4%	BC	12.7%	12.6%	BC	14.2%	14.3%
Western	15.6%	16.1%	Western	20.3%	20.4%	Western	18.9%	18.9%
Ontario	40.0%	40.8%	Ontario	43.2%	43.2%	Ontario	31.8%	31.8%
Quebec	26.2%	24.7 %	Quebec	18.3%	18.3%	Quebec	30.3%	30.2%
Atlantic	6.1%	6.1%	Atlantic	5.5%	5.5%	Atlantic	4.8%	4.8%

*\*Lotto 6/49 stats since September 18, 2013 game enhancement since October 18, 2016 launch*

*\*Lotto Max stats since September 19, 2009 launch*

*\*Daily Grand stats*

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