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## Winning Numbers

## LOTTO TEXAS



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 Try Texas Million

Have you ever thought to yourself, "What this Lottery really needs is a good $\$ 1$ million game! Something with a $\$ 1$ million top prize. And it needs to pay higher amounts for matching fewer numbers. And the odds need to be a little lower so more people can win. That's what we need!"

Well, we read your mind. Coming this month, the Texas Lottery will launch its newest lotto-style game, Texas Million. Designed in response to comments from you, our players, this game gives you exactly what you've been asking for. The top prize will be $\$ 1$ million at each drawing. You can also win $\$ 25,000$ or $\$ 10,000$. The lowest prize is $\$ 10$.

Here's how to play. Just select four numbers from 0 to 99 , or use Quick Pick to let the computer pick those numbers. Those four numbers will print in a group at the top of your ticket. That set of numbers could win you $\$ 1$ million if all four numbers match the numbers we draw
matically give you six more sets of four numbers each. Two of those sets could win you up to $\$ 25,000$ if all four in either set match the ones drawn on Friday nights. The remaining four sets could win up to $\$ 10,000$ if any of the four sets match all four numbers in the drawing. A ticket will cost $\$ 2$, and each ticket will contain seven sets of numbers.

What if you don't match all four numbers in any set? What if you only match two or three numbers in a set? Even those
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 on Friday night. Then the computer will auto-

## Winners

Antonio Guzman
San Antonio
Cash 5
$\$ 602$
Barbara Hartin
Ft. Worth Yellow Rose of Texas $\$ 3,000$

Barbaraleane Romero San Antonio Cash 5 $\$ 1,006$

## Beth Lasater

 Ft. Worth Lotto Texas (5 of 6 ) $\$ 1,967$
## Clarence Mclver

Abilene
Lotto Texas (5 of 6 ) $\$ 1,713$

## Cliff Swearington

Houston
Lotto Texas (5 of 6) $\$ 1,426$

## David Calderon

San Antonio
Cash 5 $\$ 685$

## Dora Ramos

Laredo
Cash 5
$\$ 1,006$

Dorothy Jacoby Hempstead Cash 5 $\$ 630$

Felicidad Smith Beeville
Pick 3 $\$ 820$

# Winning Big in a Small Town 

Pick 3 really is EZ! Just ask Rex Wilber of Natalia who has been on a Pick 3 winning streak. He has claimed $\$ 900$ eleven times since last May. Rex is an avid Pick 3 player who estimates his total Pick 3 winnings to be approximately $\$ 12,000$. When choosing his numbers, Rex eliminates zeros, does not use double digits and only selects numbers that were not drawn on the previous day. He used to play the Exact/Any order combination, but now plays all combinations of his selected numbers in Exact order. He has already won an additional $\$ 2,000$ just in January using this new system.

Although Rex admits Pick 3 is his favorite game, he also enjoys playing Cash 5. He and nine other players form a Cash 5 pool almost weekly. Each member contributes $\$ 60$ to play 600 different number combinations. So far,

Rex Wilber of Natalia just keeps on winning.

the pool has collected over $\$ 9,000$ in winnings since last November. As much and as often as Rex plays the on-line games, his single largest prize, ironically, was won on a scratch-off ticket. Playing Lone Star Millionaire, he scratched his way to a whopping \$5,000!

So what does Rex do when he's not cashing in his own winnings? He's paying out Lottery prizes! Rex is also a Lottery retailer (Handy Haus in Natalia). He proudly boasts of paying out over $\$ 97,000$ in prizes last year. So, if you're ever in Natalia, you might want to check out the Lottery action happening at the Handy Haus.

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prizes will be something to shout about. If you match three numbers in any set on your ticket, you'll win $\$ 300$. And even matching just two numbers in any set will win a prize of $\$ 10$.

