

Powerball jackpot jumps to \$205 million

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The Powerball jackpot continues to move upward. Even though the grand prize was not hit Wednesday evening, 946,640 players across the nation won a total of more than \$7.6 million in prizes in America's favorite Game.

Because no one correctly matched all six numbers the jackpot will grow to an estimated \$205 million for Saturday night's drawing.

The cash option for the Saturday, January 20th drawing will be an estimated \$98.3 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday were 16, 35, 49, 50, 52 and the Powerball was 31. The Power Play multiplier was 2.

Ten lucky tickets in Indiana (1), Minnesota (1), New Hampshire (1), Oregon (3), Pennsylvania (2), South Carolina (1), and Tennessee (1) correctly matched the 5 white numbers and won \$200,000. One additional winning ticket in Connecticut not only matched the 5 white but also had the Power Play option that multiplied the win by 2 for a \$400,000 cash prize!

Thirty-three tickets matched 4 white numbers plus the Powerball and won \$10,000. Eight additional winners of that prize category also had the Power Play option that multiplied the win 2 times for a total of \$20,000!

A total of 132,325 winning Powerball players multiplied their prize by 2 Wednesday. They were able to do that by purchasing the Power Play option for one dollar. With Power Play you multiply any winnings from 2-5 times, except for the jackpot. At the beginning of each drawing a wheel is spun to select that night's multiplier.

Players should carefully check their tickets after every draw. Even if there are no jackpot winners there are always tens of thousands of winners at other prize levels.

Players purchased more than \$40.2 million in tickets between Sunday and Wednesday night.

The lotteries sold over \$2.8 billion in Powerball tickets in fiscal year 2006. That translates into approximately

\$800 million for worthwhile state projects.

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