

Drawings

Drawings for Louisiana-based games are held at Lottery headquarters in downtown Baton Rouge. Each drawing is videotaped in a special room secured by alarms and motion detectors. Drawings are conducted using one of two secure automated drawing machines. Automated drawing machines are stand-alone computers that are essentially random number generators. They are completely separate from the system that generates tickets, so the number of winners or where the winning tickets were sold is not known until after the drawing has occurred. The Lottery's drawing equipment and randomization software have been independently verified by a third-party auditor that specializes in such security audits.

One of three methods in choosing random numbers is used for each of the Lottery's games. These are burned onto the "read only" memory of a microchip. The microchips are secured in the systems' central processing unit, and a protective seal makes tampering impossible. Access to the room and machines is reliant upon a dual key and password system from a Lottery drawing official and a legislative auditor. Prior to each drawing, the drawing method and machine to be utilized are randomly selected.

After both drawings are conducted, the official winning numbers generated by the system are transmitted to Louisiana Public Broadcasting, WLPB, for satellite relay to all participating television stations and are faxed to state and local news media. The Lottery also posts the winning numbers on its website following the drawings each night after winning data is verified.

The Louisiana Lottery discontinued live drawings for its draw-style games in 1998, ahead of a current industry trend toward automated drawings. There were several factors that contributed to the decision to convert to the automated drawing process now being used. Producing live drawings is extremely cost-prohibitive. The Lottery's need to soundly manage its operating costs outweighs the entertainment value live drawings provide. Secondly, the Lottery does not pay television stations to carry the Lottery's winning numbers broadcast. With up to five different drawings being conducted nightly, airing live drawings would require a significant increase in air time from participating television stations who could otherwise sell the time to advertisers. Finally, automated drawings have proven more secure and less prone to human error than live drawings.

Louisiana-based drawings are held every evening, except Christmas Day and Easter Sunday, beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m. after it is confirmed that ticket sales have ceased and have been verified. The public is welcome to attend any drawing, but a seat must be reserved in advance by contacting the Lottery during regular business hours.

Powerball, the Lottery's multistate game, is conducted live at 9:59 p.m., Central Standard Time, on Wednesdays and Saturdays by the Multi-State Lottery Association (MUSL) at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla.

Stations Carrying Winning Numbers Broadcast Airing around 9:59 p.m.

<u>Station</u>	<u>Channel</u>	<u>Market</u>
KALB	5	Alexandria
Cox Cable	4*	Baton Rouge
Cox Cable	4	Lafayette
KVHP/Fox 29	29	Lake Charles
KARD/Fox 14	14	Monroe
WVUE/Fox 8	8	New Orleans
KTAL	6	Shreveport

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