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Prize Claims Roll in for Huge Powerball Payouts

TRENTON (May 13, 2026) – The Wednesday, April 29, Powerball drawing awarded dozens of prizes across the country. Though two tickets in Indiana and Kansas split the \$143.4 million jackpot, all eyes were on the incredible number of second-tier winners – those matching five of the five white balls but *not* the Powerball drawn. Across the country, 89 tickets won this incredible prize. In New Jersey alone, 18 winners took home prizes of at least \$1 million, four of those 18 doubled their prize to \$2 million by adding Power Play to their tickets.

The winners immediately started picking up the phone and calling New Jersey Lottery to claim their prizes. Of the 18 winners, 14 have already filed their claims. New Jersey Lottery players have up to one year from the date of the drawing to claim their prize.

[Reminder: The \\$5.9 million Pick-6 ticket from May 22, 2025 remains unclaimed and is set to expire May 22, 2026.](#)

Our winners, choosing to remain anonymous, shared some fun stories about their incredible prize-winning day. We found many of our players chose to just [play their numbers straight down the line on our play slip](#), resulting in so many players getting lucky in the same drawing.

One player initially thought he had only won a few hundred dollars before being corrected that this was a \$1 million prize. Then he thought he might be splitting that \$1 million with all 89 nation-wide prizewinners, netting just over \$10,000. He was quite delighted to be told that he was, in fact, winning a full \$1 million prize.

Another winner was ecstatic to claim what she thought was just a \$1 million prize before learning that she had opted for the Power Play on her ticket, doubling her prize to \$2 million!

Some of our winners shared that they will use their prize to purchase a home, pay off various debts, and help with medical expenses. Others have just jump-started their retirement fund and may kick back and relax a little sooner than planned. One winner rented a car for the day just to drive down to the office and file their claim – with his prize he's going to purchase a car to call his own.

One of the winners is having an incredibly lucky year – he was one of the two winning tickets that split a Jersey Cash 5 jackpot earlier this year.

Our winners have come from every corner of the state, each one taking home an incredible prize. It's been a busy week for New Jersey Lottery employees, but busy weeks for us are good news for players. This extraordinary drawing and its winners are a great reminder that anything can happen in Jersey.



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