

## Powerball Jackpot Jumps to \$120 Million; Three \$600,000 Power Play Prizes Won

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Powerball will jump to an estimated \$120 million for Wednesday's draw as the grand prize was not hit Saturday evening. Even though the jackpot was not hit, three lucky tickets from Missouri (1), and Pennsylvania (2) won \$600,000 each with the Power Play option! Nine other lucky tickets sold in Arizona (1), Iowa (1), Louisiana (2), New Mexico (2), Oregon (1), Pennsylvania (1), and South Carolina (1) won \$200,000 each for matching all 5 white ball numbers.

The jackpot for the Wednesday, March 7th drawing will be \$120 million with the cash option at \$57.6 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday evening were 1, 5, 16, 22, 48, and the Powerball was 6. The Power Play multiplier was 3.

Forty-one tickets matched 4 white numbers plus the Powerball and won \$10,000. Eight additional players of that prize level wisely purchased the Power Play and had their prize multiplied by 3 for a \$30,000 cash win! A total of 713,350 players across the nation won more than \$8.6 million in prizes playing America's favorite game.

More than 123,000 winning Powerball players multiplied their prize by 3 Saturday. They were able to do that by purchasing the Power Play option for \$1. With Power Play you multiply your Powerball 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 \$29.5 million in tickets between Thursday and Saturday night.

The lotteries sold \$2.8 billion in Powerball tickets in fiscal year 2006. That translates into over \$800 million for worthwhile state projects.