



TEXAS LOTTERY & CHARITABLE BINGO AT A GLANCE

Statutes: Chapter 2001, Occupations Code
Rules: Title 16 T.A.C. (Part 9), Chapter 402
Number of Licensed Retailers: 21,424 (FY 24)

Webpage(s): www.texaslottery.com
www.tdlr.texas.gov

Overview

The Texas Lottery is committed to generating revenue for the State of Texas through the responsible management and sale of entertaining lottery products. Since sales began in 1992 through Fiscal Year 2024, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$39 billion in revenue for the state and distributed over \$88 billion in prizes to its players. It provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball®, Mega Millions®, Lotto Texas®, All or Nothing™, Texas Two Step®, Pick 3™, Daily 4™, Cash Five® and a wide range of scratch ticket games. The scratch ticket portfolio often features licensed properties and brands that are well-known and have strong customer loyalty. Many of these licensed property games, as well as others, involve second-chance promotional drawings to award exclusive merchandise and once-in-a-lifetime experiential prizes. Players must be 18 or older to purchase a ticket or enter a promotional second-chance drawing.

History

Authorized by voters in November 1991, the Texas Lottery began sales on May 29, 1992, under the oversight of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. In 1993, the Legislature created the Texas Lottery Commission as a standalone agency, and on April 1, 1994, the Commission also assumed regulatory authority for charitable bingo. Following a comprehensive Sunset review process during the 2024-2025 review cycle, Senate Bill 3070 was enacted during the 89th Legislature, which abolished the Texas Lottery Commission and

transferred the Texas Lottery's activities and functions to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and oversight to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation.

Key Benefits

- **Supports Texas Education**

Since 1997 and through FY 2024, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$33 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. In FY 2024, the Texas Lottery transferred \$1.98 billion to the Foundation School Fund.

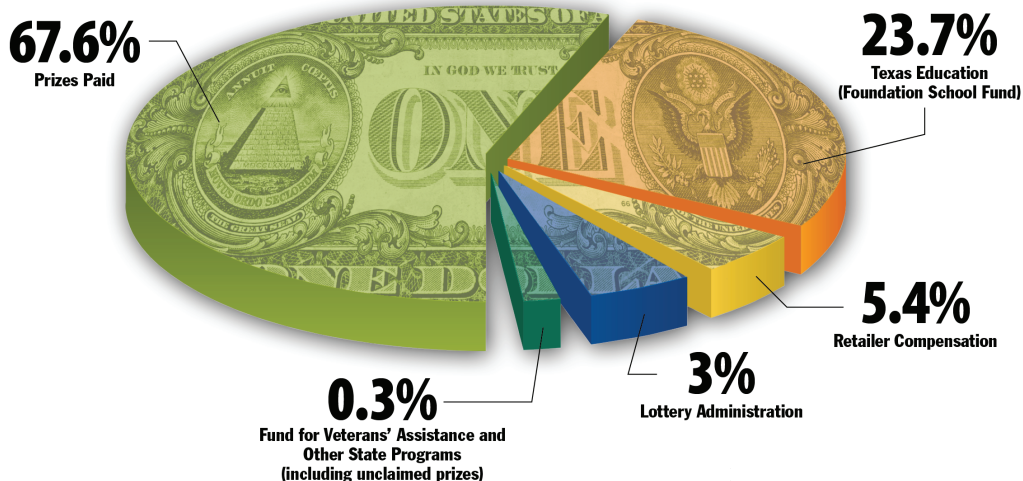
- **Supports Texas Veterans**

Legislation passed in 2009 directed the Texas Lottery to offer scratch ticket games benefiting the Texas Veterans Commission's Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA). From FY 2010 through FY 2024, these games have generated more than \$248 million for veterans' programs. More than 90 percent of the revenue for the FVA comes from the Texas Lottery's veterans' games. In FY 2024, \$26.8 million was transferred to the Texas Veterans Commission.

- **Supports Other State Programs**

As authorized by the Texas Legislature, other Texas Lottery funds, such as unclaimed prizes contribute to other causes and programs.

Through strict adherence to its vision, mission and core values, the Texas Lottery is dedicated to ensuring that these benefits continue. The chart below provides a breakdown of an average dollar spent on lottery games and illustrates "Where the Money Goes," based on FY 2024 financial results.





TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING & REGULATION

Statutes: Chapter 2001, Occupations Code

Rules: Title 16 T.A.C. (Part 9), Chapter 402

Number of Licensed Retailers: 1,293 (FY 24)

Webpage(s): www.txbingo.org
www.tdlr.texas.gov

Overview

Charitable Bingo is an important fundraising activity for a variety of Texas nonprofit organizations. The Charitable Bingo Operations Division regulates the industry to ensure all funds are used for lawful purposes and that bingo games are conducted fairly. Funding to administer Charitable Bingo Operations is generated from commercial lessor, manufacturer, and distributor license fees, as well as the state's share of bingo prize fees.

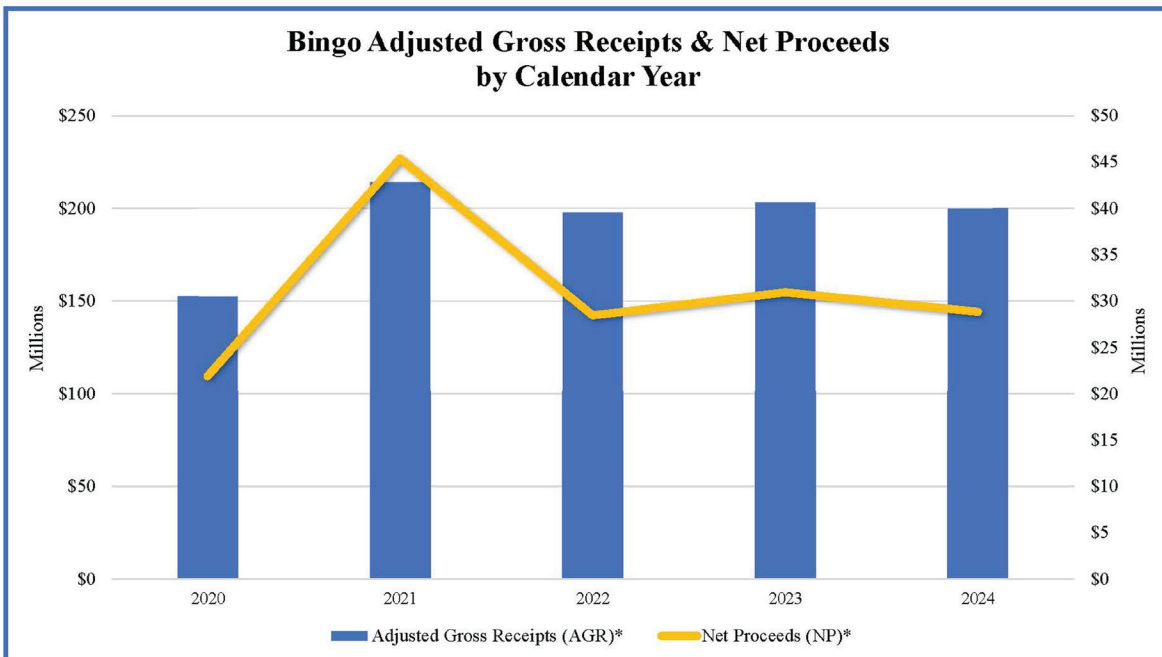
Since 1982, the conduct of charitable bingo in Texas has generated approximately \$27.6 billion in gross receipts, awarded approximately \$20.6 billion in prizes, and distributed about \$1.37 billion to charitable causes. In Calendar Year 2024, licensed organizations reported \$199.67 million in adjusted gross receipts, with \$28.7 million (14.39%) in net proceeds.

History

Charitable Bingo was legalized in 1981 and first licensed in 1982. In 1991, the Texas Constitution was amended (article 3, Section 47) to protect Charitable Bingo as a lawful exception to the state's gaming prohibition. Oversight of the industry was transferred from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to the Texas Lottery Commission in 1994. In 2025, through Senate Bill 3070, administration of Charitable Bingo was transferred to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Key Benefits

Charitable Bingo provides important funding for charities, local governments and nonprofit organizations. The proceeds support a wide range of charitable causes across Texas, including veterans' organizations, women's shelters, needy children, the disabled, homeless shelters, churches, schools, local libraries, museums, addiction treatment programs, medical treatment and research programs, emergency medical services, volunteer fire departments, senior citizens groups, and education scholarships.



* Adjusted Gross Receipts: gross receipts minus prizes paid.

* Net Proceeds: adjusted gross receipts plus other income minus reasonable and necessary expenses.