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July Was Hot For Texas Lottery® Players

(Austin, August 6) - Sales of Texas Lottery tickets were hot in July, producing a total of 22,626,142 winning tickets. That translates into a whopping \$277,412,014 in prizes that were paid to players.

"Our sales were really cooking last month, but that's not all," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Reagan E. Greer. "The real news here is that our sales are more than 10 percent above the same time period last year, which bodes well for our total sales figures for this fiscal year that ends on the last day of this month."

The largest *Lotto Texas*™ jackpot was \$13 million posted on July 31. The top *Mega Millions*™ jackpot, \$290 million, occurred on July 2. *Texas Two Step*® had a top prize of \$400,000, also on July 2.

The numbers of winners per game and the total prize payout for July are shown below.

Game	July Winning Tickets	Prizes Paid in July
<i>Lotto</i>	450,616	\$91,774,283
<i>Pick 3</i>	99,733	\$12,692,670
<i>Cash Five</i>	984,398	\$5,044,535
<i>Two Step</i>	94,674	\$1,760,424
<i>Mega</i>	550,284	\$7,571,002
<i>Instant</i> s	20,446,437	\$158,578,100
TOTAL	22,626,142	\$277,421,014

"The big jackpots we've had this summer in *Lotto Texas* and *Mega Millions* pushed sales in all the other games," Greer said. "For example, we had the highest top prize, \$47,943, in *Cash Five* that we've had this year the same night the *Mega Millions* jackpot was at \$290 million, which proves once again that sales are driven by the size of our jackpots."

June was the biggest-ever sales month for the Texas Lottery. Fueled by a record *Lotto Texas* jackpot of \$145 million, sales totaled more than \$391.6 million for the month.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Texas Lottery Commission Web site at <http://www.txlottery.org>