

## Mega Millions fever grows as jackpot hits estimated &#36;267 million

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The hottest ticket in the nation is Mega Millions. There was no jackpot winner in Tuesday's Mega Millions drawing, so Americans woke up to a jackpot that's bulging at an estimated \$267 Million for the Friday, March 2, 2007 drawing.

Mega Millions drawings are held Tuesdays and Fridays at 11:00 PM Eastern Time, 10:00 PM Central Time and 8:00 PM Pacific Time. For more information on Mega Millions please go to: <http://www.megamillions.com/>.

A total of 1,899,348 tickets across the nation won prizes in the Tuesday, February 27 Mega Millions drawing. That includes 18 tickets that each won \$250,000 and 101 tickets that each won \$10,000.\*

The winning numbers were: 18-31-44-45-48 and the Mega Ball number was 18.

Those 18 tickets came within a heartbeat of winning the jackpot by matching the first five numbers and only missing the Mega Ball number. Those tickets were sold in California (3), Massachusetts (3), Michigan (2), New Jersey (1), New York (4), Ohio (1), Texas (3) and Washington (1).

This jackpot has been growing since January 9, when Mega Millions had its most recent jackpot winner. The jackpot has now rolled 14 times without a winner. The odds of winning the jackpot are approximately 1 in 176 million. The odds of winning any of the Mega Millions prizes are approximately 1 in 40.

Mega Millions is no stranger to exciting jackpots. On May 9, 2000, the jackpot for the Big Game (the forerunner of Mega Millions) grew to \$363 million. There were two winning tickets in that drawing: one in Michigan and one in Illinois. That jackpot still holds the record as the largest Mega Millions / Big Game jackpot ever.

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