And talk about great odds!? The odds are some of the best yet, at just 1 in $3,921,225$ of winning the $\$ 1$ million top prize. The overall odds of winning any prize are just 1 in 20 . With odds like that, winning is easier than ever.

So let's review. You get seven sets of numbers on one ticket. All those chances to win cost just $\$ 2$ per ticket. You can win $\$ 1$ million, with the lowest prize of $\$ 10$ for matching just two numbers in any set. The odds are great, at just

## Winning Stories

Lots of folks take home some pretty nice prize checks. Here are a few of their stories.

## Patricia McInnis

Two days before quitting her job, Patricia McInnis of Bastrop scratched off a Bonanza Bucks ticket and won $\$ 50,000$. "I just couldn't believe what I was seeing," exclaims McInnis, "but I wasn't hallucinating-I had won $\$ 50,000$ !" McInnis, a frequent instant game player, won several $\$ 1, \$ 2, \$ 10$ and even a $\$ 200$ prize prior to her latest win.

## William Moody

Pasadena resident William Moody collected $\$ 1,994$ back in 1994 when he matched five of six numbers playing Lotto Texas. Quite a coincidence. But lightning can strike twice. This grandfather recently won $\$ 131,040$ when he matched all five numbers in Cash 5. His winning numbers were a combination of his children's ages and the number of grandchildren. Sounds like winning was a family affair.

## Diann McLean

Diann McLean of Hitchcock got an unexpected, but very much appreciated, Christmas gift on Christmas Eve when she won the Cash 5 top prize of $\$ 31,618$ that night. The windfall let her treat herself to a pretty nice Christmas present: a brand new pickup truck!

## Gene Sterling

According to Gene Sterling of Houston, playing the Lottery is a form of entertainment. Boy, did he have fun when he realized he matched all five numbers in a Cash 5 drawing. Gene and his wife received $\$ 12,619$ when they shared the top prize with nine other players. The prize allowed Gene to pay off bills and credit cards, and help his grandchildren.

## Martha Jo Thurston

Another holiday win happened in Amarillo. Martha Jo Thurston started the New Year right when she won $\$ 693$ on January 6 playing Cash 5. Winning is something of a New Year's tradition for Martha Jo. She won $\$ 443$ on New Year's Eve a year ago playing the same
game - Cash 5. Sounds like a resolution worth keeping!

## Amy Self

Amy Self of San Angelo knew exactly what to do with the $\$ 621$ she won playing Cash 5 on March 5. She used the money to help pay for her trip to San Antonio to pick up her husband who was returning from military duty in Bosnia. Stationed there since July, he had never seen their 2 -month-old daughter, Kimberly. Welcome Home!

## Charles Ramsey

Friday the 13th wasn't an unlucky day for Mr. Charles Ramsey. He made his 4th trip to the Dallas Claim Center on Friday, March 13 to claim his prize in Cash 5. That's four trips to pick up cash prizes in the last thirteen months. He started his winning spree in May 1996. When asked how he would spend his prize, Mr. Ramsey said his wife won't have any trouble taking care of that for him.

## Frances Freeman

Frances Freeman of Austin was one of two Cash 5 top prize winners on Tuesday, January 20. Freeman, a frequent player, won $\$ 64,370$ after purchasing the winning ticket at Randall's grocery. Before winning, Freeman believed in a myth, shared by many players in mid-to-small size towns, that only players in large cities win Lottery jackpot prizes. Fortunately, he proved himself wrong.



Instant Games $\qquad$ \$88,263,935.00
Pick 3 .................................... \$8,344,600.00 Cash 5................................. \$10,493,574.00

Lotto Texas $\qquad$ \$42,970,393.00

These figures represent prizes paid by the Texas Lottery for the month of February.

\$150,072,502.00


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Most Frequently Drawn Numbers
\#01 drawn 6 times \#44 drawn 4 times \#08 drawn 3 times \#10 drawn 3 times \#12 drawn 3 times \#34 drawn 3 times \#43 drawn 3 times

