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Winnipeg woman receives \$5M LOTTO 6/49 birthday gift

Manitoba's first lottery millionaire of 2024 claims her prize!

Krystal McKay's birthday present ended up being a much larger gift than her partner intended to give! The Winnipeg woman won \$5 million on the January 20 LOTTO 6/49 ticket given to her as a gift, making her Manitoba's first lottery millionaire of the year.

"I screamed when I checked the numbers!" McKay said as she claimed her prize. "I was so excited and crying—I just couldn't believe it!"

The winner immediately called her sister to share the news.

"She was screaming, too!" McKay laughed. "We were both in disbelief!"

McKay says she is delighted to be able to spoil her kids and is planning to buy a house for her family.

"I'm so excited," she said. "It's just unreal."

McKay's winning \$12 quick pick LOTTO 6/49 ticket was purchased at Canco Gas Station located at 228 Isabel Street in Winnipeg. She won her prize by matching all six numbers on the January 20 Classic Draw – **1, 6, 12, 27, 45 and 49.**

Launching in June 1982, LOTTO 6/49 was Canada's first national "pick your own numbers" lottery game. The game most recently received a facelift in September 2022. The current game includes the \$5 million Classic jackpot on every draw and the progressive Gold Ball jackpot, which starts at \$10 million and can grow as high as \$68 million. Since the game changes in 2022, Manitoba has seen 10 new LOTTO 6/49 millionaires: Nine \$1 million gold ball prizes, plus this \$5 million Classic jackpot win in Winnipeg.

Wednesday's LOTTO 6/49 GOLD BALL jackpot is \$38 million! Tickets for the draw are available until 7:30 pm CST on the night of the draw at all Lotto Spot locations, [Subscription Spot](#), PlayNow.com, and the [Lotto Spot app](#).

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