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JACKPOT!

Jackpot facts and what happens when someone wins

Last year, lottery players in B.C. won more than \$581 million. That's a lot of dough!

HAS A PRIZE BEEN CLAIMED YET?

- Winners have 52 weeks from the draw date printed on their ticket to claim their prize.
- Often winners are not aware they hold a winning ticket until days after the draw.
- Winners often talk to a financial advisor or take time to gain perspective while it sinks in before coming forward to claim their prize.

NEED MORE INFO?

- The exact location where a winning lottery ticket was purchased is only announced after the winner has come forward to claim their prize.
- We always release the name of the lottery winner once they come forward to claim their prize.
- Once a player leaves a BCLC office after claiming their prize, we do not give out their information for additional interviews.

JACKPOT FACTS:

- The largest prize ever won in B.C. was a \$50 million LOTTO MAX jackpot in October 2010.
- The largest prize ever won on a single ticket in Canada was a \$54.3 million Lotto 6/49 jackpot in Alberta in October 2005.

ODDEST WIN:

- In May 2013, a Surrey resident won a combined \$31.7 million with TWO winning tickets on the same Lotto 6/49 draw.

MOST REMOTE COMMUNITIES IN B.C. WITH A MAJOR JACKPOT WIN:

- Atlin: A \$16.6 million LOTTO MAX jackpot was won in February 2012.
- Smithers: In October 1993, a group of six people won a Lotto 6/49 jackpot of \$15 million.

LARGEST ONLINE WIN IN CANADA:

- In December 2010, a Nanaimo resident won Canada's largest-ever lottery prize online, worth \$7.6 million on Lotto 6/49.

LOTTO 6/49 FACTS:

- Lotto 6/49 launched on June 12, 1982.
- 64 per cent of Lotto 6/49 tickets are sold via Quick Pick
- Odds of winning a Lotto 6/49 jackpot are 1:13,983,816.

LARGEST GROUP TO CLAIM A LOTTO 6/49 JACKPOT:

- A group of 22 from North Vancouver shared a \$4.5 million win in January 2006.

LARGEST LOTTO 6/49 JACKPOT CLAIMED BY A GROUP:

- A group of six from Surrey shared a \$22 million Lotto 6/49 win in October 2005.

LOTTO MAX FACTS:

- The most recent LOTTO MAX jackpot won in B.C. was a split \$50 million jackpot on November 1, 2013 (\$25 million in Victoria).
- The number '18' has been drawn the most times of all LOTTO MAX draws.
- Odds of winning a jackpot or MAXMILLION prize are 1:28,633,528.

NUMBER OF MAXMILLION WINNERS IN B.C. TO DATE: 71

LOTTERY SALES VS WINS:

Lotto 6/49: National Sales and Winners

REGION	% OF TOTAL SALES	% OF TOTAL WINS
B.C.	12%	13%
Western	14%	16%
Ontario	37%	41%
Quebec	26%	29%
Atlantic	6%	6%

% are approximate.

LOTTO MAX: National Sales and Winners

REGION	% OF TOTAL SALES	% OF TOTAL WINS
B.C.	11.8%	11.7%
Western	21.7%	21.7%
Ontario	42.9%	42.9%
Quebec	17.8%	17.8%
Atlantic	5.8%	5.8%

% are approximate.

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